

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

**Date:** January 15, 2026

**Time:** 1:00 p.m.

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

**Virtual Participation:** Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Meeting  
<https://dcca-hawaii.gov.zoom.us/j/89970738078?pwd=OkqItxfbnNfhcdDby6rwlrVbSkeba.1>

**Recording Link:** [https://youtu.be/Kz3jh\\_KKPxY](https://youtu.be/Kz3jh_KKPxY)

**Present:** Danny Takanishi Jr., M.D., Chairperson, Honolulu Member  
Gary Belcher, Vice Chairperson, Public Member  
Andrew “Rick” Fong, M.D., Hawaii Member  
Elizabeth “Lisa Ann” Ignacio, M.D, Maui Member  
Rebecca Sawai, M.D., Honolulu Member  
Angela Pratt, M.D., Honolulu Member  
Shari J. Wong, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)  
Elizabeth Kor, Executive Officer (“EO”)  
Young-Im Wilson, Executive Officer  
Breyanah Panzardi, Technical Support  
Cortnie Tanaka, Administrative Assistant

**Excused:** Michael Jaffe, D.O., Osteopathic/Honolulu Member  
Wesley Mun, Public Member

**Zoom Guest(s):** Jamey Hawk, M.D.  
Jaclyn Tolentino, D.O.  
Adlai Pappy, 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 1:08 p.m., at which time quorum was established.

Chair Dr. Takanishi 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 Chair Dr. Takanishi, seconded by Vice Chair Mr. Belcher, and unanimously carried to approve the December 15, 2025, open session and executive session meeting minutes, with a correction reclassifying Dr. William Hatten from the member list to the Zoom guest list.

Chair Dr. Takanishi asked if anyone from the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. No testimony was offered.

**Chapter 91,  
Adjudicatory  
Matters:**

Chair Dr. Takanishi 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 License to Practice Medicine of SAMUEL E. FULLER, M.D.; MED 2023-2229-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. Pratt, 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

Following the Board's review, deliberation, and decision on this matter pursuant to Chapter 91, HRS, Chair Dr. Takanishi announced that the Board will reconvene to its Chapter 92, HRS, meeting at 1:25 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 Vice Chair Mr. Belcher, seconded by Dr. Sawai, and unanimously carried to enter into executive session at 1:27 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 Chair Dr. Takanishi, seconded by Dr. Sawai, and unanimously carried to return to the open session meeting at 3:54 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) Osteopathic Physician & Surgeon (Permanent/Endorsement)

a. Andrea Opalenik, D.O.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Ignacio, seconded by Dr. Swai, and unanimously carried to defer Andrea Opalenik, D.O.'s application pending additional information.

b. Jaclyn Tolentino, D.O.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Chair Dr. Takanishi, seconded by Dr. Ignacio, and unanimously carried to defer Jaclyn Tolentino, D.O.'s application pending additional information.

(ii) Physician (Permanent/Non-Endorsement)

a. Jamey Joe Hawk, M.D.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Pratt, seconded by Dr. Ignacio, and unanimously carried to approve Jamey Joe Hawk, M.D.'s application without restrictions.

(iii) Physician (Permanent/Endorsement)

a. Robert Edward Bilbao, M.D.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Vice Chair Mr. Belcher, seconded by Dr. Ignacio, and unanimously carried to defer Robert Edward Bilbao, M.D.'s application pending receipt of the corrected materials.

b. Adlai Liburne Pappy, M.D.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Sawai, seconded by Dr. Ignacio, and unanimously carried to approve Adlai Liburne Pappy, M.D.'s application without restrictions.

c. Michael Robert Schwartz, M.D

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Fong, seconded by Dr. Ignacio, and unanimously carried to approve Michael Robert Schwartz, M.D.'s application, pending receipt of the corrected application.

B. Ratification List

(ii) January 15, 2026, Ratification List

It was moved by Dr. Sawai, seconded by Dr. Pratt, and unanimously carried to approve the January 15, 2026, ratification list.

**New Business**

**December 11, 2025**

**Agenda:**

**Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Chair Dr. Takanishi, seconded by Vice Chair Mr. Belcher, and unanimously carried to retroactively approve, effective December 11, 2025, the November 15, 2025, open session and executive session meeting minutes, with Dr. Pratt recused because she did not attend the meeting.

**Applications:**

(i) Restoration

a. Diana Gliga, M.D.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Chair Dr. Takanishi, seconded by Dr. Sawai, and unanimously carried to retroactively approve, effective December 11, 2025, 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 Chair Dr. Takanishi, seconded by Dr. Pratt, and unanimously

carried to retroactively approve, effective December 11, 2025, 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 Chair Dr. Takanishi, seconded by Dr. Sawai, and unanimously carried to retroactively approve, effective December 11, 2025, 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 chair Dr. Takanishi, seconded by Dr. Pratt, and unanimously carried to retroactively approve, effective December 11, 2025, 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 Chair Dr. Takanishi, seconded by Dr. Sawai, and unanimously carried to retroactively defer, effective December 11, 2025, 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 Chair Dr. Takanishi, seconded by Dr. Sawai, and unanimously carried to retroactively approve, effective December 11, 2025, 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 chair Dr. Takanishi, seconded by Dr. Ignacio, and unanimously carried to retroactively approve, effective December 11, 2025, the application of Zachariah Scott Johnson's EMT-1, without restrictions.

**New Business:**

A. Delegation to Executive Officer

It was moved by Chair Dr. Takanishi, seconded by Vice Chair Mr. Belcher, and unanimously carried to retroactively approve, effective December 11, 2025, 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

It was moved by Chair Dr. Takanishi, seconded by Dr. Pratt, and unanimously carried to retroactively accept, effective December 11, 2025, 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 Chair Dr. Takanishi, seconded by Dr. Pratt, and unanimously carried to retroactively rescind, effective December 11, 2025, 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. Proposed Hawaii Medical Board Schedule for 2026

It was moved by Chair Dr. Takanishi, seconded by Dr. Sawai, and unanimously carried to retroactively approve, effective December 11, 2025, the 2026 meeting schedule.

E. 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 Mr. Belcher, seconded by Dr. Pratt, and unanimously carried to retroactively approve, effective December 11, 2025, the endorsement of Danny M. Takanishi, Jr. M.D., for nomination to the Federation of State Medical Board's Board of Directors.

**Chapter 91, Adjudicatory Matters**

Chair Dr. Takanishi called for a recess from the meeting at 4:16 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 Chair Dr. Takanishi, seconded by Vice Chair Mr. Belcher, 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 Chair Dr. Takanishi, seconded by Vice Chair Mr. Belcher, 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 Chair Dr. Takanishi, seconded by Vice Chair Mr. Belcher, 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, Chair Dr. Takanishi announced that the Board reconvenes to its Chapter 92, HRS, meeting at 4:20 p.m. Board members and staff returned to the main Zoom meeting room. All Board members confirmed that they were present and alone.

**Request for a Waiver of Continuing Education Requirements**

- i. Barry Shitamoto, M.D.

It was moved by Chair Dr. Takanishi, seconded by Dr. Sawai, and unanimously voted to close the waiver request and to deem Dr. Shitamoto in compliance with CME requirements as of the date of the meeting.

- ii. Werner Schroffner, M.D.

It was moved by Dr. Sawai, seconded by Chair Dr. Takanishi, and unanimously voted to grant a three-month extension from the date of the meeting to complete the remaining credits.

iii. James H. Martin, M.D.

It was moved by Vice Chair Mr. Belcher, seconded by Dr. Pratt, and unanimously voted to grant a six-month extension from the date of the meeting to complete the remaining credits.

**2026 Legislative Session**

- a. Comments on Draft Bill relating to Active Retired Clinician Licenses
- b. Confirmation of 2026 Legislative Liaisons

It was moved by Dr. Sawai, seconded by Dr. Pratt, and unanimously moved to confirm Dr. Takanishi, Mr. Belcher, and Dr. Ignacio as the board's official legislative liaisons for 2026.

**Approval of RICO ACM(s) Appointee(s)**

It was moved by Vice Chair Mr. Belcher, seconded by Dr. Pratt, and unanimously carried to approve the RICO ACM appointee(s).

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Taken and Recorded by:

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

( x ) Minutes approved as is.

( ) Minutes approved with changes, see minutes of