

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: August 11, 2022

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/98116531271>

Present: Danny M. Takanishi, M.D., Chairperson, Honolulu
Gary Belcher, Vice Chairperson, Public Member
Darren Egami, M.D., Maui Member
Jone Geimer-Flanders, D.O., Osteopathic Member
Peter Halford, M.D., Honolulu Member
Michael Jaffe, D.O., Honolulu Osteopathic 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
Kellie Teraoka, Secretary
Chiara Latini, Secretary
Mia Hoang, Office Assistant (Technical Support)
Chelsea Fukunaga, Executive Officer (Technical Support)
Johnny Li (Technical Support)
Shelley Choy, Program Specialist, PVL

Excused: Franklin V.H. Dao, M.D., Honolulu Member
Andrew “Rick” Fong, M.D., Hawaii Member

Zoom Webinar Guest(s): Natasa Dragicevic, M.D.
Dennis Fong, M.D.
Krupa Pathak, M.D.
Jose Antonio Silva, M.D.
Zoom user (Mark Pithan, M.D.)
Maria Schotte, PA-C

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 1:08 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. Franklin V.H. Dao, M.D., Honolulu Member and Andrew “Rick” Fong, M.D., Hawaii Member were excused from the meeting.

Approval of the July 14, 2022, Minutes:

It was moved by Dr. Egami, seconded by Dr. Halford, and unanimously carried to approve the meeting minutes of the executive session and the meeting minutes of the open session of the July 14, 2022, meeting, as circulated.

Chair Takanishi asked if anyone from the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item.

It was reported that one individual raised their hand. Chair Takanishi reminded the individual that the open session portion of the meeting is public record under the Sunshine law. He went on to say that the executive session is not subject to public record.

Zoom user (Mark Pithan, M.D.) was promoted to a panelist at 1:11 p.m.

Mark Pithan, M.D. introduced himself and stated that he is in attendance to answer any questions regarding his application.

Dr. Pithan returned to an attendee at 1:12 p.m.

Adjudicatory Matters:

Chair Takanishi called for a recess from the meeting at 1:12 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 Licensing to Practice Medicine of Sung S. Yang, M.D.; MED 2020-67-L; Settlement Agreement After Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board’s Final Order.

The Board reviewed a request from Mr. Yang dated August 4, 2022, requesting that the Board provide him at least twelve (12) additional weeks following the completion of the online PBI ME-15 (Extended Course).

As a reminder, the Board previously determined that Mr. Yang’s deadline to submit the certificate of completion for this course is November 5, 2022. However, after further review of the materials, Mr. Yang would need to complete additional coursework following the online course.

It was moved by Chair Takanishi, seconded by Dr. Jaffe, and unanimously carried to approve Mr. Yang's request, and will provide him until January 27, 2023, to complete all requirement of the PBI Medical Ethics and Professionalism ME-15 (Extended Course). The Board determined that it will not consider any future requests for extensions from Mr. Yang. Failure to receive confirmation of completion of the course, inclusive of all extended training, will necessitate an additional referral to the Regulated Industries Complaints Office.

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 1:21 p.m. Board members and staff returned to the Zoom meeting.

Applications for
License/
Certification:

A. Applications:

It was moved by Dr. Geimer-Flanders, seconded by Mr. Belcher, and unanimously carried to enter into executive session at 1:25 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/Endorsement):

a. Natasa Dragicevic, M.D.

Chair Takanishi advised members and staff that he would be recusing himself from the discussion and decision-making on Dr. Dragicevic's request.

Chair Takanishi exited the Microsoft Teams meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Mr. Belcher will chair this portion of the meeting.

Natasa Dragicevic, M.D. entered the Microsoft Teams meeting at 1:51 p.m.

Natasa Dragicevic, M.D. exited the Microsoft Teams meeting at 2:06 p.m.

Chair Takanishi returned to the Microsoft Teams meeting at 2:07 p.m.

b. Dennis Y. Fong, M.D.

Dennis Y. Fong, M.D. entered the Microsoft Teams meeting at 2:21 p.m.

Dennis Y. Fong, M.D. exited the Microsoft Teams meeting at 2:28 p.m.

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

a. Krupa Pathak, M.D.

Krupa Pathak, M.D. entered the Microsoft Teams meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Krupa Pathak, M.D. exited the Microsoft Teams meeting at 2:42 p.m. due to technical difficulties.

Krupa Pathak, M.D. re-entered the Microsoft Teams meeting at 2:44 p.m.

Krupa Pathak, M.D. exited the Microsoft Teams meeting at 2:55 p.m.

b. Jose A. Silva, M.D.

Jose A. Silva, M.D. entered the Microsoft Teams meeting at 3:24 p.m.

Jose A. Silva, M.D. exited the Microsoft Teams meeting at 3:41 p.m.

c. Mark A. Pithan, M.D.

Mr. Mun left the Microsoft Teams meeting at 3:59 p.m.

Mark A. Pithan, M.D. entered the Microsoft Teams meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Mun returned to Microsoft Teams at 4:03 p.m.

Mark A. Pithan, M.D. exited the Microsoft Teams meeting at 4:09 p.m.

(iii) Physician Assistant:

a. Maria T. Schotte, PA-C

Maria T. Schotte, PA-C. entered the Microsoft Teams meeting at 4:16 p.m.

Maria T. Schotte, PA-C. exited the Microsoft Teams meeting at 4:18 p.m.

Maria T. Schotte, PA-C. re-entered the Microsoft Teams meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Maria T. Schotte, PA-C. exited the Microsoft Teams meeting at 4:23 p.m.

It was moved by Chair Takanishi, seconded by Dr. Geimer-Flanders, and unanimously carried to return to the open session meeting at 4:24 p.m. Board members and staff returned to the Zoom meeting.

(i) Physician (Permanent/Endorsement):

b. Dennis Y. Fong, M.D.:

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Jaffe, seconded by Dr. Geimer-Flanders, and unanimously carried to instruct Dr. Fong to reapply via the non-endorsement pathway of licensure.

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

a. Krupa Pathak, M.D.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Halford, seconded by Dr. Sawai to deny the request for sponsorship to take USMLE Step 3. A roll call of the members votes was taken as follows:

Drs. Egami, Halford, Sawai, and Mr. Mun voted in favor of the motion.

Chair Takanishi, Mr. Belcher, Drs. Geimer-Flanders, Jaffe, and Dr. Young voted in opposition.

The motion to deny Dr. Pathak's request for sponsorship to retake USMLE Step 3 failed to carry. This matter would be placed on a subsequent meeting agenda for further consideration.

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

c. Mark A. Pithan, M.D.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Takanishi, seconded by Mr. Belcher, and unanimously carried to defer Dr. Pithan's application to be evaluated by Pu`ulu Lapa`au.

(iii) Physician Assistant:

a. Maria T. Schotte, PA-C:

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Young, seconded by Dr. Geimer-Flanders, and unanimously carried to approve Ms. Schotte's application.

(i) Physician (Permanent/Endorsement):

a. Natasa Dragicevic, M.D.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Mr. Belcher seconded by Dr. Egami, and carried by a majority, with the exception of Chair Takanishi, who recused himself from this matter, to approve Dr. Dragicevic's application and issue a non-disciplinary letter of education.

B. Ratifications List (See attached list)

(i) List

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

Ms. Quiogue reminded Chair Takanishi that Dr. Silva's application needed to be reviewed.

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

b. Jose A. Silva, M.D.:

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Geimer-Flanders, seconded by Mr. Belcher, and unanimously carried to approve Dr. Silva's application pending receipt of additional documents to be supplied to Ms. Quiogue.

All other agenda items will be considered by the Board's at its September 8, 2022, meeting.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, September 8, 2022

1:00 p.m.

In-Person Location: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
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335 Merchant Street
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Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Ahlani K. Quiogue

/s/ Chiara Latini

(Ms.) Ahlani K. Quiogue
Executive Officer

(Ms.) Chiara Latini
Secretary

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Minutes approved as is.

Minutes approved with changes: