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 §92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS").

Thursday, March 12, 2020 Date:

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: King Kalakaua Conference Room

King Kalakaua Building

335 Merchant Street, 1st Floor

Honolulu, HI 96813

Jone Geimer-Flanders, D.O., Chairperson, Oahu Osteopathic Member Present:

Peter Halford, M.D., Vice-Chairperson, Oahu Member

Geri Young, M.D., Kauai Member Maria Chun, Ph.D., Public Member

Michael Jaffe, D.O., Oahu Osteopathic Member Andrew "Rick" Fong, M.D., Hawaii Member

Peter Holt, M.D., Oahu Member

Franklin V.H. Dao, M.D., Oahu Member

Wesley Mun, Public Member

Darren K. Egami, M.D., Maui Member

Shari J. Wong, Deputy Attorney General ("DAG")

Ahlani K. Quiogue, Executive Officer

Jenny Yam, Secretary

Excused: Danny Takanishi, M.D., Oahu Member

Guest(s): None.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m., at which time guorum Call to

was established. Order:

Approval of the It was moved by Dr. Holt, seconded by Vice-Chair Halford, and

February 13, unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the executive session and 2020, Minutes: the minutes of the open session of the February 13, 2020, meeting as

circulated.

<u>Adjudicatory</u> Chair Geimer-Flanders called for a recess from the meeting at 1:01 p.m. Matters:

to discuss and deliberate on the following adjudicatory matters pursuant

to Chapter 91, HRS:

In the Matter of the License to Practice Medicine of Mark Randall A.

Rogers, M.D.; MED 2019-LIC-001

After discussion, it was moved by Vice-Chair Halford, seconded by Dr. Young, and unanimously carried to approve the Hearings Officer's Recommended Order to affirm its denial of Petitioner's Application for License – Physician and dismiss the Petition on the grounds that Petitioner has failed to prosecute his request for hearing and meet his burden of proof at hearing, as the Board's Final Order.

Following the Board's review, deliberation, and decision on these matters pursuant to Chapter 91, HRS, Chair Geimer-Flanders announced that the Board reconvene to its regular Chapter 92. HRS, meeting at 1:02 p.m.

Applications for License/ Certification:

a. <u>Applications:</u>

It was moved by Dr. Egami, seconded by Dr. Dao, and unanimously carried to enter into executive session at 1:02 p.m., pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(1), to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional licenses cited in HRS §26-9, and, pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(4), to consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities and liabilities.

(i) <u>Physician (Permanent)</u>:

- a. Sarah May Beale, M.D.
- b. Crystal Ray Broussard, M.D.
- c. Amy McElroy Sprague, M.D. aka Amy McElroy, M.D.

(ii) Physician (Endorsement):

- a. Tracy Mackay Frandsen, M.D.
- b. Alma Guadalupe Loya, M.D.
- c. Bo Pang, D.O.
- d. Steven Teksan Tee, M.D.

It was moved by Vice-Chair Halford, seconded by Dr. Jaffe, and unanimously carried to return to the open meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Applications for License/ Certification:

B. Ratifications:

(i) List

By consensus, the Board moved this agenda item out of order.

It was moved by Chair Geimer-Flanders, seconded by Dr. Egami,

and unanimously carried to ratify the attached list of individuals for licensure or certification.

Applications for License/ Certification:

A. Applications:

By consensus, the Board returned to the regular order of the agenda.

It was moved by Chair Geimer-Flanders, seconded by Dr. Jaffe, and unanimously carried to approve the following applications:

(i) Physician (Permanent):

- a. Sarah May Beale, M.D.
- b. Crystal Ray Broussard, M.D.
- c. Amy McElroy Sprague, M.D. aka Amy McElroy, M.D.

(ii) <u>Physician (Endorsement)</u>:

b. Alma Guadalupe Loya, M.D.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Holt, seconded by Chair Geimer-Flanders, and unanimously carried to defer Dr. Loya's application pending submission of additional information.

It was moved by Chair Geimer-Flanders, seconded by Dr. Jaffe, and unanimously carried to approve the following applications:

(ii) Physician (Endorsement):

- a. Tracy Mackay Frandsen, M.D.
- c. Bo Pang, D.O.
- d. Steven Teksan Tee, M.D.

It was moved by Chair Geimer-Flanders, seconded by Vice-Chair Halford, and unanimously carried to add the following to the agenda under 5. Legislation:

H. HR158/HCR179/SR165/SCR185 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF ALTERNATIVE PATHWAYS TO LICENSURE FOR FOREIGN-TRAINED DENTIST AND PHYSICIANS.

By consensus, the Board moved this agenda item out of order.

Legislation:

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PHYSICIANS

Ms. Quiogue informed the Board that the above resolutions request the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("DCCA") to conduct a study of alternative pathways to licensure for foreign-trained dentists and physicians. The Board would focus its discussion on physicians only.

Chair Geimer-Flanders asked whether the intent of the resolutions are to create an alternative to the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates ("ECFMG") review and certification process.

Ms. Quiogue stated that the resolutions do not specify whether this will be an alternative to ECFMG certification. She went on to say that the resolutions will establish a study to determine what alternative pathways of licensure are suitable for foreign-training physicians in Hawaii.

Chair Geimer-Flanders asked who will be tasked to conduct the study.

Ms. Quiogue clarified that the Board will be tasked to conduct the study on behalf of DCCA. She went on to say that the study will investigate options utilized by other states that established alternative pathways of licensure for foreign-trained physicians similar to the assistant physician pathway of licensure available in states such as Missouri. The resolutions allow the Board to recommend changes to the licensing process that could be implemented by DCCA or respective licensing boards without legislative action. The Board/DCCA would also be required to submit a formal report to the Legislature no later than forty (40) days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2021.

Ms. Quiogue stated that the Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") chapter 453 provides the minimum licensing standards that most states require for physician licensure. She cautioned the Board that any changes to the licensing standards to create alternative pathways may negatively impact existing licensure options.

Vice-Chair Halford is of the opinion that creating alternative pathways of licensure may lower the standards, which will endanger our consumers. He went on to say that there is already an existing pathway of licensure for foreign medical school graduates in Hawaii.

Chair Geimer-Flanders stated that the Board's primary role is to protect the consumers of this State, and by lowering the licensing standards the Board will not be carrying out its statutory duty.

DAG Wong stated that creating alternative pathways will also adversely affect the ability for Hawaii to accept by endorsement out-of-state

graduates or foreign medical schools due to changes in licensing standards.

Vice-Chair Halford is of the opinion that allowing more physician assistants or allied health professionals to be supervised under licensed physicians is more suitable to address the health care professional shortages.

Chair Geimer-Flanders concurred with Vice-Chair Halford and DAG Wong's comments.

By consensus, the Board determined that it will submit testimony in opposition to these resolutions and concurrent resolutions. More specifically, the Board's testimony will reflect that there are established standards for foreign medical school graduates and any alternatives to those established standards will lower such standards.

The Board returned to the regular order of the agenda.

A. <u>HB1606, HD1 RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL LICENSURE</u>

The Board discussed the above bill.

The purposes of the bill are to: specify the documentation needed for a military spouse to receive a temporary licensure by endorsement; require issuance of the license within an unspecified number of days of the application and supporting documents; exclude construction contracting services form the performance of services permitted under any license or temporary license issues to a military spouse; and require each licensing board to adopt and publish rules by 8/1/2020 to administer the provisions.

The Board will monitor this bill.

B. HB1977, HD2 RELATING TO PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE

The Board discussed the above bill.

The purposes of the bill are to: address the State's physician shortage by establishing a Medical Student Sponsorship Program within DOH for medical students who successfully graduate from a high-quality but lower-cost school of medicine and make a ten-year service commitment to practice medicine in Hawaii; and appropriate funds.

The Board will monitor this bill.

C. <u>HB2043, HD2 RELATING TO ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH</u> CARE

The Board discussed the above bill.

The purposes of the bill are to: allow an unlicensed mental health professional, working under the supervision of a licensed mental health professional, to provide mental health treatment or counseling services to minors without parental or legal guardian consent, knowledge, or participation; require a mental health professional to assist a minor with completing a nondisclosure notification form to send to covered entities, when appropriate; and require a covered entity, upon receiving a completed notification form, to maintain the confidentiality of minor-initiated mental health treatment or counseling services.

The Board will monitor this bill.

D. <u>SB2424, SD1 RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE</u>

The Board discussed the above bills.

The purpose of this bill is to clarify the definition of the practice of medicine to provide uniformity of practice for both medical physicians and osteopathic physicians.

Ms. Quiogue informed the Board members that the House Committees on Health and Intrastate Commerce amended this bill at the hearing held that morning, by: changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and making technical non-substantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

By Consensus, the Board supports this bill.

E. <u>SB2542, SD2 RELATING TO THE GENERAL EXCISE TAX</u> <u>EXEMPTIONS</u>

The Board discussed the above bill.

The purpose of this bill is to exempt medical services provided by physicians and advanced practice registered nurses acting in the capacity of a primary care provider from the general excise tax beginning January 1, 2021.

The Board will monitor this bill.

F. SB2768 RELATING TO SPORTS MEDICINE

The Board discussed the above bill.

The purposes of the bills are to: provide a limited exemption from state licensure requirements to out-of-state physicians who accompany a sports team to a specific sporting event in Hawaii or are invited to provide services at a national sport training center, event, or competition in Hawaii, if certain conditions are met; and requires out-of-state physicians

to provide notice to the Board.

The Board supports this bill.

G. <u>SB3091, SD1 RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL</u> <u>SERVICES</u>

The Board discussed the above bill.

The purpose of the bill is to enable the Board to certify emergency medical responders other than emergency ambulance service personnel.

Ms. Quiogue informed the Board members that the House Committees on Health and Intrastate Commerce amended this bill at the hearing held that morning, by: reinstating language that requires certification as emergency personnel to be a prerequisite to the practice of emergency medical services as an employee of an emergency ambulance service, rather than as an employee of an emergency service; permitting an individual with proof of current certification from the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians ("NREMT") as an emergency medical technician to be deemed to have met the educational requirements to perform emergency medical services as an emergency medical technician in the State; and making technical, non-substantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Discussion followed. Members indicated that the best option going forward would be to create a two-tiered licensure scheme for Emergency Medical Technicians. For example, the Board would have its current higher-tier of licensure, which requires proof of: completion of an EMT training program; completion of didactic training in cardiac defibrillation and IV access in a State-approved EMT training program; completion of 96 hours of clinical training experience obtained through a board-approved agency; and hold a current NREMT certificate. The second-tier of licensure would only require current certification with the NREMT.

Advisory Committees:

A. Emergency Medical Personnel:

(i) Email from Jeffrey Zuckernick, Professor, Department
Chair, University of Hawaii – KapCC EMS dated February
24, 2020, regarding Hawaii Administrative Rules section
16-85-54(b)(1)(F).

The Board members reviewed the email correspondence from Jeff Zuckernick, Professor, Department Chair, University of Hawaii – KapCC EMS dated February 24, 2020, regarding the shortage of clinical training opportunities with the City and County of Honolulu for 20 individuals interested in obtaining the Emergency Medical Technician ("EMT") license. Mr. Zuckernick is inquiring whether the Board will allow them to complete the 96 hours of clinical

training as required by Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") section 16-85-54(b)(1)(F) with the American Medical Response, Inc. ("AMR") located on Oahu.

Ms. Quiogue clarified that Mr. Zuckernick is the program director of Emergency Medical Services Program at Kapiolani Community College. She went on to say that current licensing requirements to be certified as an EMT requires the completion of an EMT training program; completion of didactic training in cardiac defibrillation and IV access in a State-approved EMT training program; completion of 96 hours of clinical training experience obtained through a board-approved agency; and hold a current NREMT certificate.

Furthermore, as stated in the meeting minutes of June 14, 2018, the Board had determined that should an applicant be deficient in clinical training hours they may meet the requirement by:

The period of clinical training shall have occurred under the supervision of a certified Paramedic for the number of hours needed to meet the 96-hours of clinical training, and shall consist of at least:

Riding as a third person on an emergency 911 ambulance, running basic life support cases, and successfully demonstrating competency in the following:

- Oxygen administration;
- Utilizing bag-valve-mask;
- Utilizing suction;
- Utilizing airway aids (OPA/NPA);
- Using short board spinal immobilization device;
- > Traction splint application;
- > Splinting:
- Bandaging
- IV access:
- Cardiac Defibrillation; and
- Basic life support case(s) in which the applicant was in charge or responsible.

Chair Geimer-Flanders noted that AMR provides various services on Oahu such as Basic Life Support, Advanced Life Support ("ALS"), and Critical Care Ground Transports. She is of the opinion that under AMR only ALS services will be equivalent to clinical training provided on a 911-ambulance service.

Ms. Quiogue asked the Board whether they will allow EMTs to complete the 96 hours of clinical training through AMR if they meet the same standards as riding as a third person on an ambulance.

Board members stated that EMTs may complete their 96 hours of clinical training as required by HAR section 16-85-54(b)(1)(F) on with AMR.

By Consensus, the Board instructed Ms. Quiogue to provide a response to Mr. Zuckernick which summarizes the above discussion.

B. <u>Physician Assistants:</u>

None.

C. <u>Podiatrists:</u>

None.

Executive Officer

A. <u>Annual Financial Disclosures</u>

Report: Ms. Quiogue reminded the Board members that on March 2, 2020, the

Hawaii State Ethics Commission sent an email reminder with instructions to file their annual disclosure by June 1, 2020. New Board members will

have until July 31, 2020 to file their initial disclosure.

Open Forum: None.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 9, 2020

1:00 p.m.

King Kalakaua Conference Room, First Floor

335 Merchant Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

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Reviewed and approved by:		Taken and recorded by:	
/s/Ahlani K. Quiogue		/s/Jenny Yam	
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