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**DRAFT MINUTES FOR VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE  
ARIZONA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC  
EXAMINERS IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY**

**Held on Saturday, April 25, 2020**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Landau called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

President Landau thanked the Board members and staff for facilitating today's proceedings, and read aloud the Board's Mission Statement: "The mission of the Board is to protect the public by setting educational and training standards for licensure, and by reviewing complaints made against osteopathic physicians, interns, and residents to ensure that their conduct meets the standards of the profession, as defined in law (A.R.S. § 32-1854)."

**2. ROLL CALL AND REVIEW OF AGENDA**

	Mr. Landau	Dr. Erbstoesser	Dr. Cunningham	Dr. Maitem	Mr. Burg	Dr. Walker	Dr. Ota
Present:	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Absent:							

**3. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON COMPLIANCE WITH TERMS OF BOARD ORDERS AND REQUESTS TO MODIFY OR TERMINATE ORDERS, PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §32-1855 (E) AND (I).**

**A. Thomas Z. Emel, DO, Lic #007877; DO-19-0213**

Dr. Emel participated in the virtual meeting during the Board's consideration of this matter.

Board staff summarized that Dr. Emel self-reported to the Board that he completed an inpatient drug rehabilitation program in January of 2019 due to the escalating use of cocaine. Dr. Emel was placed on administrative leave for two months for an unrelated matter that involved the physician moonlighting without the approval of his program director. Additionally, Dr. Emel was arrested in February of 2019 for violating an Order of Protection by texting his wife. On February 11, 2020, Dr. Emel entered into a confidential stipulated agreement with the Board. During the monitoring period, Dr. Emel's urinary drug screens were observed after results came back that indicated use of a fake urine sample. On March 16, 2020, Dr. Emel informed Board staff that he consumed alcohol during the past weekend and upon further questioning, Dr. Emel admitted to the use of cocaine and his attempts to dilute his urine on occasion. At that time, Dr. Emel was provided with a list of Board-approved inpatient treatment facilities and two subsequent urinary drug screen results were positive for cocaine use. On March 19, 2020, Dr. Emel entered into an Interim Consent Agreement for practice restriction and inpatient treatment. Dr. Emel underwent treatment from March 24<sup>th</sup> to April 17, 2020, and was deemed safe to return to practice with recommendations for further monitoring.

Dr. Emel informed the Board that he was in his fourth-year residency program in general psychiatry at Banner Tucson and has six weeks remaining before completion. He stated that he has been in communication with his Program Director who wants him to return.

**MOTION: Dr. Cunningham moved for the Board to enter into Executive Session to discuss confidential information and to obtain legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 38-431.03(A)(2) and (3).**

**SECOND: Dr. Maitem**

**VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

	VOTE	Mr. Landau	Dr. Erbstoesser	Dr. Cunningham	Dr. Maitem	Mr. Burg	Dr. Walker	Dr. Ota
Yay:	7	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay:	0							
Abstain/ Recuse:	0							
Absent:	0							

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:45 a.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:21 a.m.

No legal action was taken during Executive Session.

The Board discussed allowing the physician to return to practice with work hour restrictions of 8-5, Monday through Friday; and, to require the physician to comply with the terms and conditions of the Board's prior Order including completion of a psychiatric evaluation. Dr. Cunningham proposed inviting the physician to return to the Board's May 2020 meeting for an update to assess his progress. Dr. Cunningham also proposed converting the physician's monitoring from confidential to public in light of Dr. Emel's violation of the confidential stipulation agreement. Dr. Cunningham commented that the Board takes these matters very serious and that close monitoring is warranted to ensure the physician's compliance going forward. President Landau echoed Dr. Cunningham's comments, and stated that there are consequences to violating a Board Order that could result in the physician's inability to practice in the State of Arizona for a number of years.

**MOTION: Dr. Cunningham moved to amend the Interim Order previously issued by the Board by extending the monitoring period to five years, converting the physician's monitoring from confidential to public probationary status, to allow the physician to return to working 8-5 Monday through Friday if accepted back into the residency program, and to undergo a psychiatric evaluation by a Board-approved board certified psychiatrist within 14 days. The remaining terms and conditions of the Interim Order remain in effect, and Dr. Emel shall return to the Board at its May 2020 meeting for an update on his progress. Dr. Emel shall inform the Executive Director within two weeks whether he has been accepted back into the residency program, or as soon as a decision is made, whichever comes first.**

**SECOND: Dr. Maitem**

The Board clarified that the terms and conditions of the Interim Order previously issued by the Board remain in effect, and that the only amendments related to the return to the residency program and placing the license on public probation for the remainder of the monitoring period. The Board also confirmed for Dr. Emel that his license will be changed to probationary status and will be accessible on the Board's website. Additionally, the Board discussed extending the physician's monitoring from three to five years.

**VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

	VOTE	Mr. Landau	Dr. Erbstoesser	Dr. Cunningham	Dr. Maitem	Mr. Burg	Dr. Walker	Dr. Ota
Yay:	7	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay:	0							
Abstain/ Recuse:	0							
Absent:	0							

President Landau instructed Dr. Emel to contact Executive Director Bohall for any questions or concerns.

**B. Anthony C. Pozun, DO, Lic #3684; DO-19-0005 & DO-19-0145**

Dr. Pozun participated in the virtual meeting with Attorney Stephen Myers during the Board's consideration of this matter.

Board staff summarized that Dr. Pozun was placed on probation on May 23, 2018 for a period of two years with participation in the Physician Health Program ("PHP") due to a report that he had a positive drug screen with his employer. During the physician's PHP participation, he consumed alcohol and an investigation was initiated for non-compliance. Dr. Pozun subsequently underwent inpatient treatment and entered into a Consent Agreement for Probation with aftercare monitoring, effective September 23, 2019. Dr. Pozun was required to participate in PHP for five years and was restricted from working more than 40 hours per week. On January 11, 2020, the Board modified the Consent Agreement to allow for an increase in the physician's work hours from 40 to 52 and at that time, the Board requested the physician return in April 2020 for an update on his progress.

Dr. Pozun reported that he has been undergoing random urine drug screens every seven to ten days since August of 2019 with negative results. He informed the Board that he has been attending at least four AA meetings each month, and has been in treatment with psychiatry and psychotherapy. Dr. Pozun summarized that he has not consumed alcohol or substances during the monitoring period, and that he continues to live a life of sobriety with the help of his AA Sponsor, therapists, and his children. Mr. Myers stated that drug screen results that were questionable for diluted urine were due to the physician consuming too much water prior to testing, and that the issue was addressed with the PHP Contractor with no further concerns. Mr. Myers stated that further action or investigation was not warranted other than cautioning the physician to monitor his consumption of water prior to presenting for drug screens.

President Landau stated that the purpose of today's proceeding was to see the progress made by the physician since the Board's last meeting with him. Dr. Pozun stated that it is crucial for him to receive positive feedback and affirmation that he is on the right track. Dr. Cunningham stated that he was happy to hear the physician has been partaking in outdoor activities, and noted that there have been no concerns noted by staff. The Board discussed inviting the physician to appear before the Board before the end of the year for an update and to discuss his progress. The Board instructed staff to place this matter on the Board's November 2020 agenda for review and discussion. Dr. Pozun inquired as to how he could lessen the length of the probationary period in order to regain the major insurance carriers that removed him due to the probationary status of his license. The Board observed that Dr. Pozun's probation became effective in September 2019. Dr. Cunningham stated that it was too early to entertain early termination requests, and that such requests are considered on a case by cases basis. President Landau stated that the Board could further discuss the matter at its November 2020 meeting when the physician returns for a progress update.

Dr. Pozun stated that he will have one year of sobriety as of July 2020, and requested the

Board issue a letter to allow him to sit for his board exams. The Board instructed Dr. Pozun to communicate with the Executive Director regarding his request, and wished him good luck.

C. Joseph C. Thompson, DO, Lic #007732; DO-18-0155A & DO-19-0220A

Dr. Thompson participated in the virtual meeting during the Board's consideration of this matter.

Board staff summarized that Dr. Thompson applied for Arizona licensure in October of 2018 and disclosed a prior arrest for DUI that occurred in January of 2010. On October 29, 2018, Dr. Thompson entered into a stipulated agreement with the Board for two years of monitoring. On October 8, 2019, the Board was informed that the physician's urine drug screen results were positive for alcohol use. Dr. Thompson was advised at that time to restrict his practice immediately and enter into inpatient treatment, to which the physician complied. After he was released from treatment, Dr. Thompson appeared before the Board at its November 2019 meeting and was placed on probation for five years with terms and conditions for standard monitoring as well as work hour restrictions limiting the physician to 40 hours per week. Dr. Thompson was also required to see a psychiatrist and an addiction or substance abuse therapist, attend AA or NA, and establish care with a primary provider. Dr. Thompson submitted correspondence to the Board's staff reporting that he started taking Vivitrol and requested that his work hour restrictions be lifted due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Dr. Thompson reported that he has been attending meetings with his psychiatrist, substance abuse meetings, and three AA meetings weekly. He stated that he discussed the use of Vivitrol with his substance abuse counselor due to its efficacy in maintaining alcohol cravings and preventing relapse, which he stated was initiated by his primary provider. In response to questioning by the Board regarding the initiation of Vivitrol, Dr. Thompson explained that he began taking Vivitrol after discussions with his counselor and primary provider to address his general anxiety. Dr. Thompson further explained that hospital administration has reached out to providers for help with possible surge overflow due to the current health crisis, and that for this reason, he asked the Board to consider his request to increase his work hours by allowing him to work an additional 12 hours per week.

Dr. Cunningham stated that the request to increase weekly work hours was reasonable in light of the current health crisis. The Board discussed amending the Board Order to allow the physician to work additional hours in the event that there is patient overflow due to the current COVID-19 situation. Dr. Maitem questioned whether the Board should put in place a timeframe to which the increase in work hours will expire. President Landau stated that the physician should use his best judgment to determine when he should work the extended hours and self-monitor his weekly work hours. Dr. Cunningham suggested inviting the physician to return to the Board in August of 2020 for an update on his progress.

**MOTION: Dr. Cunningham moved to amend the Consent Agreement to change the maximum work hours from 40 to 52 due to the COVID-19 crisis, and to invite the physician to appear before the Board at its August 2020 meeting for update and review of the physician's progress.**

**SECOND: Dr. Maitem**

Dr. Erbstoesser recognized that Vivitrol has been shown to augment sobriety and stated that it helps bridge the first year or two of sobriety, which is imperative for longevity.

**VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

	VOTE	Mr. Landau	Dr. Erbstoesser	Dr. Cunningham	Dr. Maitem	Mr. Burg	Dr. Walker	Dr. Ota
Yay:	7	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay:	0							
Abstain/ Recuse:	0							
Absent:	0							

**4. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON INVESTIGATIVE HEARINGS PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 32-1855(E).**

A. Brooke L. Blumetti, DO, Lic #005682; DO-19-0206A

Dr. Blumetti participated in the virtual meeting during the Board’s consideration of this matter.

Board staff summarized that a complaint was filed alleging that Dr. Blumetti failed to inform the patient of abnormal findings after performing biopsy of lesions of the nose and back. Review of the medical records obtained in this case demonstrate a 58-year-old male that presented on March 29, 2019 for full body examination by dermatology. Dr. Blumetti biopsied lesions on the back and nose, and the pathology report noted basal cell carcinoma and excision was recommended. The patient was not informed of the pathology results until August of 2019. There were no notes regarding the pathology results in the patient’s record, and there were no instructions written on the pathology report.

Dr. Blumetti stated that she received the pathology report on April 5<sup>th</sup>, and that she signed off on the report and passed the report onto staff in the Results Department for further processing. Dr. Blumetti stated that the pathology results were not logged, and the information was not relayed to the patient. She informed the Board that she was not made aware of the issue until she received notification from the Board regarding the investigation. Dr. Cunningham questioned the physician regarding the process of checks and balance to ensure adequate patient care. Dr. Blumetti explained that she performs around 30 biopsies per day, and that they are logged by her Medical Assistant. She stated that she reports the results to the Results Department who then calls the patients based on the report results. Dr. Blumetti reported that they have converted to an electronic health system that will prevent a similar occurrence in the future.

Dr. Blumetti stated that she believed that the company submitted an incomplete chart to the Board, and pointed out that once she was made aware of the Board’s investigation, she forwarded a complete copy of the patient’s file to the Board that she stated included the pathology report and her notations. Dr. Maitem questioned Dr. Blumetti regarding the process for scheduling patient follow-up visits. She explained that in the dermatology field, it would be impossible to see that many patients back in follow-up as she typically performs 30-40 biopsies per day. She reported that after staff tries to contact the patient at least three times for their results, a certified letter is mailed from the physician. She stated that her MAs call and schedule patients for follow-up visits, and if a procedure is required, the patients are contacted immediately. Dr. Blumetti reiterated that it is the responsibility of the Results Department to contact the patients.

Board staff clarified for the Board that there were no notations from the physician regarding the pathology results in the records that were provided for the Board’s review. Dr. Blumetti offered to re-send the patient file and apologized for the inconvenience. Dr. Cunningham suggested the physician meet with her directors to review their processes on a quarterly basis. Dr. Cunningham opined that the physician needed to provide more oversight and to have more input with the company for which she works. He stated that her license is her responsibility and that the outcome in this case could have been far

worse had the pathology results showed melanoma. Dr. Cunningham spoke in support of issuing a Non-Disciplinary Letter of Concern for failure to inform the patient of the pathology results in a timely manner. President Landau stated his concerns with the physician handing off her patients and making them someone else's responsibility after biopsy is done.

**MOTION: Dr. Cunningham moved for the Board to issue a Non-Disciplinary Letter of Concern for failure to notify the patient in a timely manner of his basal cell carcinoma.**

**SECOND: Dr. Maitem**

**VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

	VOTE	Mr. Landau	Dr. Erbstoesser	Dr. Cunningham	Dr. Maitem	Mr. Burg	Dr. Walker	Dr. Ota
Yay:	7	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay:	0							
Abstain/ Recuse:	0							
Absent:	0							

**5. REVIEW, CONSIDERATION, AND ACTION ON APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 32-1822; PERMITS PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 32-1829; AND RENEWALS OF LICENSES PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 32-1825 (C-D) AND A.A.C. R4-22- 207.**

A. Keith R. Gould; DO-20-0042A

Dr. Gould was not present during the Board's virtual meeting and after staff attempted to contact him to participate in the Board's proceedings, the Board elected to table this matter. President Landau instructed staff to inform the physician that the matter could return to the Board for further consideration at his request.

B. Mona Sodhi; DO-20-0040A

Dr. Sodhi participated in the virtual meeting during the Board's consideration of this matter.

Board staff summarized that Dr. Sodhi disclosed a malpractice claim on her application for licensure. In 2016, Dr. Sodhi was consulted as the hospital internist regarding a patient with abdominal pain and acute renal failure. Dr. Sodhi felt that the kidney injury was due to dehydration and noted improvement with intravenous hydration. Dr. Sodhi had no further involvement in the patient's care. The patient subsequently decompensated, had a heart attack, and expired. The malpractice claim alleged that there was evidence on CT scan and a positive stool for an upper GI bleed, and that the physician failed to immediately order a surgical consult despite recognizing the GI bleed.

Dr. Sodhi explained that she was the internal medicine physician consulted on the patient's care, and that by the time she saw the patient, symptoms had significantly improved and further intervention was not warranted. Dr. Sodhi stated that her consultation did note the possibility of a GI bleed on CAT scan, and that she was not this patient's attending physician. Dr. Sodhi pointed out that the patient was being followed by the trauma surgeon as well as a GI specialist.

Dr. Maitem commented that he found the physician performed a reasonable evaluation for someone admitted to the trauma services for abdominal pain. He stated that because a GI specialist was already involved in the patient's care, further consulting with a general

surgeon did not seem to be warranted. Dr. Cunningham agreed with Dr. Maitem's comments and spoke in support of granting unrestricted licensure.

**MOTION: Dr. Maitem moved for the Board to grant an unrestricted license.**

**SECOND: Dr. Erbstoesser**

**VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

	VOTE	Mr. Landau	Dr. Erbstoesser	Dr. Cunningham	Dr. Maitem	Mr. Burg	Dr. Walker	Dr. Ota
Yay:	7	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay:	0							
Abstain/ Recuse:	0							
Absent:	0							

C. Monica Villegas; DO-20-0041A 4/09/2020

Dr. Villegas participated in the virtual meeting with Attorney Michele Thompson during the Board's consideration of this matter.

Board staff summarized that Dr. Villegas disclosed prior discipline on her license application taken by the Connecticut and New York Boards. In 2004, Dr. Villegas was placed on probation for one year by the Connecticut Board due to concerns regarding her controlled substance prescribing practices. In 2005, the New York Board took reciprocal action based on the Connecticut Board's sanction.

Ms. Thompson stated that Dr. Villegas has been in practice for 22 years, and that the Connecticut matter occurred 16 years ago. She explained that the complaint was filed by a pharmacist and related to Dr. Villegas prescriptions written for chronic pain patients. Ms. Thompson stated that since that time, Dr. Villegas has undergone monthly audits, quarterly supervisor reports, obtained CME in prescribing practices as well as recognition of substance abuse, and attended handwriting courses. She reported that Dr. Villegas successfully completed her probation in 2005 and as a result of the physician's relocation to Arizona, her Connecticut license became inactive in 2017. Dr. Villegas subsequently became licensed in Rhode Island from 2014 to 2016, and also obtained a Louisiana license that remains in good standing. Ms. Thompson pointed out for the Board that Dr. Villegas inadvertently left question #5 on the application blank, and that her answer to that licensing question was "no." Ms. Thompson asked the Board to grant Dr. Villegas a permanent license given that the reported discipline occurred 16 years ago, the physician successfully completed her one year of probation, has taken steps to improve her care, and has since gained licensure in two other states.

Dr. Villegas informed the Board that her current practice does not involve chronic pain patients, and stated that at this point in her career, she does not plan to treat pain patients. Executive Director Bohall reported that Dr. Villegas is currently working on a temporary license, and that it is the Board's discretion to determine whether to issue the physician a full unrestricted license. Upon questioning by Board members, Dr. Villegas stated that she does not write prescriptions for opioids in her current practice setting. She informed the Board that she does not hold a DEA registration in Arizona, and that her DEA license in Louisiana is active. President Landau questioned the physician regarding plan to apply for a DEA registration in Arizona. Dr. Villegas stated that she does plan to apply for her Arizona DEA registration if granted full licensure. Dr. Cunningham questioned the physician in relation to CMEs in opioid prescribing. Dr. Villegas stated that 10-15% of the CMEs she has completed were related to opioid prescribing.

**MOTION: Dr. Maitem moved for the Board to issue an unrestricted license.**

**SECOND: Mr. Burg**

**VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

	VOTE	Mr. Landau	Dr. Erbstoesser	Dr. Cunningham	Dr. Maitem	Mr. Burg	Dr. Walker	Dr. Ota
Yay:	7	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay:	0							
Abstain/ Recuse:	0							
Absent:	0							

**D. Phillip M. Standen; DO-20-0051A 4/09/2020**

Dr. Standen participated in the virtual meeting during the Board's consideration of this matter.

Board staff summarized that Dr. Standen meets the education and examination requirements for licensure. However, Dr. Standen disclosed multiple prior arrests on his license application that occurred in Oregon between 2006 and 2012 and were previously reported to the Board on a prior application. In 2006, Dr. Standen was charged with DUI and furnishing alcohol to someone underage. In 2008, Dr. Standen was charged with minor in possession of alcohol. In 2011, Dr. Standen was charged with criminal trespassing. In 2012, Dr. Standen was cited for an open container. Board staff reported that Dr. Standen paid the imposed fines that resulted from the arrests, and completed a diversion program in 2008.

Dr. Standen explained that in 2006, he made the poor decision to drive while under the influence with his girlfriend and her friend, who were both underage at the time. Dr. Standen stated that in 2008, he was three months away from his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, and was cited for a minor in possession of alcohol. He further explained that in 2012, he was walking home with his girlfriend with a half full bottle of vodka that was closed, and was cited for violating open container laws. He stated that alcohol does not play a role in his professional life, and that he no longer consumes alcohol and is trying to better his health. The Board observed that Dr. Standen plans to practice in the field of anesthesia. Dr. Standen stated that while he understands that the field of anesthesia has an increased risk of dependence and abuse, it is something that has not affected him.

In response to the Board's questioning, Dr. Standen stated that he previously consumed alcohol in social settings, and has elected to no longer consume alcohol in order to better maintain his health and hopes to start a family soon.

**MOTION: Dr. Mateim moved for the Board to issue an unrestricted license.**

**SECOND: Dr. Ota**

**VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

	VOTE	Mr. Landau	Dr. Erbstoesser	Dr. Cunningham	Dr. Maitem	Mr. Burg	Dr. Walker	Dr. Ota
Yay:	7	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay:	0							
Abstain/	0							



Recuse:								
Absent:	0							

E. Amanda L. Wright; DO-20-0058A

Dr. Wright participated in the virtual meeting during the Board’s consideration of this matter.

Board staff summarized that Dr. Wright meets the education and examination requirements for licensure; however, Dr. Wright disclosed a prior arrest on her application. In 2003, Dr. Wright was arrested and charged with a DUI in California. Dr. Wright ultimately pled no contest to the charges and completed all requirements of her court-ordered probation without further incident, including completion of community service, payment of a fine, and suspension of her driver’s license.

Dr. Wright stated that she has not had problems with substances or alcohol, and that she has not had any other offenses since the time of her arrest in 2003. Dr. Wright reported that she continues to consume alcohol in social settings, but rarely. She stated that she did not believe the 17-year-old offense has any influence on her current practice. The Board observed that Dr. Wright’s field of practice is orthopedic trauma surgery. Dr. Cunningham questioned the physician regarding how she deals with working in a stressful field of medicine. Dr. Wright stated that she enjoys photography and exercising, and has a new puppy that consumes most of her time. In response to further questioning by Dr. Cunningham, Dr. Wright stated that she has a beer or glass of wine once or twice a week.

**MOTION: Dr. Maitem moved for the Board to issue an unrestricted license.**

**SECOND: Dr. Cunningham**

**VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

	VOTE	Mr. Landau	Dr. Erbstoesser	Dr. Cunningham	Dr. Maitem	Mr. Burg	Dr. Walker	Dr. Ota
Yay:	7	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay:	0							
Abstain/ Recuse:	0							
Absent:	0							

**6. REVIEW, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.**

A. Update on COVID-19 Temporary License Process under A.R.S. § 32-1834

Executive Director Bohall reported that as of Thursday, April 23, staff has approved 32 applications for temporary licensure to help with the COVID-19 crisis. Executive Director Bohall clarified for the Board that the application review process for temporary licensure applicants included an attestation that everything on the application was true, and queries are performed through the FSMB and NPDB as well as the American Osteopathic Association. Staff also queries the states where applicants hold other licensure to review whether there is any past discipline.

The Board questioned whether any schools of osteopathic medicine were allowing early graduation for their medical students. Executive Director Bohall reported that he has not received a response from AT Still University, and that Midwestern informed him that they do not plan to graduate any students early. President Landau complimented staff on facilitating a successful virtual meeting of the Board.

The Board's next meeting will be held on May 30, 2020.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: Dr. Maitem moved for adjournment.**

**SECOND: Dr. Cunningham**

**VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

	VOTE	Mr. Landau	Dr. Erbstoesser	Dr. Cunningham	Dr. Maitem	Mr. Burg	Dr. Walker	Dr. Ota
Yay:	7	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay:	0							
Abstain/ Recuse:	0							
Absent:	0							

The Board's meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

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Justin Bohall, Executive Director