

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: November 18, 2021

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar
<https://dcca-hawaii-gov.zoom.us/j/97884905258>

Present: Jone Geimer-Flanders, D.O., Chairperson, Osteopathic Member
Peter Holt, M.D., Vice Chairperson, Oahu Member
Peter Halford, M.D., Oahu Member
Gary Belcher, Public Member
Wesley Mun, Public Member
Danny Takanishi, M.D., Oahu Member
Shari J. Wong, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)
Ahlani K. Quiogue, Executive Officer
Kellie Teraoka, Secretary
Marc Yoshimura, Secretary
Lei Ana E. Green, Executive Officer (Technical Support)
Jenny Yam, Executive Officer (Technical Support)

Excused: Darren K. Egami, M.D., Maui Member
Franklin V.H. Dao, M.D., Oahu Member
Geri Young, M.D., Kauai Member
Michael Jaffe, D.O., Oahu Osteopathic Member

Zoom Webinar Guest(s): Nicholas Lin, M.D., Applicant
Ronald Baird, M.D., Applicant
Nuvneet Khandelwal, M.D., Applicant
Lianne Aoki
Sophie Cocke
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Agenda: The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by §92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”).

A short video was played to explain the meeting procedures and how members of the public could participate in the virtual meeting.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m., at which time quorum was established.

Chair Geimer-Flanders welcomed everyone to the meeting and proceeded with a roll call of the Board members. All Board members confirmed that they were present, with the exception of Darren K. Egami,

M.D., Franklin V.H. Dao, M.D., Geri Young, M.D., and Michael Jaffe, D.O., who were excused from the meeting.

Approval of the
September 9, 2021,
Minutes:

It was moved by Chair Geimer-Flanders, seconded by Dr. Halford, and unanimously carried to approve the open session and executive session meeting minutes of the October 14, 2021 meeting, with the following amendments:

Open Session Minutes:

On page 7, the fourth paragraph, should read as follows:

“Vice Chair Holt went on to say that it may be best to advise Mr. Dudzic that this does not fall within the Board’s **[prevue] purview.**”

Executive Session Minutes:

On page 4, the last paragraph, should read as follows:

“Dr. Dao sought clarification about the **[Board’s laws] laws the Board must follow...**”

Adjudicatory
Matters:

Chair Geimer-Flanders called for a recess from the meeting at 1:11 p.m., to discuss and deliberate on the following adjudicatory matter pursuant to Chapter 91, HRS (Note: Board members and staff entered the Microsoft Teams meeting).

A. In the Matter of the License to Practice Medicine of Danilo E. Ponce, M.D.; MED-2019-14-L

After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Takanishi, seconded by Dr. Halford, and unanimously carried to approve the Hearing Officer’s Finding of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommended Order as its 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 1:17 p.m. Board members and staff returned to the Zoom meeting.

Applications for
License/
Certification:

A. Applications:

It was moved by Dr. Takanishi, seconded by Dr. Holt, and unanimously carried to enter into executive session at 1:20 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. (Note: Board members and staff entered into Microsoft Teams):

(i) Physician (Permanent/Non-Endorsement):

a. Craig A. Beach, M.D.

Craig A. Beach, M.D. was not present.

b. Laura A. Black, M.D.

Laura A. Black, M.D. was not present.

c. Nicholas Lin, M.D.

Nicholas Lin, M.D. entered the Microsoft Teams meeting at 1:59 p.m.

Nicholas Lin, M.D. left the Microsoft Teams meeting at 2:08 p.m.

d. Cornell Wells, Jr., M.D.

Cornell Wells, Jr., M.D. was not present.

(ii) Physician (Permanent/Endorsement)

a. Ronald Baird, D.O.

Ronald Baird, D.O. entered the Microsoft Teams meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Ronald Baird, D.O. left the Microsoft Teams meeting at 3:33 p.m.

b. Nuvneet Khandelwal, M.D.

Nuvneet Khandelwal, M.D. entered the Microsoft Teams meeting at 3:43 p.m.

Nuvneet Khandelwal, M.D. left the Microsoft Teams meeting at 3:48 p.m.

It was moved by Vice Chair Holt, seconded by Dr. Takanishi, and unanimously carried to return to the open session meeting at 3:57 p.m. Board members and staff returned to the Zoom meeting.

(i) Physician (Permanent/Non-Endorsement):

a. Craig A. Beach, M.D.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Fong, seconded by Dr. Halford, and unanimously carried, to approve Dr. Beach's application for licensure subject to

conditions.

The Board based its decision on the following grounds of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”), Hawaii Administrative Rules (“HAR”) and American Medical Association’s Principles of Medical Ethics, which find factual support in the records and files of Dr. Beach’s application:

HRS section 436B-19 provides that:

(a) In addition to any other acts or conditions provided by law, the licensing authority may refuse to renew, reinstate or restore, or may deny, revoke, suspend, or condition in any manner, any license for any one or more of the following acts or conditions on the part of the licensee or the applicant thereof:

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- (9) Conduct or practice contrary to recognized standards of ethics for the licensed profession or vocation;
- (12) Failure to comply, observe, or adhere to any law in a manner such that the licensing authority deems the applicant or holder an unfit or improper person to hold a license; and
- (13) Revocation, suspension, or other disciplinary action by another state or federal agency against a licensee or applicant for any reason provided by the licensing laws or this section.

HAR section 16-85-112 provides that:

(a) In addition to any other acts or conditions provided in sections 436B-19 and 453-8, HRS, the board may refuse to renew, reinstate, or restore, or may deny, revoke, suspend, or condition in any manner, any license, certificate for any one or more of the following conditions:

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- (1) Failure to comply with, observe, or adhere to any law in a manner such that the board deems the licensee or certificate holder to be an unfit or improper person to hold a license or certificate.

The Board considers Dr. Beach’s conduct, as reflected in the records and files of his application, to be extremely concerning

and contrary to the recognized stands of medical ethics as adopted by the American Medical Association (“AMA”). Specifically, the Board believes that Dr. Beach failed to uphold the following AMA Principles of Medical Ethics:

- (II) **A physician shall uphold the standards of professionalism**, be honest in all professional interactions, and strive to report physicians deficient in character or competence, or engaging in fraud or deception, to appropriate entities; and
- (III) **A physician shall respect the law** and also recognize a responsibility to seek changes in those requirements which are contrary to the best interests of the patient.

Emphases added.

As such, based on the foregoing, the Board hereby imposes the following conditions on Dr. Beach’s conditional license:

1. Dr. Beach shall enter into a monitoring contract with Pu`ulu Lapa`au, The Hawai`i Program for Healthcare Professionals (“Pu`ulu Lapa`au”) within sixty (60) days of the date of this letter. The length of the contact shall be determined by Pu`ulu Lapa`au. However, said monitoring contract may be extended by the Board if the Board believes that reasonable grounds exist.
2. Dr. Beach may only begin to practice medicine in the State of Hawaii after he receives written confirmation from the Board that he has been issued a medical license number by the Board.
3. If, at any time, Pu`ulu Lapa`au determines that Dr. Beach is not in compliance with the monitoring contract, he shall immediately notify the Board and immediately cease practicing medicine until Pu`ulu Lapa`au specifies to the Board what conditions, if any, it recommends for him to safely resume the practice of medicine. Depending upon Pu`ulu Lapa`au’s written report and recommendations, the Board may evaluate what, if any, further conditions and/or limitations are warranted for him to practice medicine and impose such conditions and/or limitations on your license. If he fails to refrain from using drugs or alcohol and inappropriate behavior, the Board also will consider whether to suspend, revoke, or otherwise discipline his license.

4. During the period of Dr. Beach's conditional license, he shall ensure that Pu'ulu Lapa`au submits quarterly written reports to the Board either by first-class mail or email. These written reports shall include, but not be limited to, assessments regarding: (1) his compliance with the monitoring contract; and (2) his ability to safely practice as a physician. The first quarterly report is due within ninety (90) days from the date of his conditional license number is issued.
5. The Board, at its discretion, may pursue additional disciplinary action as provided by law to include further fines and other sanctions as the Board may deem appropriate if Dr. Beach violates any further provision of the statutes or rules governing the conduct of physicians in the State of Hawaii, or if he fails to abide by the terms of his conditional license.
6. Should Dr. Beach wish to have any condition removed from his license, he shall make a request in writing to the Board, at which time the Board would consider such request. When doing so, Dr. Beach shall provide evidence of full compliance with his monitoring contract with Pu'ulu Lapa`au and all other conditions placed on his conditional license.

b. Laura A. Black, M.D.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Halford, seconded by Dr. Takanishi, and unanimously carried to approve Dr. Black's application.

c. Nicholas Lin, M.D.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Halford, seconded by Dr. Takanishi, and unanimously carried to defer Dr. Lin's application pending submission of additional information.

d. Cornell Wells, Jr., M.D.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Vice Chair Holt, seconded by Dr. Halford, and unanimously carried to defer Dr. Wells' application.

(ii) Physician (Permanent/Endorsement)

a. Ronald Baird, D.O.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Takanishi, seconded by Mr. Belcher, and unanimously carried to deny Dr. Baird's application.

The Board based its decision on the following grounds of the Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") and Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR"), which find factual support in the records and files of Dr. Baird's application:

HRS section 453-4.6 provides that:

- (a) The board may issue a license by endorsement to a physician, surgeon, or osteopathic physician if:

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- (2) The board determines that no disciplinary action has been taken by any medical licensing authority and the applicant has not been subject of adverse judgements or settlements resulting from the practice of medicine that the board determines constitute evidence of a pattern of negligence or incompetence.

Dr. Baird does not qualify for a license by endorsement based on this statutory provision.

HRS section 453-8 provides that:

- (a) In addition to any other actions authorized by law, any license to practice medicine and surgery may be revoked, limited, or suspended by the board at any time in a proceeding before the board, or may be denied, for any cause authorized by law, including but not limited to the following:

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- (6) Procuring a license through fraud, misrepresentation, or deceit, or knowingly permitting an unlicensed person to perform activities requiring a license;

- (7) Professional misconduct, hazardous negligence causing bodily injury to another, or manifest incapacity in the practice of medicine or surgery;
- (9) Conduct or practice contrary to 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;
- (11) Revocation, suspension, or other disciplinary action by another state or federal agency of a license, certificate, or medical privilege; and
- (15) Submitting to or filing with the board any notice, statement, or other document required under this chapter, which is false or untrue or contains any material misstatement or omission of fact.

HAR section 16-85-112 provides that:

- (a) In addition to any other acts or conditions provided in sections 436B-19 and 453-8, HRS, the board may refuse to renew, reinstate, or restore, or may deny, revoke, suspend, or condition in any manner, any license, certificate for any one or more of the following conditions:

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- (1) Failure to comply with, observe, or adhere to any law in a manner such that the board deems the licensee or certificate holder to be an unfit or improper person to hold a license or certificate; and
- (3) Violating this chapter, the applicable licensing laws, or any rule or order of the board.

HRS section 436B-19 provides that:

- (a) In addition to any other acts or conditions provided by law, the licensing authority may refuse to renew, reinstate or restore or may deny, revoke, suspend, or condition in any manner, any license for any one or more of the following acts or conditions on the part of the licensee or the applicant thereof:

* * *

- (1) Failure to meet or maintain the conditions and requirements necessary to qualify for the granting of a license;
- (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.

The Board considers Dr. Baird's conduct to be extremely concerning and contrary to the recognized stands of ethics as adopted by the American Osteopathic Association ("AOA"). Specifically, the Board believes that Dr. Baird failed to uphold the following AOA Code of Ethics:

- Section 13. A physician shall respect the law. When necessary a physician shall attempt to help to formulate the law by all proper means in order to improve patient care and public health;
- Section 14: In addition to adhering to the foregoing ethical standards, a physician shall recognize a responsibility to participate in community activities and services; and
- Section 15: It is considered sexual misconduct for a physician to have sexual contact with any patient with whom a physician-patient relationship currently exists.

b. Nuvneet Khandelwal, M.D.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Chair Geimer-Flanders, seconded by Dr. Holt, and unanimously carried to approve license with conditions for Dr. Khandelwal's application.

The Board based its decision on the following grounds of the Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") and American Medical Association's Principles of Medical Ethics, which find factual support in the records and files of Dr. Khandelwal's application:

HRS section 436B-19 provides that:

- (a) In addition to any other acts or conditions provided by law, the licensing authority may refuse to renew, reinstate or restore or may deny, revoke, suspend, or

condition in any manner, any license for any one or more of the following acts or conditions on the part of the licensee or the applicant thereof:

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- (9) Conduct or practice contrary to recognized standards of ethics for the licensed profession or vocation.

The Board considers Dr. Khandelwal's conduct, as reflected in the records and files of his application, to be of concern and contrary to the recognized stands of medical ethics as adopted by the American Medical Association ("AMA"). Specifically, the Board believes that Dr. Khandelwal failed to uphold the following AMA Principles of Medical Ethics: AMA Principles of Ethics provides that:

- (2) A physician shall uphold the standards of professionalism, be honest in all professional interactions, and strive to report physicians deficient in character or competence, or engaging in fraud or deception, to appropriate entities.

Emphasis added.

As such, based on the foregoing, the Board hereby imposes the following conditions on Dr. Khandelwal's conditional license:

1. Dr. Khandelwal shall enter into a monitoring contract with Pu`ulu Lapa`au, The Hawai`i Program for Healthcare Professionals ("Pu`ulu Lapa`au") within sixty (60) days of the date of this letter. The length of the contact shall be determined by Pu`ulu Lapa`au. However, said monitoring contract may be extended by the Board if the Board believes that reasonable grounds exist. The Board notes that on November 12, 2021, Dr. Khandelwal entered into a contract with Pu`ulu Lapa`au and received a copy of the fully executed contract on November 13, 2021.
2. Dr. Khandelwal may only begin to practice medicine in the State of Hawaii after he receives written confirmation from the Board that he has been issued a medical license number by the Board.
3. If, at any time, Pu`ulu Lapa`au determines that Dr. Khandelwal is not in compliance with the monitoring contract, he shall immediately notify the Board and

immediately cease practicing medicine until Pu`ulu Lapa`au specifies to the Board what conditions, if any, it recommends for him to safely resume the practice of medicine. Depending upon Pu`ulu Lapa`au's written report and recommendations, the Board may evaluate what, if any, further conditions and/or limitations are warranted for him to practice medicine and impose such conditions and/or limitations on your license. If he fails to refrain from using drugs or alcohol and inappropriate behavior, the Board also will consider whether to suspend, revoke, or otherwise discipline his license.

4. During the period of Dr. Khandelwal's conditional license, he shall ensure that Pu`ulu Lapa`au submits quarterly written reports to the Board either by first-class mail or email. These written reports shall include, but not be limited to, assessments regarding: (1) his compliance with the monitoring contract; and (2) his ability to safely practice as a physician. The first quarterly report is due within ninety (90) days from the date of his conditional license number is issued.
5. The Board, at its discretion, may pursue additional disciplinary action as provided by law to include further fines and other sanctions as the Board may deem appropriate if Dr. Khandelwal violates any further provision of the statutes or rules governing the conduct of physicians in the State of Hawaii, or if he fails to abide by the terms of his conditional license.
6. Should Dr. Khandelwal wish to have any condition removed from his license, he shall make a request in writing to the Board, at which time the Board would consider such request. When doing so, Dr. Khandelwal shall provide evidence of full compliance with his monitoring contract with Pu`ulu Lapa`au and all other conditions placed on his conditional license.

Applications for
License/
Certification:

- B. Ratifications:
- (i) List

It was moved by Chair Geimer-Flanders, seconded by Dr. Halford, and unanimously carried to ratify the attached list of individuals for licensure or certification.

Executive
Officer's
Report:

A. 2022 Board Meeting Schedule

Ms. Quiogue advised members that this information was included with their packet. She also advised that the 2022 meetings from January-April may be longer due to the legislative session. In-person meetings may begin in January 2022; however, the Board members, staff, and public would still be required to comply with all social distancing and face covering requirements.

B. 2022 Renewals

Ms. Quiogue advised members who are M.D.s that the renewal deadline is January 31, 2022, and that they must have a current license to serve on the Board. If eligible, they may renew their licenses online.

Next Meeting: December 9, 2021
1:00 p.m. Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Ahlani K. Quiogue

/s/ Marc Yoshimura

(Ms.) Ahlani K. Quiogue
Executive Officer

(Mr.) Marc Yoshimura
Secretary

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Minutes approved as is.
Minutes approved with changes: Please see the minutes of the 1/20/22 meeting

HAWAII MEDICAL BOARD 11/18/21 - RATIFICATION LIST

LICENSE NUMBER	LICENSEE
AMD-1097-0	ANNA J PARK
AMD-1098-0	LAUREN L PANGLE
AMD-1099-0	MICHAEL L LADA
AMD-1100-0	ROSEMARY F HINKLEY
AMD-1101-0	MARIANA OBANDO VELEZ
AMD-1102-0	FLORA M Y WANG
AMD-1103-0	MELISSA ANN ALMOND
DOS-2211-0	DAVID A GARCIA
DOS-2212-0	ROSS A COHEN
DOS-2213-0	DONALD E ROSE
DOS-2214-0	ANDREW S SAKLA
DOS-2215-0	JASON R DIVITO
DOS-2216-0	ERIC I YANG SUN
DOS-2217-0	ANDREW C NGUYEN
DOS-2218-0	ISABEL M PEREIRA
DOS-2219-0	JACOB ANTHONY FISCHER
DOS-2220-0	MICHELLE A FISH
DOS-2221-0	FRANK M CHOE
DOS-2222-0	VALERIE J ZARCONE
DOS-2223-0	GINA G CHARLES
DOS-2224-0	SHINY MANDLA
DOS-2225-0	RYAN D KRAUSE
EMT-3106-0	JAMIE BROWNE
EMT-3107-0	SHANNA S K SALBEDO
EMTP-2342-0	CIERA J EISELE
EMTP-2343-0	JEFFREY THOMAS HARALDSEN
MD-22053-0	TIMOTHY BRIAN O'DONNELL
MD-22054-0	ANGELA M EGLY
MD-22055-0	JEFFREY L KATZ
MD-22056-0	HIROSHI ASHIKAGA
MD-22057-0	ERIC BRUCE SKLAR
MD-22058-0	KRYSTAL ANN ESTRADA
MD-22059-0	JESSICA OH
MD-22060-0	VICTORIA M MANK
MD-22061-0	PRASHANTH SASHIKAN NAVARAN
MD-22062-0	RAQUEL RODRIGUEZ MARTINEZ
MD-22063-0	TYFFANY CHEN
MD-22064-0	TIMOTHY MICHAEL COTTER
MD-22065-0	LEAH WEINSTEIN
MD-22066-0	SHAWN S CLAUSEN
MD-22067-0	KELLY J SUN

MD-22068-0	DAVID J HORN
MD-22069-0	SILVESTRE LEONARDO ROSAS
MD-22070-0	NYLA HAZRATJEE
MD-22071-0	MICHAEL BOCHEN TANG
MD-22072-0	TIMOTHY HOON MOON
MD-22073-0	JEUNIECE R K SAMPSON
MD-22075-0	NASREEN Z AKBAR
MD-22076-0	ZEV S TOVIAN
MD-22077-0	JOHN M SOLAK
MD-22078-0	ELIZABETH C MCMILLAN
MD-22079-0	ROBERT ALBARES
MD-22080-0	SAMSON BARASA
MD-22081-0	JOHN AREK KILECI
MD-22082-0	QUE NGUYEN
MD-22083-0	LIN-FAN WANG
MD-22084-0	RANIA HITO
MD-22085-0	BHARATHI MAHENDRI RAIDOO
MD-22086-0	WILLIAM J WADZINSKI
MD-22087-0	JONATHAN WILLIAM KOLE
MD-22088-0	BISMA S SIDDIQI
MD-22089-0	ALEX MARK WURM
MD-22090-0	ADNAN N LAKHANI
MD-22091-0	PAULA R GREENFIELD
MD-22092-0	BASHEER LOTFI-FARD
MD-22093-0	DEVENA ALSTON-JOHNSON
MDR-8180-0	DOMINIQUE I DABIJA
MDR-8181-0	ALEX U SIEGEL
MDR-8182-0	LAUREN THOLEMEIER
MDR-8183-0	SARAH K GARRISON
MDR-8184-0	EMILY CHIEN
MDR-8185-0	DANIEL K MURPHY
MDR-8186-0	DAVID AARON WARSHAW
MDR-8187-0	AMMANEE MOHAMMAD
MDR-8188-0	BRADLEY R HAMLIN JR
MDR-8189-0	DAVID DIAZ
MDR-8190-0	ELLIOTT C FOX