

Minutes of the Meeting of the
NYS Medicine Board
December 9, 2022
1411 Broadway NY, NY

Board Members Present: Dr. Autz, Dr. Berger, Dr. Boursiquot, Dr. Epstein, Dr. Guthrie, Dr. Kasinathan, Dr. Papa, Dr. Plummer, Dr. Raju, Dr. Rehman, Dr. Sapio, Dr. Shah, Dr. Shelat, and Dr. Walther; PA Greg Shutts.

Board Members Absent: Dr. Grayson, Dr. Mark, Dr. Sahgal, Dr. Salemi, Dr. Sharma, and Dr. Wlody; public members Marian Goldstein and JoAnn Marino.

Guests Present: Dr. Anderson and Dr. Chaudhry of the FSMB; Teena Saji of 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 September 2022 meeting.

Discussion Items:

Board Leadership Election for 2023:

The Board voted unanimously to keep the current leadership. Dr. Epstein will remain the chair, and Drs. Papa and Shelat will remain the co-vice chairs.

Report from the Advisory Committee on Clinical Clerkships:

Dr. Epstein reports that the Board of Regents met and approved Ben Gurion for a period of two years with the ability to correct the marginally compliant and non-compliant issues identified by the Advisory Committee. Technion was approved for 7 years. The Israeli government has instructed all schools to stop accepting international students in an effort to keep local students in Israel to address the physician shortage. It is uncertain yet how this will impact international students performing clinical clerkships in New York. The committee will now be performing hospital clinical site visits along with school site visits to ensure quality and consistency of the clinical clerkship curriculum provided.

International Medical Graduate Workgroup Report:

Mr. Boese reports that the workgroup has considered 17 applications since the last meeting.

Executive Secretary's Report:

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

Heidi Weinman from our office has moved to a different board but is still helping out with travel and a few other tasks until the position is filled.

The Office of Profession's new website launched 12/5/22 and the IT team has been addressing technical issues very quickly.

The ability to meet via WebEx has expired and all members must attend board meetings in person or via a NYSED satellite office in Albany, Syracuse, or Rochester.

The massage therapy board is looking for physician members and would like any nominations for that position.

Mr. Boese has been invited to visit Mt. Sinai pathology lab. It has been five years since the last visit and things have changed significantly. He will report on that at the next meeting.

There have been several nominations and interviews for the vacant Physician Assistant position on the board, but it has not been officially filled yet.

There is going to be a change to LCME accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools. By mid-2025, there will be no LCME accreditation for Canadian schools, there will be a separate and independent Canadian accrediting body. Canadian applicants will then be reviewed as IMG's rather than as domestic students as they currently are. Alternatively, we may consider changing our regulations to accommodate the Canadian school accreditation as equivalent to US so those applications may be reviewed entirely in the unit rather than coming through Comparative Education and the medical board Post-Graduate Training review workgroup.

The ECFMG has been saying that they will be moving in 2024-2025 to changing the certification requirements to graduating from a medical school that is accredited by a regionally accredited body. They have now announced that is not happening.

Deputy Commissioner Sarah Benson will be making a report at the next meeting on the Interstate Licensure Compact.

There is a new rule in OP that all board members will need to take ethics training every year. Mr. Boese plans to use a meeting to do this as a group rather than have every member take additional personal time to complete the requirement.

Report on the Presentation to the Board for Professional Medical Conduct:

Dr. Shelat shares that on Oct 21-22 Dr. Shelat and Mr. Boese presented to the OPMC meeting. They differentiated between the roles of the board governed by NYSED and the OPMC governed by NYDOH.

Presentation from the Federation of State Medical Boards:

Dr. Chaudhry and Dr. Anderson present on the background, policies, and procedures of the FSMB. They discuss current FSMB priorities and activities, recent changes to the USMLE exams, the current progress of the interstate licensing compact for both physicians and physician assistants, and the FSMB grant program to support state medical boards. They discuss current guidelines on medical misinformation and disinformation, particularly about COVID. Each state determines if that is grounds for disciplinary action and if spreading mis/disinformation is something that can be reported as misconduct when someone is acting personally/privately, such as stating things on social media. The FSMB is working to create more diversity and inclusion in medical regulation by being active in trying to eliminate bias and discrimination based on race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, etc. They define and discuss the purpose of the different advisory panels and workgroups. There is discussion of the current proposed and recently passed legislation affecting the profession and state boards across the country.

Report from the Perfusion Committee:

Mr. Boese reports that Heather Klusendorf gave a presentation on the OP Modernization Project. The group did a regulatory review and there were no suggestions for changes. The group agreed to continue to abide by the national standard for clinical experience requirements to qualify for licensure.

Report from the Medical Physics Committee:

Mr. Boese reports that the group did a regulatory review and there were no suggestions for changes. They are looking at further streamlining the application process by accepting more coursework for licensure that is accepted by CAMPEP.

Report from the Pathologists' Assistant Committee:

Dr. Plummer reports that Heather Klusendorf gave a presentation on the OP Modernization Project. There was a regulatory review and there were no suggestions for changes. There was a discussion about expanding the requirements to allow foreign trained PathA's to be licensed, but those people would still not qualify for the exam. They also discussed what actions can be taken against a doctor who fraudulently endorsed the application of a PathA. Board members stated that there have been reports to OPD but no resolutions yet. How to monitor and enforce the quality of clinical practice was also discussed.

Report from the Athletic Training Committee:

Dr. Raju reports that the committee published practice guidance on joint reduction. The committee discussed the use of blood flow restriction to increase the development and post-injury conditioning of muscles. The board should discuss if this is the practice of medicine or should be completely unregulated like taking someone's blood pressure is. The board would like a presentation on the therapy and any relevant safety data before making that decision.

Next Meeting Dates:

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:42 am.

Draft respectfully submitted,

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