

Minutes of the Meeting of the
NYS Medicine Board
June 7, 2024
1411 Broadway NY, NY

Board Members Present: Dr. George Autz, Dr. Roseanne Berger, Dr. Roosevelt Boursiquot, Dr. Lawrence Epstein, Dr. Martha Grayson, Dr. Elisabeth Guthrie, Dr. Sumathi Kasinathan, Brenton LaRiccia PA-D, Dr. Lynn Mark, Dr. Louis Papa, Dr. Maria Plummer, Dr. Najeeb Rehman, Dr. Nancy Sapio, Dr. Neeta Shah, Dr. Rahul Sharma, Dr. Amit Shelat, Gregg Shuts PA, Dr. Robert Walther, and public member Marian Goldstein.

Board Members Absent: Dr. James Romanelli, Dr. Sumir Sahgal, Dr. Arash Salemi, Dr. David Wlody, and public member JoAnn Marino.

Guests Present: Dale C. Van Demark, Partner, McDermott Will & Emery; Cassandra Pineda, Senior Director of Graduate Medical Education and Health Workforce of the Greater New York Hospital Association; and Dr. David Besser of BPMC.

Staff Members Present: Stephen Boese, Executive Secretary to the Board; Michelle Pawlowski, Education Credential Specialist 2; Carla Gibbons, Education Program Assistant 2; and Lee Fitzgerald, Education Program Assistant 2.

Meeting is called to order by Dr. Epstein at 9:35 am.

Motion to Accept Minutes: Motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes from the March 2024 meeting.

Introduction of Deputy Commissioner of OP:

David Hamilton introduces himself, explaining his background, and fields questions from the board members.

Chair Report:

Dr. Epstein reports that both houses passed the grieving family act, which would allow family members of patients to sue caregivers for “pain and suffering.” It expands on the people who can claim for damages and the range of damages they can claim for. The governor has not signed it yet.

Report on the Advisory Committee on Clinical Clerkships:

Dr. Epstein reports that the committee has changed one of their site review rubric questions to ask specifically for academic attrition rates.

Dr. Epstein reviews the site visits planned for the rest of the year.

International Medical Graduate Workgroup Report: Mr. Boese reports that the IMG Workgroup has reviewed 40 cases since the last meeting.

Executive Secretary's Report:

Update from the Office of the Professions:

Stephen was asked to speak at the FSMB conference in Washington about licensure of IMGs.

A law was recently passed to require posting of a Nutrition Resource Library for physicians. The physicians are not required to complete any of the trainings listed, but we are required to make them publicly available. There are concerns raised about the validity of those resources to be sure they are evidence-based. Michelle presents the document she compiled that will be posted.

Concerns are raised about who is responsible for editing this document and verifying the legitimacy of each listing. Drs. Berger, Papa, and Raju volunteer to form the review committee for all materials that will be posted to this page.

Legislative Update:

- A8378-A has passed both houses. This amends the statute for Physician Assistant supervision from 4 PA's total at all times to 6 PA's at any one time in private practice and 8 in a correctional facility. Limits in hospitals are governed by the DOH. Takes effect in 3 months if governor signs it. Subdivision 7 for non-patient specific orders, which will sunset in 2 years.
- The bills for the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, Medical Assistants drawing and administering immunizations, the Committee on Physician's Health, and CRNAs did not pass the Legislature.
- A8382-A has been discussed but not yet passed. This would amend the Limited Permit law by removing limits on how many times it can be renewed.
- Out-of-State Reproductive Health Services was discussed but was not enacted by the legislature.
- A bill passed both houses yesterday that would say no school, entity, or employer could require a copy of someone's criminal record as a condition of approval or admission because it would be considered discriminatory. We can still have the moral character requirement, but the actual record would not be disclosed.

Report from the FSMB Annual Meeting

Dr. Raju reports on the issues discussed at the FSMB annual meeting. The main topics of discussion were AI and medicine, alternative pathways to licensure, and re-entry protocols for people who have been out of practice for a significant amount of time.

Presentation from the FSMB on The Future of AI and Medicine:

Dale Van Demark presents on the benefits and challenges of the emerging usage of AI in the medical field.

Professional Committee Reports

- **Athletic Training – Mr. Boese**
The governor has signed into law a bill that revises the athletic training practice act. They will be a full profession with a protected scope of practice. The new law will require a written protocol with the physician supervisor. The law also institutes a new continuing education requirement for athletic trainers. The Athletic Training Board will meet again in October to discuss draft regulations.
- **Medical Physics – Mr. Boese**
The Committee has reviewed and offered comments on the DOH proposed regulations to fully revise Article 16 of the Health Commissioner's Regulations concerning radioactive materials. The Committee also continues to discuss ways to appropriately expedite review of medical physicist licensure applications.

No other Committee meetings since last Medicine Board email.

Next Meeting Dates:

The next meetings are set for 6/7/24, 9/6/2024, 12/6/24, 2/28/25, and 6/6/25 at 9:30 am.
Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

Draft respectfully submitted,

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