

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: October 10, 2024

Time: 1:00 p.m.

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

Virtual Participation: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar

<https://dcca-hawaii.gov.zoom.us/j/83429784345?pwd=5L4mzGgajSRPVmKMKUCNhMdKkLhgha.1>

Zoom Recoding Link: <https://youtu.be/6dOqC2PMg3o>

Present: Danny M. Takanishi, M.D., Chairperson, Honolulu Member
Gary Belcher, Vice Chairperson, Public Member
Andrew R. Fong, MD, Hawaii County Member
Michael Jaffe, D.O., Honolulu, Osteopathic Member
Elizabeth “Lisa Ann” Ignacio, M.D., Maui Member
Wesley Mun, Public Member
Angela Pratt, M.D., Honolulu Member
Rebecca Sawai, M.D., Honolulu Member
Geri Young, M.D., Kauai Member
William Brian Hatten, D.O., Osteopathic Member
Shari J. Wong, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)
Ahlani K. Quiogue, Licensing Administrator
Randy Ho, Executive Officer
Chelsea Fukunaga, Executive Officer
Dawn Lee, Administrative Assistant
Johnny Li (Technical Support)

Zoom Guests: Alexander White
dr.richardpaltenghi
Autumn Conde
Kozue Shimabukuro
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Ricky Patel

In-Person Guest(s): Rebecca Yanashiro

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 Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m., at which time quorum was established.

Chair Takanishi 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.

Approval of the August 8, 2024, Open Session and Executive Minutes:

It was moved by Dr. Pratt, seconded by Dr. Jaffe, and carried by a majority, with the exception of Dr. Fong and Dr. Hatten, who abstained from the discussion and vote on this matter, to approve the meeting minutes of the open session and executive session of the August 8, 2024, meeting, as follows:

Chair Takanishi, Mr. Belcher, Dr. Jaffe, Dr. Ignacio, Dr. Munn, Dr. Pratt, Dr. Sawai, and Dr. Young voted in favor of the motion.

Dr. Fong and Dr. Hatten abstained from the vote.

Chair Takanishi informed meeting attendees that applicants whose applications were on the agenda would be invited to join the executive session to provide their testimony.

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

Ch. 91, HRS, Adjudicatory Matters:

Chair Takanishi called for a recess from the meeting at 1:20 p.m., to discuss and deliberate on the following adjudicatory matters pursuant to Chapter 91, HRS (Note: Board members and staff entered the Zoom Breakout Room).

Chair Takanishi proceeded with a roll call of the Board members in the Zoom Breakout Room. All Board members confirmed that they were present and alone.

A. In the Matter of the Physician’s License of Curtis R. Bekkum, M.D.; Hearings Officer’s Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommended Order; MED-2018-85-L.

Chair Takanishi announced that on October 9, 2024, the Board, through the Licensing Administrator, issued an Order Granting Respondent’s Motion for Order Continuing Hearing. The hearing on Oral Argument in the matter is tentatively rescheduled to Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

- B. In the Matter of the Physician's License of Chris A. Boulange, M.D.; Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of a Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order; Exhibits "1" and "2"; MED-2023-0044-L.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Jaffe, seconded by Dr. Pratt, and unanimously carried, to approve the aforementioned Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order.

Chair Takanishi's Zoom video froze, and he exited the Zoom breakout room at 1:25 p.m.

- C. In the Matter of the License to Practice Osteopathy of Shannon P. Calhoun, D.O.; Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order; Exhibits "1" - "2"; MED 2022-158-L.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Dr. Young, and unanimously carried, to defer the request for early termination of probation until additional information is received.

- D. In the Matter of the Physician's License of Kyle K. Chong, M.D.; Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petitioner for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order; MED-2024-0064-L.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Jaffe, seconded by Dr. Young, and unanimously carried, to approve the aforementioned Settlement Agreement to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order.

- E. In the Matter of the Physician's License of Sinikka Liisa Green, M.D.; Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order; Exhibits 1-4; MED-2023-251-L.

Chair Takanishi re-entered the Zoom Adjudicatory Matters Breakout Room at 1:32 p.m.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Mun, and unanimously carried, to approve the aforementioned Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order.

Following the Board's review, deliberation, and decision on these matters pursuant to Chapter 91, HRS, Chair Takanishi announced that the Board reconvenes to its Chapter 92, HRS, meeting at 1:43 p.m. Board members and staff returned to the open session

Zoom meeting. All Board members confirmed that they were present and alone.

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

Applications for
License/
Certification:

A. Applications:

It was moved by Dr. Jaffe, seconded by Mr. Belcher, and unanimously carried to enter into executive session at 1:47 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 the Zoom Breakout Room).

Chair Takanishi proceeded with a roll call of the Board members in the Zoom Breakout Room. All members confirmed that they were present and alone.

Dr. Ignacio's Zoom feed was dropped and she exited the Zoom Breakout Room at 2:04 p.m.

(i) Physician (Permanent/Endorsement):

a. Alexander Raymond White, M.D.

Alexander Raymond White, M.D. entered the Zoom Breakout Room at 2:05 p.m.

Alexander Raymond White, M.D. exited the Zoom Breakout Room at 2:15 p.m.

b. Kozue Shimabukuro, M.D.

Dr. Ignacio re-entered Zoom Executive Session Breakout Room at 2:23 p.m.

Kozue Shimabukuro, M.D. entered the Zoom Breakout Room at 2:31 p.m.

Kozue Shimabukuro, M.D. exited the Zoom Breakout Room at 2:39 p.m.

The Board took a brief recess from 2:42 p.m. to 2:47 p.m.

c. Yen-Trang Xuan Vo, D.O.

Yen-Trang Xuan Vo, D.O. entered the Zoom Breakout Room at 2:52 p.m.

Yen-Trang Xuan Vo, D.O. exited the Zoom Breakout Room at 3:01 p.m.

d. Autumn Dawn Conde, D.O.

Autumn Dawn Conde, D.O. entered the Zoom Breakout Room at 3:08 p.m.

Autumn Dawn Conde, D.O. exited the Zoom Breakout Room at 3:20 p.m.

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

a. Richard Neil Paltenghi, M.D.

Richard Neil Paltenghi, M.D. entered the Zoom Breakout Room at 3:25 p.m.

Richard Neil Paltenghi, M.D. exited the Zoom Breakout Room at 3:40 p.m.

b. Ricky Patel, D.O.

Ricky Patel, D.O. entered the Zoom Breakout Room at 3:56 p.m.

Ricky Patel, D.O. exited the Zoom Breakout Room at 4:03 p.m.

Scope of Practice: A. Does the administration of vitamin injections/shots (e.g., B12), fall under the practice of medicine as defined by Hawaii Revised Statutes §453-1

2025 Legislation: A. Relating to the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact

B. Relating to Medical Records

It was moved by Dr. Pratt, seconded by Dr. Sawai, and unanimously carried to return to the open session meeting at 4:16 p.m. Board members and staff returned to the main Zoom meeting. All Board members confirmed that they were present and alone.

(i) Physician (Permanent/Endorsement):

a. Alexander Raymond White, M.D.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Young, seconded by Dr. Pratt, and unanimously carried to approve Dr. White's application for licensure.

b. Kozue Shimabukuro, M.D.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Chair Takanishi, seconded by Mr. Belcher, and unanimously carried to approve Dr. Shimabukuro's application for licensure.

c. Yen-Trang Xuan Vo, D.O.

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

d. Autumn Dawn Conde, D.O.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Pratt, seconded by Dr. Hatten, and unanimously carried to approve Dr. Conde's application for licensure.

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

a. Richard Neil Paltenghi, M.D.

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

b. Ricky Patel, D.O.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Jaffe, seconded by Dr. Pratt, and unanimously carried to approve Dr. Patel's application.

B. Ratification List (See attached list)

(i) October 10, 2024, Ratification List

It was moved Dr. Jaffe, seconded by Dr. Young, and unanimously carried to ratify the attached lists of individuals for licensure or certification from October 10, 2024.

Scope of Practice: A. Does the administration of vitamin injections/shots (e.g., B12), fall under the practice of medicine as defined by Hawaii Revised Statutes §453-1

Due to time limitations, the Board will defer its discussion on this matter to a later meeting. In the meantime, the Executive Officer was instructed to perform additional research on the matter of delegating medical procedures to licensed/unlicensed providers by way of the Board's issuance of past informal opinions.

2025 Legislation: A. Relating to the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact

The purpose of this bill authorizes the Hawaii Medical Board as the State of Principal License to investigate and request criminal history record checks of qualified physicians seeking licensure through the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact. This bill also appropriates funds.

Chair Takanishi asked for a motion of support for this bill. It was moved by Dr. Pratt, seconded by Dr. Sawai, and unanimously carried to support this bill.

B. Relating to Medical Records

The purpose of this bill is to repeal requirements for healthcare providers leaving their practices to receive approval from the Department of Health for the disposition of their medical records.

Chair Takanishi made a motion that the Board track this measure if it is formally introduced during the 2025 legislative session. This motion was seconded by Dr. Jaffe, and carried unanimously carried by the Board to track this measure.

Due to time limitations, the Board deferred its discussion on these matters to a later meeting:

Interstate Medical Licensure Compact: A. Update Regarding Implementation of the IMLCC

Federation of State Medical Boards: A. FSMB Advisory Commission on Additional Licensing Models

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

(i) Policy on Physician Illness and Impairment:

United States Medical Licensing Examination: A. USMLE is seeking current and former physician board members to volunteer for its panels/committees

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 14, 2024

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Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Reviewed and Approved by:

Taken and Recorded by:

/s/ Randy Ho

/s/ Dawn Lee

Mr. Randy Ho
Executive Officer

Ms. Dawn Lee
Administrative Assistant

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Minutes approved as is.

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Minutes approved with changes: