

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: December 11, 2025

Time: 1:00 p.m.

In-Person Meeting Location: PVL Exam Room 330
HRH King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, Third Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Virtual Participation: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Meeting
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Present: Gary Belcher, Vice Chairperson, Public Member
Elizabeth “Lisa Ann” Ignacio, M.D, Maui Member
Michael Jaffe, D.O, Osteopathic/Honolulu Member
Rebecca Sawai, M.D., Honolulu Member
Angela Pratt, M.D., Honolulu Member
Shari J. Wong, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)
Liza Canady, Staff Attorney, Regulated Industries Complaints Office
Elizabeth Kor, Executive Officer (“EO”)
Young-Im Wilson, Executive Officer
Breyanah Panzardi, Technical Support
Cortnie Tanaka, Administrative Assistant

Excused: Danny M. Takanishi, Jr., M.D., Chairperson, Honolulu Member
Andrew “Rick” Fong, M.D., Honolulu Member
Wesley Mun, Public Member

Zoom Guest(s): William Brian Hatten, D.O.
Diana A Gliga, M.D.
Kamshad Raiszadeh, M.D.
Kenneth Carl Russ, M.D.
Zachariah Johnson, EMT-1

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 1:06 p.m., at which time quorum was established.

Vice Chair Belcher welcomed everyone to the meeting and proceeded with a roll call of the Board members. All Board members present confirmed that they were present and alone.

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Dr. Jaffe, seconded by Dr. Sawai, and unanimously carried to approve the November 13, 2025, open session meeting minutes with Dr. Pratt recused because she did not attend the meeting.

It was moved by Dr. Hatten, seconded by Dr. Sawai, and unanimously carried to approve the November 13, 2025, executive session meeting minutes with Dr. Pratt recused because she did not attend the meeting.

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

Chapter 91, Adjudicatory Matters:

Vice Chair Belcher called for a recess from the meeting at 1:12 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.)

- A. In the Matter of the Osteopathic Physician's License of AMAN K. PATEL, D.O., also known as NIMISHKUMAR KANTILAL PATEL, also known as NIMISH KANTILAL PATEL; MED 2025-26-L; Affidavit of Liza O. Canady in Support of Entry of a Second Final Order Revoking Respondent's Now-Restricted License; Exhibits 1-4; Board's Second Final Order Revoking Respondent's Now-Restricted License (Proposed); Exhibits 1-2.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Hatten, seconded by Dr. Sawai, and unanimously carried to approve the aforementioned Affidavit of Liza O. Canady in Support of Entry of a Second Final Order Revoking Respondent's Now-Restricted License; Exhibits 1-4; Board's Second Final Order Revoking Respondent's Now-Restricted License (Proposed); Exhibits 1-2.

- B. In the Matter of the Physician's License of SINIKKA LIISA GREEN, M.D.; MED 2025-475-L; Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order

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

- C. In the Matter of the Osteopathic Physician's License of STEPHEN A. FEIG, D.O., also known as STEPHEN ABOULAFIA FEIG; Notice Prohibiting Practice in Hawaii Pending Entry of a Final Order Imposing Disciplinary Action, and Respondent's Right to Request a Hearing; MED 2025-491-L; Board's Final Order (Proposed); Exhibit 1.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Sawai, seconded by Dr. Pratt, and unanimously carried to approve the aforementioned Board's Final Order (Proposed); Exhibit 1.

Following the Board's review, deliberation, and decision on these matters pursuant to Chapter 91, HRS, Vice Chair Belcher announced that the Board reconvenes to its Chapter 92, HRS, meeting at 1:22 p.m. Board members and staff returned to the main Zoom meeting room. All Board members confirmed that they were present and alone.

**Applications for
Licensure/
Certification:**

A. Applications

It was moved by Dr. Jaffe, seconded by Dr. Hatten, 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 the Zoom Breakout Room).

It was moved by Dr. Sawai, seconded by Dr. Jaffe, and unanimously carried to return to the open session meeting at 3:53 p.m. Board members and staff returned to the main Zoom meeting room. All Board members present confirmed that they were present and alone.

(i) Restoration:

- a. Diana Gliga, M.D.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Vice Chair Belcher, seconded by Dr. Hatten, and unanimously carried to approve the restoration of Diana Gliga, M.D., with conditional reinstatement, pending an evaluation of her clinical skills to be determined by the Board.

(ii) Physician (Permanent/Endorsement)

- a. Elias Elias, M.D.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Vice Chair Belcher, seconded by Dr. Pratt, and unanimously carried to approve the application of Elias Elias, M.D., without restrictions.

b. Kamshad Raiszadeh, M.D.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Sawai, seconded by Dr. Pratt, and unanimously carried to approve the application of Kamshad Raiszadeh, M.D., without restrictions.

(iii) Physician (Permanent/Non-Endorsement)

a. Frank Hiroshi Harris, M.D.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Pratt, seconded by Dr. Hatten, and unanimously carried to approve the application of Frank Hiroshi Harris, M.D., without restrictions.

b. Kenneth Carl Russ, M.D.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Hatten, seconded by Vice Chair Belcher, and unanimously carried to defer Kenneth Carl Russ, M.D.'s application pending additional information.

c. Alan Brewer, M.D.

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 Alan Brewer, M.D., without restrictions.

(iv) EMT, EMT-A, EMT-P, EMT-1

a. Zachariah Scott Johnson, EMT-1

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Ignacio, seconded by Dr. Jaffe, and unanimously carried to approve the application of Zachariah Scott Johnson's EMT-1, without restrictions.

New Business:

A. Delegation to Executive Officer

It was moved by Vice Chair Belcher, seconded by Dr. Hatten, and unanimously carried to approve delegating authority to the EO to sign the Board's final orders for decisions related to the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC). The delegation is intended to expedite the issuance of licenses through the IMLC.

B. Request for Voluntary Surrender of License: Paul Dillaway, DOS-2788

DAG Wong clarified that the correct terminology for the action was to "accept the voluntary relinquishment" of the license.

It was moved by Vice Chair Belcher, seconded by Dr. Sawai, and unanimously carried to accept the voluntary relinquishment of Paul Dillaway's license.

C. Rescinded Letter of Qualification from IMLC

- i. Dheeraj Makkar, M.D.
- ii. Sue Xuan Poon, M.D.
- iii. Paul E. Cox, M.D.

It was moved by Dr. Jaffe, seconded by Vice Chair Belcher, and unanimously carried to rescind the licenses of Dheeraj Makkar, M.D., Sue Xuan Poon, M.D., and Paul E. Cox, M.D in accordance with the rescinded letters of qualification from the IMLC.

D. Update on the IMLC on Hawaii State Licensure and Review of current IMLC statistics, workflow, and benefits.

Dr. Jaffe provided an update on the IMLC (or "Compact") on Hawaii state licensure following his attendance at the IMLC annual meeting in Denver, Colorado, on November 17 and 18. He explained that the IMLC is an agreement among participating states designed to offer a streamlined secondary pathway for physicians to obtain a state medical license. It is not a single license covering all states; rather, physicians select a principal state of licensure (PSL), and once ratified, they can use that license to expedite licensure in other participating states. Dr. Jaffe reported that the IMLC has been operational for eight years, currently involves 44 states, and has resulted in over 49,000 physicians obtaining licensure through this pathway. Nationally, 54% of these physicians provide services in rural or underserved areas, and 51% receive licensure in seven days or less. The Compact also facilitates the sharing of disciplinary actions among state boards, enhancing transparency.

Dr. Jaffe discussed Hawaii's current challenge with the IMLC. While Hawaii has been issuing licenses through the Compact since January of the current year, it is not yet a PSL, meaning that Hawaii physician licenses cannot serve as a physician's primary license to apply for other physician licenses through the Compact. The primary obstacle to becoming a PSL is that the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) has not granted Hawaii access to perform the required background checks. Dr. Jaffe noted that although the Board requested approval directly from the FBI, the request was denied. He highlighted the seemingly inconsistent nature of the FBI's approval process, noting that the Pennsylvania Board of Registered Nurses received approval using similar statutory language.

Regarding a path forward, Dr. Jaffe suggested coordinating with executive medical board directors to secure the necessary FBI certification. DAG Wong added that they are currently working with the Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center, the state agency that liaises with the FBI and has successfully obtained fingerprinting and FBI clearances for other DCCA (Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs) exemptions, such as for nurses, to obtain approval. Dr. Jaffe concluded by thanking the Board for the opportunity to represent Hawaii at the IMLC annual meeting.

E. Proposed Hawaii Medical Board Schedule for 2026

F. Endorsement of Nomination of Danny M. Takanishi, Jr., M.D.,
for the Federation of State Medical Boards' Board of Directors

It was moved by Vice Chair Belcher, seconded by Dr. Sawai, and unanimously carried to approve the endorsement of Danny M. Takanishi, Jr. M.D., for nomination to the Federation of State Medical Board's Board of Directors.

G. Proposed Legislation Relating to the Physician Assistant (PA)
Compact.

EO Wilson reported that the Governor's Office has been informed of the Board's general support for the proposed legislation, as the Governor could not wait until the meeting for a response.

Dr. Ignacio raised a concern regarding the compact's language on disciplinary authority. She noted that, unlike the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC), in which each state can take disciplinary action against a physician for conduct occurring within that state regardless of the state of original licensure, the PA Compact appeared to limit such authority. Under the PA compact, only the originating state that issues the LOQ (letter of qualification) can take disciplinary action, while other states

involved can only act against the compact licensure itself, not the specific occurrences within their state. Dr. Ignacio indicated that this distinction was concerning, although she still supported the concept of a compact. Dr. Jaffe offered to consult with the attorney who drafts these compact bills to determine whether the language differs from that used in the IMLC.

Dr. Ignacio also expressed concern regarding funding for the compact, noting that the IMLC required a budget request. Dr. Jaffe explained that the PA compact is generally presented as a revenue-generating initiative for states, as the increase in applicants, particularly those practicing via telehealth, is expected to generate additional income for medical boards, although some initial staffing resources may be required.

DAG Wong provided a general comparison to other professional compacts, noting that all compacts differ in structure. She explained that the physician compact is the most organized and well-structured, which likely explains why it was implemented first. In contrast, the nursing and PA compacts are less organized, and some compact commissions lack basic governance, such as bylaws or policies, meaning states are asked to join without fully knowing the operational rules.

Next Meeting:

January 15, 2026

Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar

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Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Taken and Recorded by:

/s/ Young-Im Wilson
Young-Im Wilson
Executive Officer

() Minutes approved as is.
(x) Minutes approved with changes, see minutes of 1/15/2026