HAWAII MEDICAL BOARD

Professional and Vocational Licensing Division Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs State of Hawaii

MINUTES OF MEETING

The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by Section 92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS").

Date: Thursday, December 12, 2013

Time: 1:00 p.m.

King Kalakaua Conference Room Place:

> King Kalakaua Building 335 Merchant Street, 1st Floor

Honolulu, HI 96813

Present: Danny M. Takanishi, M.D., Chairperson, Oahu Member

Sharon "Shay" Bintliff, M.D., Hawaii Member

Maria Chun, Ph.D, Public Member Thomas S. Kosasa, M.D., Oahu Member

Palasi Puletasi, Public Member Karen E. Sept, D.O., Oahu Member

Shari Wong, Deputy Attorney General ("DAG")

Constance I. Cabral, Executive Officer Ahlani K. Quioque, Executive Officer

Wilma Balon, Secretary

Excused: Les Barrickman, D.O., Vice-Chairperson, Oahu Member

> Gerard K. Akaka, M.D., Oahu Member Peter C. Chin, M.D., Maui Member Niraj S. Desai, M.D., Kauai Member Carl K. Yorita, M.D., Oahu Member

Call to The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. at which time quorum

Order: was established.

Approval of the

Minutes:

It was moved by Dr. Kosasa, seconded by Dr. Bintliff, and November 14, 2013 unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the executive session of the November 14, 2013 as clarified, and to approved the

minutes of the November 14, 2013 meeting with the following

corrections:

On page 1, under <u>Present</u>, **Daniel Jacob**, **Deputy Attorney General**

("DAG") should be included.

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On page 2, under Applications, it should read "It was moved by Dr. Kosasa, seconded by **Dr. Bintliff** and unanimously carried to enter into executive session at 1:08 p.m...."

On page 3, under Unfinished Business: a. <u>Military Physicians</u>, the second paragraph should read as follows:

"It was moved by Dr. Kosasa, seconded by **Dr. Desai** and unanimously carried to return to the open meeting at 3:05 p.m."

On page 6, under Unfinished Business: a. <u>Military Physicians</u>, to include the following:

"3. The Board seeks clarity with respect to Colonel Nace's position on Army sponsored ACGME or AOA accredited residency programs providing medical boards with honest, candid, and transparent information regarding a resident's performance."

Additions/ Revisions to Agenda: None.

Applications for License/

Certification:

b. Applications:

It was moved by Dr. Kosasa, seconded by Dr. Bintliff, and unanimously carried to enter into executive session at 1:10 p.m. pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(1), HRS, to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional license cited in Section 26-9, HRS, and pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(4), HRS, to consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities and liabilities.

Bridget Bongaard, M.D.
Claudia Chapek, M.D.
Mitchell S. Collman, M.D.
Ashleigh E. Dixon, M.D.
Sang I. Han, M.D.
Daniel Lum, M.D.
Panida Piboolnurak, M.D.
Robert Ricketson, M.D.
David D. Shupe, M.D.
David J. Walters, M.D.
Bryce Becker, EMT-P

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> Craig Dieringer, EMT-P Timothy Jenkins, EMT-P Cameron Vann, EMT-P

It was moved by Dr. Bintliff, seconded by Mr. Puletasi and unanimously carried to return to the open meeting at 1:32 p.m.

Applications for License/ Certification:

a. <u>Ratifications:</u>

(i) List

It was moved by Dr. Sept, seconded by Dr. Bintliff and unanimously carried to ratify the attached lists of individuals for licensure or certification.

It was moved by Dr. Sept, seconded by Mr. Puletasi and unanimously carried, to approve the following applications:

Bridget Bongaard, M.D.
Claudia Chapek, M.D.
Mitchell S. Collman, M.D.
Ashleigh E. Dixon, M.D.
Sang I. Han, M.D.
Daniel Lum, M.D.
Panida Piboolnurak, M.D.
David D. Shupe, M.D.
David J. Walters, M.D.
Bryce Becker, EMT-P
Craig Dieringer, EMT-P
Timothy Jenkins, EMT-P
Cameron Vann, EMT-P

Robert Ricketson, M.D.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Chair Takanishi, seconded by Dr. Bintliff, and unanimously carried to deny Dr. Ricketson's application for medical licensure, basing its decision on the following grounds of the Hawaii Revised Statues ("HRS"), which find factual support in the records and files of Dr. Ricketson's application:

HRS § 453-8(a)(4): Being habituated to the excessive use of drugs

or alcohol; or being addicted to, dependent

on, or a habitual user of a narcotic,

barbiturate, amphetamine, hallucinogen, or

other drug having similar effects;

HRS § 453-8(a)(5): Practicing medicine while the ability to

practice is impaired by alcohol, drugs, physical

disability, or mental instability;

HRS § 453-8(a)(7): Professional misconduct, hazardous

negligence causing bodily injury to another, or

manifest incapacity in the practice of medicine, osteopathy, or surgery;

HRS § 453-8(a)(8): Incompetence or multiple instances of

negligence, including but not limited to the consistent use of medical service, which is

inappropriate or unnecessary;

HRS § 453-8(a)(9): Conduct or practice contrary to the

recognized standards of ethics of the medical profession as adopted by the Hawaii Medical

Association, the American Medical Association, the Hawaii Association of

Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, or the

American Osteopathic Association;

HRS § 453-8(a)(11): Revocation, suspension, or other disciplinary

action by another state or federal agency of a license certification or medical privilege for

reasons as provided in this section;

HRS § 436B-19(8): Failure to maintain a record or history of

competency, trustworthiness, fair dealing, and

financial integrity;

HRS § 436B-19(12): Failure to comply, observe, or adhere to any

law in a manner such that the licensing

authority deems the applicant or holder to be an unfit or improper person to hold a license;

and

HRS § 436B-19(17): Violating this chapter, the applicable licensing

laws, or any rule or order of the licensing

authority.

<u>Unfinished Business:</u> a. <u>Military Physicians</u>

The Board reviewed and discussed Mr. Gary Christal, Chief

Graduate Medical Education, Tripler Army Medical Center's email and attachments of October 30, 2013, regarding "Hawaii Licensing Exemption for Military Providers Training in Civilian Hospitals."

In addition, the Board considered a letter from Thaddeus A. Podbielski, Captain, JAGC dated March 22, 1983, which asked:

- Whether military physicians undergoing residency training and assigned to Tripler Army Medical Center must request and be issued [a] license when training at one of the non-federal hospitals in Hawaii.
- Whether civilian physicians employed as Department of the Army physicians at Tripler being required under HRS § 453-2 to obtain a permanent medical license.

Discussion followed. The Board consensus that Pursuant to §453-2(b)(3), Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"), a commissioned medical officer participating in Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accredited residency programs or American Osteopathic Association (AOA) approved residency programs may train at non-federal hospitals without first obtaining a license to practice medicine in Hawaii as long as they are engaged in the discharge of one's official duties. However, the Board also recognized that a private institution retains its prerogative to prescribe its own requirements, such as requiring Hawaii licensure (temporary or permanent) for any physician providing medical services in its facility.

With regards to civilian physicians employed as Department of the Army physicians at Tripler, Mr. Podbielski's letter states that these physicians are civilians and not commissioned medical officers. Given Mr. Podbielski's statement, it appears that these civilian physicians do not fall within the licensure exception of HRS § 453-2(b)(3) and are required to obtain licensure to practice medicine in Hawaii before performing or providing medical services in nonfederal hospitals in Hawaii.

These responses are unofficial, nonbinding opinions in accordance with §16-201-90, Hawaii Administrative Rules. They are not official opinions or decisions, and therefore, are not to be viewed as binding upon the Board or the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

b. <u>National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians</u> (NREMT) Examination

Executive Officer Cabral advised the Board that NREMT could not provide information as to the discrepancy on first time passing rate for the practical exam.

New Business:

a. <u>Addition to RICO Medical Advisory Committee: M. Pierre</u> Pang, M.D.

It was moved by Mr. Puletasi, seconded by Dr. Kosasa, and unanimously carried to approve the addition of M. Pierre Pang, M.D. to the RICO Medical Advisory Committee.

b. <u>Use of Telehealth or Telemedicine</u>

After discussion, it was moved by Chair Takanishi, seconded by Dr. Bintliff, and unanimously carried, to use "telehealth" as oppose to "telemedicine" that for the purpose of consistency.

c. <u>Training on Adjudicatory Matters</u>

Members were provided with a chart on Disciplinary Process for Administrative Boards. DAG Wong briefed the Board on Executive, Legislative, and Judicial process.

Advisory Committees:

- a. Physician Assistants
- b. Emergency Medical Service Personnel
- c. Podiatrists

Chairperson's

Report: None.

Adjournment: It was moved by Mr. Puletasi, seconded by Dr. Bintliff, and unanimously

carried to adjourn the meeting at 1:56 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 9, 2014

1:00 p.m.

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Reviewed and approved by:	Taken and recorded by:
/s/Constance I. Cabral	/s/Wilma Balon
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