MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC BOARD MEETING OF
THE ARIZONA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS
IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

Saturday, January 22, 2011


STAFF / OTHERS PRESENT: Elaine LeTarte, Executive Director
Barbara Meyers, Deputy Director
Barbara Prah, D.O., Medical Consultant
John O’Hair-Schattenberg, Investigator
Camila Alarcon, Assistant Attorney General / Licensing Enforcement
Beverly Alfson, Licensing/Business Manager
Kathy Fowkes, Administrative Secretary
Haley Westra (Ottmar & Associates), Certified Court Reporter

STAFF/OThERS PRESENT
TELEPHONICALLY: Christopher Munns, Assistant Attorney General / Solicitor General Division

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board President, Dr. Scott Steingard, called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL AND REVIEW OF AGENDA

The Executive Director took the roll. Seven Board Members were present, establishing quorum for the meeting. The Executive Director reviewed the agenda, noting the items which had been added since the draft agenda was circulated to the Board with their materials.

3. PRESIDENT’S REPORT AND CALL TO THE PUBLIC

A. The President welcomed the Medical Students from the Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine at Midwestern University, A.T. Stills University Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine and A.T. Stills University School of Osteopathic Medicine.

B. The Board President explained the Board’s custom of asking members of the public to speak when the agenda item of interest to the person is called and asked that people wanting to speak fill out a speaker form and give it to a staff member.

C. Vincent DiCianni, President of Affiliated Monitors, gave a presentation to the Board on their services, which include practice monitoring in accordance with Board ordered probations, practice assessments, and
boundary monitoring. Mr. DiCianni noted that the costs of Affiliated Monitors’ service is typically born by the licensee on probation, not the Board.

4. REVIEW, CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 20, 2010 Open Session

**MOTION:** Dr. Cunningham moved to accept the minutes. Dr. England seconded.

**VOICE VOTE:** Motion passed 7-0

B. November 20, 2010 Executive Session

**MOTION:** Dr. Cunningham moved to accept the minutes. Dr. Picardo seconded.

**VOICE VOTE:** Motion passed 7-0

5. REVIEW, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS PURSUANT TO A.R.S. 32-1855 (F) ONLY / AND MATTERS HEARD AT OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

A. Lynn Sweet, DO          Case No. DO-10-0001A          License No. 3246

Dr. Sweet was not present at 8:10 a.m. when this case was called, nor were his attorneys of record, James Marovich, Esq, and Jeffery Grass, Esq.

Board recessed to Executive Session for legal advice at 8:11 a.m. and returned to Open Session at 8:15 a.m.

The Board decided to wait a while, to give Dr. Sweet and his attorneys time to appear. At 8:46 am, Dr. Steingard called the case again. Neither Dr. Sweet or his attorneys were present.

The Board considered the Administrative Law Judge’s recommended Decision for Revocation in this case. Mr. Christopher Munns, Asst Attorney General, Solicitor General and Opinions Division, was available by phone to advise the Board.

Camila Alarcon, Asst Attorney General, Licensing and Enforcement Section, and representing the State of Arizona, presented a Motion to modify two of the Findings of Fact, and to modify the Order by adding in an assessment for costs of the hearing.

**MOTION:** Dr. Cunningham moved to accept the Modifications to the Findings of Fact and Order, as argued by the State, and to adopt the modified Findings of Fact, the recommended Conclusions of Law and the modified Order (for Revocation of Licensure). Mr. Landau seconded.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Motion passed 7-0.
The Executive Director noted, for the record, that the Order would not be effective until 35 days after it was mailed; if a motion for rehearing is then filed, the effective date of the Order would be stayed pending the Board’s decision on the motion for rehearing. Because the Summary Suspension was affirmed in the Order, Dr. Sweet is still restricted from practicing.

6. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON MOTIONS FOR REHEARING AND REVIEW (A.A.C. R4-22-106)

A. Lynne Pirie, DO  Case No. DO-08-4058A  License No. 1878

Dr. Picardo again recused herself from this case.

Dr. Pirie was not present, nor was her attorney of record, Pam Eaton, Esq. Ms. Eaton had made a request for continuance, as she was out of state due to an emergency.

MOTION: Mr. Landau moved to continue this matter to a telephonic meeting to be held no later than January 28. Dr. Cunningham seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion passed 4-2.

7. REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION ON CASE REVIEWS OF ALLEGATIONS OF UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT: A.R.S. § 32-1855 (C through F).

Case Reviews

A. James Bates, DO  Case No. DO-08-4188A  License No. 1897
Dr. Bates was not present.

**MOTION:** Dr. Cunningham moved for **DISMISSAL.** Dr. Picardo seconded.
**VOICE VOTE:** Motion passed 7-0.

Reviews of Executive Director Dismissals:

A. Craig Cassidy, DO  
   Case No. DO-10-0120B  
   License No. 1769

B. Sanford Moretsky, DO  
   Case No. DO-10-0120C  
   License No. 1486

The Complainant requesting the review for these cases was not present.

**MOTION:** Dr. Cunningham moved to affirm the Executive Director Dismissal for agenda items 7A & 7B. Dr. Picardo seconded.
**VOICE VOTE:** Motion passed 7-0.

8. **REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON INVESTIGATIVE HEARINGS PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 32-1855 (E) ONLY.**

A. Ali Rajaie-Tehrani, DO  
   Case No. DO-09-0186A  
   License No. 4383

Dr. Rajaie-Tehrani was present with counsel, Randy Yavitz, Esq. and was sworn in by the court reporter. The Investigator reviewed the case.

Board recessed to Executive Session for legal advice at 9:05 a.m. and returned to Open Session at 9:13 a.m.

Dr. Rajaie-Tehrani answered all questions posed by the Board.

**MOTION:** Dr. Cunningham moved to continue this case pending receipt of an evaluation. Dr. Steingard seconded.
**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Motion passed 7-0.

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B. Raymond Schneider, DO  
   Case No. 3914A  
   License No. 1683

C. Gary Kohring, DO  
   Case No. 3914B  
   License No. 1384
Agenda items 8B & 8C were heard together. Dr. Schneider and Dr. Kohring were both present and sworn in by the court reporter. The Medical Consultant reviewed the case.

**MOTION:** Dr. Cunningham moved for **DISMISSAL.** Dr. Picard seconded.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Motion passed 6-1.

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The Board recessed at 9:45 a.m. and returned to Open Session at 10:02 a.m.

D. **Thomas Linnemann, DO**  
   Case No. DO-09-0158A  
   License No. 3791

Dr. Linnemann was present with counsel Mr. Stephen W. Myers and was sworn in by the court reporter. The Investigator reviewed the case. The Medical Consultant reported her chart review findings. Dr. Linnemann addressed the Board and answered all questions posed by the Board.

**Motion:** Mr. Landau moved for a **LETTER OF CONCERN** for having conducted for 4 years a weight loss clinic wherein Dr. Linnemann did not perform appropriate physical exams, did not maintain adequate medical records, and did not follow the statutes and rules with regard to dispensing controlled substances. Dr. Linnemann has demonstrated through his conduct remediation that mitigates the need for discipline. Dr. England seconded.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Motion passed 7-0.

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E. **Richard Settles, DO**  
   Case No. DO-08-4185A  
   License No. 2686

Dr. Settles was present and was sworn in by the court reporter. The Complainant was also present and sworn in by the court reporter. The Investigator reviewed the case. Dr. Settles answered all questions posed by the Board. The Complainant addressed the Board.
Board recessed to Executive Session for legal advice at 11:30 a.m. and returned to Open Session at 11:43 a.m.

This case was continued in order to obtain further information.

F. Kent Hatfield, DO
Case No. DO-09-0024A
License No. 2754

Dr. Hatfield was not present.

**MOTION:** Dr. England moved to return this case to a Case Review. Mr. Landau seconded.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Motion failed 6-1

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The Board continued this case as an Investigative Hearing.

G. Larry Plosker, DO
Case No. 4029M
License No. 1847

Dr. Plosker was present with counsel Mary G. Pryor and was sworn in by the court reporter. The Medical Consultant reviewed the case. Dr. Plosker reviewed the x-ray films with the Board and answered all questions posed by the Board.

**MOTION:** Dr. England moved for **DISMISSAL**. Dr. Picardo seconded.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Motion passed 7-0.
Dr. Charochak was present and sworn in by the court reporter. The Investigator reviewed the case. Dr. Charochak answered all questions posed by the Board.

This investigative hearing was continued to obtain more information.

I. **Michelle Mifflin, DO** Case No. DO-09-0203A License No. 3819

Dr. Mifflin was present and sworn in by the court reporter. The Medical Consultant reviewed the case. Dr. Mifflin answered all questions posed by the Board. The Complainant was present, was sworn in by the court reporter, and answered all questions posed by the Board.

The Board requested staff to draft an interim order for an evaluation and examination, and continued the hearing until those reports have been received.

J. **Thomas Kotoske, DO** Case No. DO-09-0122A License No. 3065

Dr. Kotoske was present with counsel Kraig Marton and was sworn in by the court reporter. The Investigator reviewed the case. Dr. Kotoske answered all questions posed by the Board.

**MOTION:** Dr. Ward moved for **DISMISSAL**. Dr. Cunningham seconded.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Motion passed 7-0.

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Board recessed at 12:30 p.m. for lunch and returned to Open Session at 1:04 p.m.

K. **Howard Linzer, DO** Case No. DO-10-0033A License No. 005148

Dr. Linzer was present with counsel Ken Baker and was sworn in by the court reporter. The Medical Consultant reviewed the case. The Complainant was present, was sworn in by the court reporter, and answered all questions posed by the Board. Dr. Linzer’s witness, C.G. was present and sworn in.

**MOTION:** Dr. Steingard moved for **DISMISSAL**. Dr. Cunningham seconded.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Motion passed 7-0.
### L. Brian Rizzo, DO  
Case No. DO-10-0049A  
License No. 3597

Staff informed the Board that prior to the meeting Dr. Rizzo had requested and been granted a continuance of this hearing.

Board recessed at 3:07 p.m. and returned to Open Session at 3:22 p.m. Dr. Ward was absent from this point forward in the meeting.

### M. Johnny Serrano, DO  
Case No. DO-09-0035A  
License No. 3865

Dr. Serrano was present with counsel Christopher Rapp and was sworn in by the court reporter. The Investigator reviewed the case. Dr. Serrano answered all questions posed by the Board.

**Motion:** Dr. Cunningham moved for a **LETTER OF CONCERN** for failing to report being charged with a DUI within 10 days of the charge and later failing to report the charge on his license renewal application. Mr. Fiegen seconded.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Motion passed 5-1.

### N. Harold Reeder, DO  
Case No. DO-08-4199A  
License No. 2001

The Executive Director informed the Board of the status of Dr. Reeder’s compliance with interim order. This hearing was continued.

### 9. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON COMPLIANCE WITH TERMS OF BOARD ORDERS AND REQUESTS TO MODIFY OR TERMINATE ORDERS, PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §32-1855 (E) AND (I)

#### A. Steven J Locnikar, DO  
Case No.DO-10-0022A  
License No. 005284
Dr. Locnikar was not present. The Board reviewed his written request for modification of the terms of his probation.

**MOTION:** Mr. Landau moved to deny to the request for modification of terms. Dr. Picardo seconded.

**VOICE VOTE:** Motion passed 6-0.

**B. Janet Pragit, DO**  
Case No. 3926  
License No. 4719

Dr. Pragit was present with counsel James R. Taylor. The Executive Director reviewed the case. Dr. Pragit answered all questions posed by the Board.

Board recessed to Executive Session for legal advice at 4:25 p.m. and returned to Open Session at 4:31 p.m.

Dr. Picardo proposed to amend the current Consent Agreement between the Board and Dr Pragit to include the following requirements: Respondent will stop practice immediately, complete a Board-approved 30-day in-patient program, follow the program’s recommendations for after-care, and come before the Board after the board receives the program’s report and the Board agrees that this consent agreement terminates 7 days after the Board meets and considers and makes a determination regarding the recommendations of the inpatient program.

Board recessed to Executive Session for legal advice at 4:39 p.m. and returned to Open Session at 4:45 p.m.

The Board directed staff to draft the amended consent agreement and continued the hearing until the telephone conference call held by January 28, 2011.

**C. Sholom Gootzeit, DO**  
Case No. DO-10-0105  
License No. 005463

Dr. Gootzeit was not present. The Board discussed his written request for termination of his probation.

**MOTION:** Dr. Steingard moved to deny the request. Dr. Cunningham seconded.

**VOICE VOTE:** Motion passed 6-0.

**10. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON OFFERS OF CONSENT AGREEMENTS FOR SURRENDER OF LICENSE PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 32-1855 (M) ONLY**

**A. Paul Balikian, DO**  
Case No. 3948  
License No. 0755

Dr. Balikian was not present, nor was his attorney of record, Jerry Steele. The Board reviewed the signed Consent Agreement for Surrender of Licensure that Dr. Balikian and Mr. Steele offered.

**MOTION:** Dr. Cunningham moved to accept the Consent Agreement for surrender of license. Mr. Landau seconded.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Motion passed 6-0.
11. REVIEW, CONSIDERATION, AND ACTION ON APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 32-1822; PERMITS PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 32-1829; AND RENEWALS OF LICENSES PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 32-1825 (C-D) AND A.A.C. R4-22-109.

Waiver of CME for Renewal

A. Sheetal Chhaya, DO License No. 4511

Dr. Chhaya was present and answered all questions posed by the Board.

MOTION: Dr. Cunningham moved to approve Dr. Chhaya’s waiver of CME requirements for renewal of her license. Mr. Landau seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion passed 5-1.

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Applicants for New Licensure

A. Travis Stiegler, DO Case No. DO-10-0186A Applicant No. 005517

Dr. Stiegler was present. The Executive Director reviewed the application. Dr. Stiegler answered all questions posed by the Board.

MOTION: Dr. Cunningham moved to approve Dr. Stiegler’s application. Dr. England seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6-0
B. Travis Reed, DO  Case No. DO-10-0208A  Applicant No. 005568

Dr. Reed was present. The Executive Director reviewed the application. Dr. Reed answered all questions posed by the Board.

**MOTION:** Dr. Cunningham moved to approve Dr. Stiegler’s application. Dr. Picardo seconded.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Motion passed 6-0.

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12. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 32-1802(B)**

A. **President**

**MOTION:** Dr. Cunningham moved to re-elect Dr. Steingard as Board President. Mr. Landau seconded.

**VOICE VOTE:** Motion passed 6-0.

B. **Vice President**

**MOTION:** Dr. Steingard moved to re-elect Dr. Cunningham as Board Vice President. Dr. Picardo seconded.

**VOICE VOTE:** Motion passed 6-0.

13. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF FEES PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 32-1826(A)**

A. Application for licensure
B. Issuance of a license
C. Renewal of a License (biennial)
D. Locum Tenens Registration
E. Issuance of a Duplicate License
F. Annual Registration of an Approved Internship, Residency, Clinical Fellowship or Short-Term Residency Program
G. Teaching License
H. Five Day Educational Teaching Permit
I. Sale of (Paper) Directory
J. Sale of Mailing List or Directory on Computer Disks
K. Registration to Dispense Drugs and Devices

**MOTION:** Mr. Landau moved to maintain the current fees for items A - K. Dr. Cunningham seconded.
**VOICE VOTE:** Motion passed 6-0.

14. **POLICY AND PROCEDURE REPORTS:** For consideration and possible action

A. Delegation of Authority to Executive Director re: renewal CME

**MOTION:** Mr. Fiegen moved to delegate authority to the Executive Director to decide requests for waivers or extensions of CME required for renewal, pursuant to A.A.C. R4-22-207, according to the guidelines outlined. Mr. Landau seconded.
**VOICE VOTE:** Motion passed 4-2.

B. Delegation of Authority to Executive Director re: Cancellation of License

**MOTION:** Dr. Cunningham moved to delegate authority to the Executive Director the authority to grant requests for cancellation of licenses, pursuant to A.R.S. §§32-1804(B)(25) and 32-1827. Mr. Fiegen seconded.
**VOICE VOTE:** Motion passed 6-0.

C. Medical Marijuana: Comments on Department of Health Services Proposed Rules

The Executive Director reported on the initial response to the Department of Health Services’ proposed rules on medical marijuana dispensing; that the Executive Directors of the four physician licensing boards had met in conference call to discuss mutual concerns and questions. They will be meeting later this month with the Director of the Dept of Health Services to further discuss the proposed rules. The Board discussed potential regulatory issues related to the new medical marijuana law and rules.

15. **REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ASST ATTORNEY GENERAL, BOARD MEMBERS**

A. Report on ED Dismissed Complaints

Dr. Steingard complimented staff and the Board members on the increased thoroughness and efficiency of complaint investigations.

B. January Staff Report

There were no comments or questions about the report.

C. Asst AG / Board member reports
Dr. Steingard reported that, in his role as a member of the Board of Directors of the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB), he had met with the president of the medical board of the country of Palau. The Palaun government is interested in offering licensure to American-trained DOs.

Dr. Steingard reported that he had attended a meeting of the American Association of Osteopathic Examiners, an affiliate of the American Osteopathic Association. The meeting focused on challenges facing boards in effectively regulating pain management practices.

Dr Steingard reported that the FSMB committee on re-writing the Model Practices for Impaired Physicians has recently concluded the drafting phase of the project. Dr. Steingard noted he was successful in bringing to that committee the discussion of dealing with age-related decline in physician competence.

D. Attendance at 2011 Federation of State Medical Board annual meeting

After discussion, the Board members agreed that Mr. Landau would be the Board’s scholarship representative to the 2011 FSMB meeting in Seattle, April 27-30, 2011. The Executive Director will be staff scholarship attendee.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.