

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

<u>Date</u>	August 14, 2025
<u>Time</u>	1:00 p.m.
<u>In-Person Meeting Location</u>	Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room HRH King Kalakaua Building 335 Merchant Street, First Floor Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
<u>Virtual Participation</u>	Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Meeting https://dcca-hawaii.gov.zoom.us/j/88309119412?pwd=g2wzgoYSxfcqmlrXc1AeGsF7lBz9uf.1
<u>Recording Link</u>	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b5WfQm2M3Oc
<u>Present</u>	Danny M. Takanishi, Jr., M.D., Chairperson, Honolulu Member Gary Belcher, Public, Vice Chairperson, Public Member Andrew “Rick” Fong, M.D., Hawaii Member William Brian Hatten, D.O., Osteopathic Member Elizabeth “Lisa Ann” Ignacio, M.D, Maui Member Michael Jaffe, D.O, Osteopathic/Honolulu Member Wesley Mun, Public Angela Pratt, M.D., Honolulu Member Rebecca Sawai, M.D., Honolulu Member Shari J. Wong, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”) Reid Horimoto, Executive Officer Young-Im Wilson, Executive Officer Julie Halapio, Administrative Assistant Johnny Li (Technical Support)
<u>Excused:</u>	None
<u>In-Person Guest(s):</u>	Thomas Craig III M.D.
<u>Zoom Guests:</u>	Kieran Melody, M.D. Jordon Post, M.D.

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Pola Chojecka, M.D.
Curtis Bekkum, M.D.

Agenda:

The agenda for this meeting was posted to the State electronic calendar as required by Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”) section 92-7(b).

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 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.

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve February 13, 2025, open session meeting minutes, March 13, 2025, open session meeting minutes, April 10, 2025, open session meeting minutes, March 13, 2025, executive session meeting minutes, and April 10, 2025, executive session meeting minutes. Mr. Mun abstained from the vote on the February 13, 2025, minutes as he was not present. The motion passed unanimously.

Chapter 91, Adjudicatory Matters

The board moved by Dr. Pratt, seconded by Mr. Belcher, and unanimously carried to move the summary suspension of Paul Dillaway, listed on the agenda as item 6C, to Chapter 91, HRS, Adjudicatory Matters, number three.

The Board recessed into adjudicatory session at 1:17 p.m. to address agenda items 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 3E, 3F, 3G, 3H, 3I, and 6C.

It was moved by Dr. Hatten, seconded by Dr. Pratt, and unanimously carried to return to the open session meeting at 2:10 p.m. Board members and staff returned to the main Zoom meeting. All Board members confirmed that they were present and alone.

A motion was made to approve the settlement agreement in the matter of Joseph Palumbo, D.O. (MED 2024-4-L). The motion passed unanimously.

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A motion was made to approve the settlement agreement in the matter of Roy Matsuyama, M.D. (MED 2019-84-L). The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the settlement agreement in the matter of William Dang, M.D. (MED 2024-140-L). The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the settlement agreement in the matter of Franklin C.H. Lee, M.D. (MED 2023-172-L). The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the settlement agreement in the matter of Qasem Noori, M.D. (MED 2025-51-L). The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the settlement agreement in the matter of Henry Sakow, M.D. (MED 2024-0292-L). The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the settlement agreement in the matter of Eesha Bhattacharyya, M.D. (MED 2024-0187-L). The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the settlement agreement in the matter of Amir Qureshi, M.D. (MED 2025-0005-L). The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the Board's final order in the matter of Aman Patel, D.O. (MED 2025-26-L). The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to approve a summary suspension of the license of Paul Dillaway, D.O. until the investigatory procedure in the State of Wyoming concludes. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**Applications for
License/
Certification**

A. Applications

It was moved by Dr. Hatten, seconded by Mr. Belcher, and unanimously carried to enter into executive session at 2:15 p.m., pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(1), to consider and evaluate personal

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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).

It was moved by Dr. Hatten, seconded by Dr. Pratt, and unanimously carried to return to the open session meeting at 3:56 p.m. Board members and staff returned to the main Zoom meeting. All Board members confirmed that they were present and alone.

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.

(i) Physician (Permanent/Endorsement):

- a. Brian Joseph Allen, M.D.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Sawai, seconded by Dr. Hatten, and unanimously carried to defer the application of Brian Joseph Allen, M.D. to allow him an opportunity to appear before the Board to provide additional testimony.

- b. Kieran Melody, M.D.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Takanishi, seconded by Dr. Ignacio, and unanimously carried to approve the application of Kieran Melody, M.D. pending receipt of an updated application with correction to the applicant's response to item six.

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

- a. Jordon Ryan Post, M.D.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Dr. Sawai, and unanimously carried to defer Dr. Jordon Post, M.D.'s application pending more information.

- b. Thomas Craig III, M.D.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Fong, seconded by Dr. Jaffe, and unanimously carried to defer

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Dr. Thomas Craig III, M.D.'s application pending completion of an evaluation of competency from an organization of the board's choosing and the submission of that evaluation to the board. Mr. Mun abstained from the vote.

c. Kerisimasi Reynolds, D.O.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Jaffe, seconded by Dr. Hatten, and unanimously carried to approve the application of Kerisimasi Reynolds, D.O. without contingencies or restrictions.

B. Ratification List (see attached List)

(i) Augst 14, 2025, Ratification List

It was moved by Dr. Ignacio, seconded by Dr. Sawai, and unanimously carried to ratify the attached lists of individuals for licensure or certification from August 14, 2025.

**Request for
Removal of
License
Condition(s)**

Pola Chojecka, MD-21525

It was moved by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Dr. Pratt, and unanimously carried to remove condition(s) from Dr. Chojecka's license.

New Business

A. Approval of Regulated Industries Complaints Office (RICO) Advisory Committee Member Appointees

It was moved by Dr. Hatten, seconded by Dr. Pratt, and unanimously carried to approve RICO Advisory Committee Member Appointees.

B. Reinstatement of License Request: Curtis Bekkum, M.D.

No action taken at this meeting, pending judiciary process.

**Executive Officer
Report**

A. 2025 Legislative Session – Bill Discussion & Updates
Informational only.

B. Reminder to complete Mandatory Ethics Training
Informational only.

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

Next Meeting

October 9, 2025

Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

Taken and Recorded by:

/s/ Young-Im Wilson

Young-Im Wilson
Executive Officer

() Minutes approved as is.

(x) Minutes approved with changes