

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
NYS Medicine Board  
September 8, 2023  
1411 Broadway NY, NY

Board Members Present: Dr. Autz, Dr. Berger, Dr. Boursiquot, Dr. Epstein, Dr. Grayson, Dr. Guthrie, Dr. Kasinathan, Dr. Mark, Dr. Papa, Dr. Plummer, Dr. Rehman, Dr. Romanelli, Dr. Sapio, Dr. Sharma, Dr. Shelat, Dr. Walther, and Dr. Wlody; Brenton LaRicca PA ; public members Marian Goldstein and JoAnn Marino.

Board Members Absent: Dr. Raju, Dr. Sahgal, Dr. Shah, and Gregg Shutts PA,

Guests Present: Dr. Jeanne Sandella, DO, VP of Professional Development Initiatives and Communications at the NBOME, Doug Murray Esq, General Counsel for the NBOME, Samara Halpern, Prosecuting Attorney at OPD, Cassandra Pineda, Senior Director of Graduate Medical Education and Health Workforce at the Greater New York Hospital Association.

Staff Members Present: Stephen Boese, Executive Secretary to the Board; Carla Wells, Education Program Assistant 2; and Lee Fitzgerald, Education Program Assistant 1.

Meeting is called to order by Dr. Epstein at 9:30 am.

Motion to Accept Minutes: Motion is made, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes from the June 2023 meeting.

Chair's Report:

Dr. Epstein reports that the Clinical Clerkship Advisory Board is reviewing incoming surveys. There have been no major issues with proposed programs.

The IMG Workgroup has reviewed 32 applications since the previous meeting.

Executive Secretary's Report:

Mr. Boese provides an update from the Office of the Professions.

Former Deputy Commissioner Doug Lentivech has passed away unexpectedly. Mr. Lentivech retired from NYSED in 2020 as Deputy Commissioner for the Office of the Professions after decades of public service.

The Medicine Board office is still experiencing staffing shortages. The Board office is currently in the process of onboarding a higher-level assistant to absorb staff duties.

Stephen Boese attended the FSMB annual meeting. Dr. Shelat, FSMB liaison, was not available to participate. Mr. Boese also attended an IMG event at Randall's Island to present on NYSED processes for IMG review and licensure by endorsement.

NYSED is beginning to perform site visits to hospitals in NYS where international students perform clinical clerkships. Historically, NYSED has only performed site visits to the international medical schools who send students to the state. Stephen recently visited Interfaith Medical Center and Brookdale University Hospital Medical Center to observe the clerkship programs. This component of site review will be important for evaluating the quality of education.

The Office of Professional Medical Conduct is currently seeking a psychiatrist to serve on their board. The Medicine Board office has recommended Dr. Guthrie to the Board of Regents for appointment.

At the December Medicine Board meeting elections will be held for Board leadership positions in 2024. Thomas Nasca, CEO of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and James Arrighi, CEO of ACGME International will be visiting. Dr. Carmen Green, Dean of the CUNY School of Medicine will also be visiting to give a presentation on progress at the school.

#### Legislative Update:

##### Chapters

- Chapter 128 Hormonal Contraceptives – Regulations, fact sheets and patient evaluation form under development.
- Chapter 193 RNs and non-patient specific orders.
- Chapter 136 Temporary Practice Authorization.
- Chapter 138 providing protections to health service providers who perform legally protected health activities.
- Chapter 5 and A6779 Pharmacist MH injections-amendments.

##### Passed Both Houses

- A219 Athletic training bill. (Passed both houses)
- A5985 Physician Training (resource Library) dietetics and nutrition (passed both houses)

##### Others

- Multi Practice LLCs (in committees)
- A548 required cultural awareness training.
- A4860 IMLC
- A5012 Provides for the performance of medical services by physician assistants without supervision.
- A7447 Reciprocal Agreements

### Open Leadership Nominations for 2024 (for election at the December meeting):

There are no current new nominations.

### Presentation from the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME)-Report of a professional skills assessment pilot program:

Dr. Jeanne Sandella and Doug Murray provide a report on a new professional skills assessment program. The United States Medical Licensing Examination for MDs has removed their Step 2CS (Clinical Skills) exam permanently during the COVID-19 pandemic. The NBOME similarly discontinued their COMLEX Level 2-PE clinical skills assessment for DOs. Given the importance of these skills in patient care and the consequences of deficiencies in these skills, the NBOME is working towards creating a national standard for osteopathic clinical skills.

The Core Competency Capstone C3DO pilot will assess patient/physician communication, hands-on physical examination, and history-taking skills as well as Osteopathic Manipulation Treatment (OMT) skills. Preliminary results of the pilot are promising for these on-campus evaluations. Student feedback of the program was also very positive.

With a current lack of a clinical skills assessment program, students are required to obtain an attestation of their clinical skills for the COMLEX level 3. The current attestation process has been extended to the class of 2027. C3DO Pilot Phase 2 will begin in 2024 and Phase 3 will take place July 2025 - June 2026.

### Committee Reports:

There were no recent committee meetings. The Medical Physics Committee and the Athletic Trainer's Committee are both expected to be busy in the upcoming months with implementation of new policy and legislation.

### Executive Session - Moral Character and License Restoration Proceedings-Review for Veteran Members and Orientation for New Members—with Q&A:

Samara Halpern gives a refresher on moral character reviews and license restoration proceedings. Moral Character reviews are conducted pre-licensure—if an applicant has a criminal history or disciplinary actions from other state boards, their application will be referred to the Office of Professional Discipline for an investigation.

A license restoration proceeding provides an individual the opportunity to have their license re-instated after revocation. The applicant will need to demonstrate that they have learned from their mistake and taken steps to prevent repeat incidents.

Ms. Halpern answered many questions from the board regarding their role in these processes.

### Next Meeting Dates:

The next meetings are set for 12/8/23, 3/1/24, 6/7/24, and 9/6/2024 at 9:30 am.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

Draft respectfully submitted,

Lee Fitzgerald  
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