

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: March 9, 2023

Time: 1:00 p.m.

In-Person Meeting Location: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
HRH King Kalakaua Building  
335 Merchant Street, First Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Virtual Participation: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar  
<https://dcca-hawaii-gov.zoom.us/j/96755732842>

Present: Danny M. Takanishi, M.D., Chairperson, Honolulu Member  
Gary Belcher, Vice Chairperson, Public Member  
Franklin V.H. Dao, M.D., Honolulu Member  
Andrew “Rick” Fong, M.D., Hawaii Member  
Ronald Fujimoto, D.O., Kauai, Osteopathic Member  
Michael Jaffe, D.O., Honolulu, Osteopathic Member  
Elizabeth “Lisa Ann” Ignacio, M.D., Maui Member  
Wesley Mun, Public Member  
Rebecca Sawai, M.D., Honolulu Member  
Geri Young, M.D., Kauai Member  
Shari J. Wong, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)  
Ahlani K. Quiogue, Executive Officer  
Chiara Latini, Secretary  
Johnny Li (Technical Support)  
Mia Hoang (Technical Support)

Excused: None.

Zoom Webinar Guest(s): Chris  
Prof. Gregory Larkin  
Sarah  
Luke

Agenda: The agenda for this meeting was posted to the State electronic calendar as required by Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”) section 92-7(b).  
  
A short video was played to explain the meeting procedures and how members of the public could participate in the virtual meeting.

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

Order: was established.

Vice Chair Belcher welcomed everyone to the meeting and proceeded with a roll call of the Board members. All Board members confirmed that they were present and alone with the exception of Chair Takanishi and Dr. Fujimoto who joined the meeting at a later time.

Dr. Fujimoto joined the meeting at 1:55 p.m. Chair Takanishi joined the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

Approval of the  
February 9, 2023  
Minutes:

It was moved by Dr. Jaffe, seconded by Mr. Mun, and unanimously carried, to approve the meeting minutes of the open session and executive session meeting minutes of the February 9, 2023, meeting as circulated.

Vice Chair Belcher asked if anyone from the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There was none.

Applications for  
License/  
Certification:

A. Applications:

It was moved by Dr. Dao seconded by Dr. Young, and unanimously carried to enter into executive session at 1:10 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). Vice Chair Belcher proceeded with a roll call of the Board members in Microsoft Teams. All members confirmed that they were present and alone.

(i) Physician (Permanent/Endorsement):

a. Gregory L. Larkin, M.D.

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

a. Chivano Chhieng, M.D.

b. Lisa J. Hunt, D.O.

*Ronald Fujimoto, D.O. entered the Microsoft Teams meeting at 1:55 p.m.*

c. Christine Traxler, M.D.

*Chair Takanishi entered the Microsoft Teams meeting at 2:06 p.m.*

d. William R. Graf, II, M.D.

It was moved by Dr. Jaffe, seconded by Dr. Dao, and unanimously carried to return to the open session meeting at 2:35 p.m. Board members and staff returned to the Zoom meeting. All Board members confirmed that they were present and alone.

(i) Physician (Permanent/Endorsement):

a. Gregory L. Larkin, M.D.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Dao, seconded by Dr. Sawai, and unanimously carried to approve Dr. Larkin's application.

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

a. Chivano Chhieng, M.D.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Fong, seconded by Vice Chair Belcher, and unanimously carried to deny Dr. Chhieng's application

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

HRS §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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- (11) Revocation, suspension, or other disciplinary action by another state or federal agency of a license, certificate, or medical privilege.

HAR §16-85-107 provides that:

- (a) An application for issuance of a license or certificate shall be denied when an

application is insufficient or incomplete or when an applicant has failed to provide satisfactory proof that the applicant meets the requirements under chapters 453 or 463E, HRS, or this chapter. In addition, the board may deny issuance of a license or certificate:

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- (3) If the applicant has had disciplinary action taken by any jurisdiction, including any federal or state regulatory body.

b. Lisa J. Hunt, D.O.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Jaffe, seconded by Dr. Dao, to defer Dr. Hunt's application. The vote was recorded as follows:

Chair Takanishi, Vice Chair Belcher, Drs. Dao, Fong, Fujimoto, Ignacio, Jaffe, and Mr. Mun voted to defer the application.

Drs. Young and Sawai abstained from voting on the matter.

The motion to defer this application carried.

c. Christine Traxler, M.D.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Sawai, seconded by Mr. Mun, and unanimously carried to approve Dr. Traxler's application pending a revised application.

d. William R. Graf, II, M.D.

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

B. Ratification List (See attached list)

(i) March 9, 2023, Ratification List

It was moved Dr. Jaffe, seconded by Dr. Dao, and unanimously carried to ratify the attached list of individuals for licensure or certification from March 9,

2023.

Chair Takanishi asked if anyone from the public would like to provide oral testimony on these agenda items. There was none.

2023  
Legislation:

A. S.C.R. 4 REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SUNRISE REVIEW OF THE REGULATION AND LICENSURE OF ASSOCIATE PHYSICIANS

The Board discussed this measure.

Ms. Quiogue informed the Board members that at the last Board meeting, the members voted to support this measure in lieu of S.B. 61, which proposed to regulate associate physicians.

Ms. Quiogue will submit testimony on behalf of the Board when S.C.R. 4 is heard before the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection on March 16, 2023.

By consensus, the Board will support this measure.

B. H.B. 664, H.D. 1, RELATING TO HEALTH

The Board discussed this bill.

The purposes of this bill are to: authorizes physician assistants to sign orders for respiratory therapy and plans of care; and expand the class of health care providers under whom respiratory therapists may practice respiratory care to include physician assistants and advanced practice registered nurses.

Ms. Quiogue submitted testimony in support of this measure when it was heard by the House Committee on health and Homelessness on February 1, 2023.

C. S.B. 599, S.D. 1, RELATING TO HEALTH

The Board discussed this bill.

The purposes of this bill are to: allow certain physician assistants to sign orders for respiratory therapy and plans of care; and expand the class of health care providers under whom respiratory therapists may practice respiratory care to include physician assistants and advanced practice registered nurses.

Ms. Quiogue informed the members that this measure is now the vehicle since H.B. 664 did not crossover to the Senate. She went on to inform members that she will submit supportive testimony on

behalf of the Board when this measure is scheduled by the referred legislative committees.

D. S.B. 674, S.D. 1, RELATING TO THE INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT

The Board discussed this bill.

The purposes of this bill are to: adopt the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact to create a comprehensive process that complements the existing licensing and regulatory authority of state medical boards and provides a streamlined process that allows physicians to become licensed in multiple states; require the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to adopt rules to implement and administer the Compact; and appropriate funds for the implementation of the Compact.

Ms. Quiogue informed to the Board that testimony had been submitted in support of the bill requesting funds to hire an executive officer, a secretary, and an office assistant. A delayed implementation date was also requested to establish the program.

Ms. Quiogue went on to inform the Board members that she would contact the Federation of State Medical Boards and Interstate Medical Licensure Commission to ensure that the proposed language is acceptable.

E. H.B. 884, H.D. 1, RELATING TO TRAVELING TEAM PHYSICIANS

The Board discussed this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to exempt from State licensure requirements for out-of-state traveling team physicians who accompany a sports team to Hawai'i, under certain conditions.

Ms. Quiogue informed to the Board that testimony appreciating the intent and providing comments will be provided when the measure is heard by the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

F. S.B. 1, S.D. 1, RELATING TO HEALTH CARE

The Board discussed this bill.

The purposes of this bill are:

PART I - Allows licensed physician assistants to perform abortions. Repeals the requirement that abortions, including aspiration abortions performed by advance practice registered nurses, be performed at certain locations. Clarifies that a patient has the right to choose to obtain an abortion, or to terminate a pregnancy if the termination is necessary to protect the life or health of the patient, and the State shall not deny or interfere with these rights. Defines "abortion" and "nonviable fetus". Part II - Prohibits a covered entity from disclosing communication or information relating to reproductive health care services. Prohibits the issuance of a subpoena in connection with an out-of-state proceeding relating to reproductive health care services legally performed in the State. Prohibits agencies from providing information or expending resources in the furtherance of interstate investigations or proceedings relating to reproductive health care services. Prohibits the State from penalizing, prosecuting, or otherwise taking adverse action based on pregnancy outcomes or aiding or assisting a pregnant individual with accessing reproductive health care services. Requires the Governor to deny any demand for surrender of a person charged with a crime involving reproductive health care services unless the conduct constitutes a crime in the State. Enumerates laws contrary to public policy and prohibits their application as rules of decision in the courts. Prohibits the issuance of a summons for persons to testify in another state with regard to lawful reproductive health care services. Part III - Clarifies under various licensing statutes that the provision or assistance in receipt or provision of medical, surgical, pharmaceutical, counseling, or referral services related to the human reproductive system cannot form a basis for disciplinary action. Part IV - Prohibits the enforcement of a judgment or order arising from a foreign penal civil action or other penal law with respect to reproductive health care services. Part V – Amends the definition of "medical care and services" that a minor may consent to receive without any other person's consent to include surgery and any treatment to induce abortion.

Ms. Quiogue informed members that this measure, among other things, proposed to allow physician assistants to provide certain abortion care and removes the setting of where an abortion may be performed. Testimony was submitted on behalf of the Board to the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

G. S.B. 319, S.D. 1, RELATING TO THE RECOGNITION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL LICENSURE INTERSTATE COMPACT

The Board discussed this bill.

The purposes of this bill are to: establish a working group to study the feasibility and effects of the State adopting the Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact; and require a report to the Legislature.

Ms. Quiogue relayed that the Board had provided comments appreciating the intent of this bill, but notes that unless the Board's concerns are addressed, then a working group would not be able to add value to this matter since a compact's language cannot be amended to satisfy one jurisdiction's concerns.

H. S.B. 390, S.D. 1, RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

The Board discussed this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to repeal the sunset date of section 2 of Act 119, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2021, making permanent the requirement that the Hawai'i Medical Board issue licenses in four levels of emergency response practice in counties with a population of five hundred thousand or greater and the creation of an additional licensure category for emergency medical technicians 1 who are certified at a higher practice level than emergency medical technicians but do not provide ambulance services.

Ms. Quiogue informed the Board that during the 2022 legislative session, a measure was passed out, which made permanent EMT-1 licensure; however, that bill did not repeal the sunset date.

I. S.B. 438, RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL LICENSING

The Board discussed this bill.

The purposes of this bill are to: reduce the period for which an application shall be considered abandoned from two years to one year. Specifies the conditions under which applications for licenses and examinations will be deemed abandoned; provide that the one-year period after which an application is considered abandoned cannot be extended; provide that a licensing authority

shall not be required to act on any abandoned application and that the licensing authority may destroy abandoned applications; and clarify that an application submitted after an abandoned application shall be treated as a new application and that the applicant shall comply with any new licensing requirements in effect at the time of the new application.

Vice Chair Belcher is in support of the bill.

Dr. Elizabeth Ann Ignacio asked if this bill would be disadvantageous to some applicants.

Chair Takanishi stated that the procrastination of an applicant denotes the unwillingness to supply all documents due to concerns over the likelihood of being licensed or inattention to the application process.

It was moved by Vice Chair Belcher, seconded by Dr. Jaffe and unanimously carried to support the bill.

J. S.B. 1167, S.D. 1, PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO PROTECT INDIVIDUAL REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

The Board discussed this bill.

Proposes a constitutional amendment to protect an individual's reproductive freedom in their most intimate decisions, including the right to abortion and contraceptives.

The Board will track this bill.

Federation of  
State Medical  
Boards, Inc.  
(FSMB):

A. Draft Report: Strategies for Prescribing Opioids for the Management of Pain

The Board considered the FSMB's Draft Report on Strategies for Prescribing Opioids for the Management of Pain.

Chair Takanishi asked if any of the Board members had any comments about the report.

Dr. Jaffe relayed to the Board that aside from Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii does not offer a multidisciplinary pain management program, and thinks

that this matter should be addressed by the Board since Hawaii is lagging behind other states.

Dr. Jaffe went on to say that there is no collaboration between primary care physicians and pain specialists regarding complex pain-patients who require the prescription of opioids. He went on to state that he appreciated the report addressing the dissuasion of Methadone as an alternative to opiate use disorder, which he finds to be dangerous.

Chair Takanishi stated that Board members have been looking into revising the application in accordance with some of the Federation's policy regarding individuals who are enrolled in treatment programs for substance use.

He went on to ask if the Board members had any questions, if anyone had anything they would like to discuss, or if they would like to add to future agendas.

Chair Takanishi asked the Board members if they had any additional questions or comments.

Their being none, the meeting was adjourned.

Ms. Quiogue thanked the Board members for their service.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 13, 2023  
1:00 p.m.

In-Person Meeting Location: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
335 Merchant Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Ahlani K. Quiogue

/s/ Chiara Latini

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(Ms.) Ahlani K. Quiogue  
Executive Officer

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(Ms.) Chiara Latini  
Secretary

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Minutes approved as is.

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Minutes approved with changes:

## HAWAII MEDICAL BOARD 03/09/2023 – RATIFICATION LIST

AMD-1230-0	BOBBY JOHN ARDILA
AMD-1231-0	ELISA RENEE MIAN
AMD-1232-0	SETH R SNYDER
AMD-1233-0	RYAN D ASENCIOS
AMD-1234-0	MARGOT KARR
AMD-1235-0	MICHAEL CASE
AMD-1236-0	ARDEN RUTH TURKEWITZ
AMD-1237-0	JENNA N BARTHOLOMEW
AMD-1238-0	MACY O RODERICK
AMD-1239-0	JOHN H NUNN
AMD-1240-0	MORGAN A MARKHAM
AMD-1241-0	ALESSANDRA P ORTHEY
AMD-1242-0	NICHOLAS ROMANO
AMD-1243-0	SUNNY PROFERES
DOS-2384-0	ABRAR KHAN
DOS-2385-0	DAVID JAMES LEMONS
DOS-2386-0	HOWARD COOPER
DOS-2387-0	CHELSEA ELIZABETH WICKENHEISER
DOS-2388-0	KEARY O'CONNOR
DOS-2389-0	IRAM N QURESHI
DOS-2390-0	HYRUM L JUDD
EMT-3295-0	EMILY M SKIDMORE
EMT-3296-0	SCOTT STUART BLISH
EMTP-2415-0	ALISHIA N COX
MD-23312-0	HARPREET CHHOKAR
MD-23313-0	GRACE LYNN CHIEN
MD-23314-0	CATHERINE HONG THAO NGUYEN
MD-23315-0	DONALD MICHAEL MOE
MD-23316-0	JOSEPH URBAN BECKER
MD-23317-0	ALEXANDRU BARABAS
MD-23318-0	ERIC BRADLEY SCHMELL
MD-23319-0	ELYSSE S L M TOM
MD-23320-0	BRYCE K TANAKA
MD-23321-0	CARL JAMES SEGER
MD-23322-0	ALLISON ARRIGONI
MD-23323-0	CHRISTIAN HENRY SANVICTORES BERNARDO

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MD-23326-0	JOHN ZHANG
MD-23327-0	SHIRLEY XIAO YAN
MD-23328-0	STEVEN CLAUS HARNACK
MD-23329-0	DAVID ALBERT BRYANT
MD-23330-0	JILLIAN HURLEY CALL
MD-23331-0	STEPHANIE EILEEN MCLAUGHLIN
MD-23332-0	DAVID KEITH HELTON
MD-23333-0	JACOB NEWCOMB
MD-23334-0	PAMELA VALENTINO
MD-23335-0	CHRISTOPHER STAEHELI
MD-23336-0	SABRINA HAAS
MD-23337-0	CHRISTOPHER PETER WANG
MD-23338-0	KABIR MATHARU
MD-23339-0	SI CHEN
MD-23340-0	LARISA G RAASTAD
MD-23341-0	MALLORY KATHLEEN BEED
MD-23342-0	CHRISTINE PACOLD
MD-23343-0	LEE GRAHAM
MD-23344-0	MARIA ELIZABETH TAMBORSKI
MD-23345-0	NEHA PRABODH RESHAMWALA
MD-23346-0	AILEA L Y APANA
MD-23347-0	KAYLA A MURATA
MD-23348-0	HORYUN CHOI
MD-23349-0	PAUL S CHUNG
MD-23350-0	NORA IMMORDINO FELDPAUSCH
MD-23351-0	MATTHEW MOOG
MD-23352-0	YOSHITO NISHIMURA
MD-23353-0	IAN THOMAS KROES
MD-23354-0	DANIEL JAMES KENAN
MD-23355-0	ALISON GOO
MD-23356-0	AISHA COLLINS NOBLE
MD-23357-0	HOWARD MARK KENNEY
MD-23358-0	WENDY E DORAN
MD-23359-0	UDIT KONDAL
MD-23360-0	JORDAN DANIEL LANE
MD-23361-0	NICK J PASLIDIS
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MD-23363-0	THOMAS GUERRERO
MD-23364-0	LAUREN KIM

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MD-23367-0	BRYSA T W KATO
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MD-23369-0	BRYAN YEH
MD-23370-0	PAUL BARTOLOMEO DIDOMENICO
MD-23371-0	MEGAN L A ARAUJO
MD-23372-0	HUZEFA MUSTAFA BHOPALWALA
MD-23373-0	BENJAMIN MICHAEL WEISSMAN
MD-23374-0	ABHISHEK SAWANT
MD-23375-0	CATHERINE RAULT
MD-23376-0	KATHLEEN WALKER MAYER
MD-23377-0	CAMILE NMI LAREDO
MD-23378-0	DEBBIE CHANG
MD-23379-0	ARIANNA NELSON
MD-23380-0	BARBORA KADECKA
MD-23381-0	ALAMELU UDAYAPPAN
MD-23382-0	KYLE MCATEE
MD-23383-0	DAVID LEFFERS
MD-23384-0	FANNY YEUNG
MD-23385-0	ABDULELAH ESSAM A NUQALI
MD-23386-0	ERIC JOHN ROSENBAUM
MD-23387-0	SHAUN GIANCATERINO
MD-23388-0	DAVID L ECKLES
MD-23389-0	STEVEN MILES WHITE
MD-23390-0	MICHAEL CANNEY DEVISSER
MD-23391-0	SUZANNE DAWN CLAYTON
MD-23392-0	ANNE MARIE SAMAHA
MD-23393-0	DANIEL K MURPHY
MD-23394-0	SHARON CHEN
MD-23395-0	STELLA KINYOTA
MD-23396-0	CHANHAENG RHEE
MD-23397-0	KRYSLIN T NISHIBUN
MD-23398-0	NICOLA HYDE
MD-23399-0	ETHAN CHARLES K H CHUN
MD-23400-0	KATHRYN K CHOO LOY
MD-23401-0	BRIAN SUK LEE
MD-23402-0	GIGI CLAIRE LEFEBVRE
MD-23403-0	LELI LAURIE CHEN
MD-23404-0	YUPENG LIU
MD-23405-0	JORDAN M JENSEN

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MD-23407-0	DING DING KELLY LEE
MD-23408-0	KATHERINE ELIZABETH HERZOG
MD-23409-0	LESLEY ANNE PORTUGAL
MD-23410-0	WILLIAM MARTIN ELLIOTT II
MD-23411-0	KURT BOYD HODGES
MD-23412-0	MARGARITA ABRAMOVICH
MD-23413-0	NICHOLAS JAMES HURST
MD-23414-0	JOHN MENDELSON
MD-23415-0	CHRISTINE L LEE
MD-23416-0	GENIA C TAITANO
MD-23417-0	MICHAEL JUSTIN COFFEY
MD-23418-0	KEVIN MICHAEL MCCLUSKEY
MD-23419-0	BRANTLEY JOLLY
MD-23420-0	IDREES MOHIUDDIN
MD-23421-0	NKIRUKA EMEAGWALI
MDR-8476-0	TEMITOPE O GAFAAR
MDR-8477-0	GIDEON SINGLETON
MDR-8478-0	CASEY K GENTILE
MDR-8479-0	PABLO A DELIS
MDR-8480-0	THOMAS J CHOI
MDR-8481-0	GABRIELLE E FONTENEAUX