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

Wednesday, November 21, 2012

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

President, Scott Steingard, D.O.
Vice President, Douglas Cunningham, D.O.
Jerry G. Landau, J.D.
Jon B. Fiegen, J.D.
Vas Sabeeh, D.O.
Michael P. Ward, D.O.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mary Ann Picardo, D.O.

STAFF / OTHERS PRESENT:

Jenna Jones, Executive Director
Barbara Meyers, Deputy Director
Sarah Selzer, Assistant Attorney General

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board President, Dr. Scott Steingard, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL AND REVIEW OF AGENDA

The Executive Director took the roll. Six Board Members were present telephonically, establishing quorum for the meeting. The Executive Director reviewed the agenda.

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No public was present to speak.

4. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON COMPLIANCE WITH TERMS OF BOARD ORDERS IN CASE NO. DO-12-0025A CONCERNING JOSEPH COLLINS, DO AND POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF THE SAME AND CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF LICENSE NO. 3858.

Dr. Collins was present telephonically along with his practice manager, Darren Hobbs. Ms. Jones, Executive Director, read a brief summary of the recent actions in this matter. At this point Dr. Collins is in violation of the Order to be evaluated by PACE as he had not made appointments for evaluation by November 15, 2012. Instead, he indicated he was not going to be evaluated and would not sign the Consent Agreement that was offered on October 25, 2012 with the practice restriction pending the completion of the case.

Further, Ms. Jones reported that Dr. Collins had presented a compromise for conclusion of the entire matter for consideration by the Board and that is what the most recent drafted Consent Agreement document included, if the Board chose to consider it.

Dr. Collins read a statement and answered the Board’s questions. Mr. Hobbs also made statements and answered the Board’s questions. Dr. Collins asked the Board to eliminate the Board’s Order for him to be evaluated by PACE due to financial concerns. He did not believe his practice or the facts in this case warranted the Board’s concerns requiring a practice evaluation and neuropsychological evaluation. He said he would sign a consent agreement to restrict prescribing of certain controlled substances but not all. He also offered to be evaluated by Dr. Reiss, a local psychiatrist in lieu of the PACE neuropsychological evaluation. After further discussion, he agreed he would undergo the PACE evaluation but also asked if there were other alternatives.

After discussion and consideration, by several board members regarding the severe nature of the case and the concerns regarding public safety, Mr. Landau made a motion to modify the Consent Agreement. He withdrew his motion. Ms. Selzer stated a motion could be made to modify the dates for Dr. Collins to set up the evaluations or find him in violation of the existing Order for failing to make an appointment by November 15, 2012.

MOTION: Mr. Landau made a motion to issue an amended Order which requires Dr. Collins to undergo the PACE (San Diego) 1 and 2 evaluations or similar evaluations by CPEP in Denver, Colorado. The Board may consider the evaluations to be done by another organization but it would require pre-approval by the Board’s Executive Director. An appointment for the evaluations would need to be scheduled and sent to the Board’s Executive Director in writing by December 14, 2012. The evaluations would need to be completed by May 15, 2013. Dr. Cunningham seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

	Vote	Dr. Steingard	Dr. Cunningham	Dr. Picardo	Mr. Fiegen	Dr. Ward	Mr. Landau	Dr. Sabeeh
YES	6	X	X		X	X	X	X
NO	0							
ABSTAIN/RECUSE	0							
ABSENT	1			X				

Dr. Collins said he appreciated the Board’s consideration and allowing him a choice in providers. Mr. Landau asked Dr. Collins to confirm on the record that he was going to sign the Consent Agreement that was offered on October 25, 2012. Dr. Collins confirmed he would sign it and would do so on Friday, November 23, 2012. Mr. Landau told him it would need to be postmarked and sent to the Board office no later than Friday, November 23, 2012.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Cunningham moved that the conference call meeting be adjourned. Jon Fiegen seconded. Dr. Steingard adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.