

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the
NYS Medicine Board Meeting
December 3, 2021
1411 Broadway and Via WebEx

Meeting is held at 1411 Broadway, and is also available via WebEx and being recorded.

Board Members Present: Dr. Autz, Dr. Berger, Dr. Epstein, Dr. Grayson, Dr. Guthrie, Dr. Kasinathan, PA Kathleen Lill, Dr. Mark, Dr. Papa, Dr. Plummer, Dr. Rajan, Dr. Raju, Dr. Reman, Dr. Salemi, Dr. Sapio, Dr. Shah, Dr. Sharma, Dr. Shelat, PA Gregg Shutts, and Dr. Walther; and public members Marian Goldstein and JoAnn Marino.

Board Members Absent: Dr. Lerner, Dr. Sahgal, and Dr. Schwartzman.

Guests Present: Anu Ashok, Diana Georgia, Cassandra Pineda, and Emily Whalen.

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

Meeting is called to order by Dr. Epstein at 9:31 am.

Motion to accept minutes: Motion is made, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes from the March 2021 meeting.

Dr. Reman is introduced as the new member replacing Dr. Sheikh who has retired.

Discussion Items:

Chair's Report:

Dr. Epstein says there are not any significant updates.

Report from the Advisory Committee on Clinical Clerkships:

The committee met in October and discussed hospital site visits, doing virtual site visits of the schools, and reviewing the annual reports that were received in September. We need new peer reviewers so anyone who is interested should contact Ms. Wells for more information. Drs. Berger, Grayson and Raju express interest.

International Medical Graduate Workgroup Report:

Mr. Boese reports that the IMG workgroup has been working diligently to review IMG license applications. Eighteen cases have been reviewed since the last meeting.

Executive Secretary's Report:

Mr. Boese reports that the Executive Orders in place has been extended to 12/26/21. The ability to hold board meetings via WebEx has been extended to 1/20/22.

Open meeting laws have been increased so now all meeting materials will be available on the website in advance of the meetings and minutes will be posted within two weeks. All documents will be disability accessible.

We have reviewed several bills to give technical guidance and they've been approved. Optometrists can now prescribe and administer certain types of topical eye drops and oral medication. There are conditions for attesting to certification of training, supervision, etc.

There is a new law that extends the authority for pharmacists to administer vaccines for a variety of purposes with a non-patient specific order.

Board leadership election is today. The current chair and co-chairs are interested in maintaining their positions and no one else has been nominated. Dr. Shelat will also be the liaison to the FSMB. A vote is held and unanimously passed to accept these positions.

Presentation on the OPMC process:

Shelly Wang-Bendago and Michael Jakobowski present on the purpose and processes of the OPMC and the BPMC. Ms. Wang Bendago discusses various topics about the OPMC, including grounds for a misconduct investigation, the process of an investigation, and possible outcomes. She also discuss the number of complaints they get per year and what categories those complaints fall into, both in nature and severity. She explains the Physician Monitoring Program, which monitors and supports those who have had disciplinary action against them.

Dr. Jakubowski discusses the Board of Professional Medical Conduct. He discusses the composition of the board based on the statistics provided in September of 2021. There are 84 current members. By law they must have 2/3 physicians and 1/3 public members, including physician assistants. The board is so large to avoid overloading any one member. They try to have no more than one hearing per member per year. He explains how the hearing process goes and the timelines involved.

Report from the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Workgroup

Dr. Papa reports that Dr. Guthrie and Regent Cea presented at the IAMRA meeting and it was very well received. Dr. Guthrie is also working with the USMLE to assess questions on their exams. Regent Norwood gave a presentation to the Board of Regents as well as to what the committee is doing. It was well received and increased awareness of their goals.

Committee Reports:

Medical Physics Committee— Dr. Autz reports on the meeting that occurred yesterday. The major issues covered were Limited Permits and whether CAMPEP certificate programs were acceptable without Comparative Education review. A vote was held and they agreed to recommend acceptance of a CAMPEP certificate without additional review. The second issue

discussed was an internal DOH document. The oncology experts were absent from that meeting so the issue will be visited again next week.

Pathologists' Assistant Committee— Dr. Plummer reports there has been no recent meeting.

Report from the Athletic Training Committee— Mr. Boese reports that the committee discussed the legislation for concussion management in schools and traveling athletic sports teams. There was concern about the ability of private schools to follow the same requirements as public schools. The bill would also require CE for concussion management be extended to other school personnel.

Report from the Perfusion Committee— Mr. Boese reports that there has been no recent meeting.

Other issues:

Mr. Boese asks if people would be interested in presentations at the next meeting to learn more about some of the committees. There is interest in Athletic Training and Medical Physics.

Next Meeting Dates:

3/4/22, 6/10/2022, 9/9/22 and 12/9/22 at 9:30 am. The March meeting will be held both in person at 1411 Broadway and via WebEx again unless otherwise directed in email.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:52 am.

Draft respectfully submitted,

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