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Justin Bohall

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**DRAFT MINUTES FOR MEETING OF THE**

**ARIZONA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY**

**Held on Friday July 11, 2025 at 9:00 am, at**

**1740 West Adams Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007 as well as virtually.**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Maitem called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

President Maitem 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**

	<b>Jonathan Maitem, DO</b>	<b>Samara Shipon, DO</b>	<b>Ms. Pamela Paschal</b>	<b>Dr. Cunningham, DO</b>	<b>Dawn Walker, DO</b>	<b>Mr. Michael Goodman</b>
<b>Present</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Absent</b>						

**Other Board Staff Present during the Board Meeting:**

	<b>Justin Bohall, Executive Director</b>	<b>Lindsey Castro, Deputy Director</b>	<b>Barbara Prah-Wix, DO, Med. Cons.</b>	<b>Christopher Andreyka, Licensing</b>	<b>Seamus Monaghan, Assistant AG</b>	<b>Ryan Dominick, Investigator</b>	<b>Kellye Mykhailov, Operations Coord</b>	<b>Irma Dominick, Licensing</b>
<b>Present</b>	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
<b>Absent</b>				X				

**3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

President Maitem made a call to the public. No member of the public requested to speak.

**4. REVIEW, CONSIDERATION, AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. June 19, 2025 Open Session
- B. June 19, 2025 Executive Session

**MOTION: Dr. Cunningham motioned to approve the June 19, 2025, Open Session minutes as well as the June 19, 2025 Executive Session Minutes.**

**SECOND: Mr. Goodman**

**VOTE: 5 -aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 1-recuse, 0-absent.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

	<b>Vote</b>	<b>Jonathan Maitem, DO</b>	<b>Samara Shipon, DO</b>	<b>Ms. Pamela Paschal</b>	<b>Doug Cunningham, DO</b>	<b>Dawn Walker, DO</b>	<b>Mr. Michael Goodman</b>
<b>Aye:</b>	5	X	X	X	X		X
<b>Nay:</b>	0						
<b>Abstain/ Recuse:</b>	1					X	
<b>Absent:</b>	0						

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

A. DO-22-0066A, Ann McCombs, D.O.

Dr. McCombs was virtually present during the Board's consideration of the matter. Dr. McCombs was represented by legal counsel Claudia Stedman.

Board staff provided a summary of the case. The complainant is a pharmacist from Prescott who contacted the location where Dr. McCombs was working as a Locum Tenens physician, regarding a prescription of Xarelto. Dr. McCombs had begun decreasing the patient's Xarelto and this error was brought to the attention of Dr. McCombs by the pharmacist. Dr. McCombs acknowledged her mistake and contacted the patient to continue taking their previously prescribed dose of the medication. It was also noted by the Board's Consultant that the documentation regarding this patient visit was drafted in the EMR as well as the electronic prescription as though the owner of the clinic had seen the patient throughout the visit, however, Dr. McCombs was the one who saw the patient.

Dr. McCombs advised the Board that she takes her role as a physician very seriously. Dr. McCombs stated that she did not have any backup support when working as a Locum Tenens physician at that location and that she had no transition period when starting at this clinic. Looking back, she stated that she should have asked more questions before taking the position. Dr. McCombs stated that once she learned about the mistake, she immediately called the patient and thankfully the patient did not decrease their medication yet and they were still taking the appropriate dose. Dr. McCombs stated that she regretted the error and is thankful that nothing happened to the patient. Dr. McCombs stated that she had completed several hours of CME in this area and made changes to the clinic's policies regarding INR testing for patients on DOACs. Dr. McCombs discussed the reasoning behind the incorrect physician being on the EMR and the electronic prescription stating that the clinic failed to provide her with a unique login and account to their EMR and prescribing system for 60 days. During the 60 days, she was directed by the clinic to use the clinic owner's login. As this case involves other health care providers, the Board will make the appropriate referrals to the appropriate boards.

**MOTION: Dr. Walker motioned for the Board to move to Executive Session for Legal Advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(3).**

**SECOND: Vice-President Shipon**

**VOTE: 6-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

	Vote	Jonathan Maitem, DO	Samara Shipon, DO	Ms. Pamela Paschal	Doug Cunningham, DO	Dawn Walker, DO	Mr. Michael Goodman
<b>Aye:</b>	6	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Nay:</b>	0						
<b>Abstain/ Recuse:</b>	0						
<b>Absent:</b>	0						

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:49 a.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 10:00 a.m.

No legal action was taken by the Board during Executive Session.

Upon hearing the summary of the case and review of the provided materials, the Board made a motion to issue an interim order for the provider to complete an examination that is approved by the Executive Director like the COMVEX provided by the NBOME to evaluate her fund of knowledge.

**MOTION: Dr. Cunningham made a motion for the Board to issue an interim order for the provider to complete an examination to evaluate her fund of knowledge.**

**SECOND: Dr. Walker**

**VOTE: 6-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

	Vote	Jonathan Maitem, DO	Samara Shipon, DO	Ms. Pamela Paschal	Doug Cunningham, DO	Dawn Walker, DO	Mr. Michael Goodman
<b>Aye:</b>	6	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Nay:</b>	0						
<b>Abstain/ Recuse:</b>	0						
<b>Absent:</b>	0						

B. DO-25-0013A, Brett Blaser, DO

The Board took this case out of order on the agenda.

Dr. Blaser was present virtually during the Board’s consideration of the matter.

Board staff provided a summary of the case. The anonymous complainant accused Dr. Blaser of misleading advertising about his vasectomy specialization that may lead people to believe that he is a Board Certified urologist. In Dr. Blaser’s response to the Board he stated that he is a Board Certified physician and completed an extensive 12 month training for vasectomies.

Dr. Blaser stated that the company he works for as an employee, VasectomyPro, was responsible for the advertisements and requested that his employers change their website. The company did change their website, however, other search engines were not updated at the same time and therefore the complaint was sent to the Board. Since then, everything has been updated to accurately reflect Dr. Blaser’s training and specialty.

Upon hearing the summary of the case and review of the provided materials, President Maitem made a motion to issue a Letter of Concern citing misleading advertising. It was also requested that Dr. Blaser sends Board staff all advertising changes that have been made.

**MOTION: President Maitem motioned for the Board to issue a Letter of Concern citing misleading advertising.**

**SECOND: Dr. Cunningham**

**VOTE: 6-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

	Vote	Jonathan Maitem, DO	Samara Shipon, DO	Ms. Pamela Paschal	Doug Cunningham, DO	Dawn Walker, DO	Mr. Michael Goodman
Aye:	6	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay:	0						
Abstain/ Recuse:	0						
Absent:	0						

The Board resumed the regularly scheduled agenda at the conclusion of this case.

C. DO-23-0177B, Suzanne Bentz, DO

**A continuance was granted by the Board. The case will be set for a future meeting.**

D. DO-24-0183A, David Foy, DO

David Foy and his legal counsel, Cody Hall, were both present virtually during the Board's consideration of the matter.

Board staff provided a summary of the case. The Complainant is patient LG and was seen by Dr. Foy in 2024 for a lump in her abdomen. She stated that Dr. Foy did not examine her at all and did not address her concerns. The complainant stated that she did ask Dr. Foy for a referral to another doctor because she believed it was a hernia and wanted to go to the same surgeon as her husband.

Dr. Foy's counsel argued there were differing recollections of the appointment between the patient and Dr. Foy, suggesting the patient sought only a referral rather than a diagnostic exam. Dr. Foy stated that he was trying to explain to the patient she may not have the same diagnosis of a hernia as her husband had. Dr. Foy stated that the patient declined the examination and did not want him to examine her. Dr. Foy stated that there are things he could have done differently and appreciates the input from the Board.

Dr. Foy admitted to failing in providing adequate documentation about patient interactions and agreed a referral was provided without a full physical examination being conducted. President Maitem emphasized the importance of performing and documenting history and physical examinations, and informed Dr. Foy about statutory requirements.

The Board members suggested Dr. Foy should have documented the refusal for examination and could have ordered diagnostic tests despite the patient refusing a physical exam.

Upon hearing the summary of the case and review of the provided materials, the Board made a motion to issue a Non-Disciplinary Letter of Concern for inadequate record keeping.

**MOTION: Dr. Walker motioned for the Board to issue a Non-Disciplinary Letter of Concern for inadequate record keeping.**

**SECOND: Dr. Cunningham**

**VOTE: 6-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

	Vote	Jonathan Maitem, DO	Samara Shipon, DO	Ms. Pamela Paschal	Doug Cunningham, DO	Dawn Walker, DO	Mr. Michael Goodman
<b>Aye:</b>	6	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Nay:</b>	0						
<b>Abstain/ Recuse:</b>	0						
<b>Absent:</b>	0						

E. DO-25-0009A James Clark, DO

Dr. Clark was present virtually during the Board’s consideration of the matter.

Board staff provided a summary of the case. The Board was notified of the reduction of Dr. Clark’s clinical privileges at the Northern Arizona VA Health Care System. After a peer review for interpreting body CT, MRI of the chest, abdomen and pelvis all privileges were revoked. 8 cases were reviewed and it was noted that some of the interpretations fell below the standard of care.

Dr. Clark responded by discussing data skewing in reviews and described prior attempts by hospital administration to unfairly challenge his competencies. Dr. Clark stated that when the administration does not like you they will revoke your privileges and they were cherry picking what data they picked for the peer review. Dr. Clark emphasized the importance of unbiased data representation and noted improvements in the review system to avoid cherry-picking cases. Dr. Clark denied any intentional errors and attributed the misinterpretations to the normal radiological variability. Dr. Clark stated that the reason the hospital administration was targeting him was due to retaliation as he was a whistleblower against the skewed vendor selection for MRI and CT machines as a potential reason for administrative challenges. Dr. Clark expressed satisfaction with working relationships at the facility and desire to resolve adversarial environment issues.

Upon hearing the summary of the case and review of the provided materials, the Board made a motion to issue an interim order for an evaluation of his fund of knowledge.

**MOTION: President Maitem motioned for the Board to issue an Interim Order for an evaluation of his fund of knowledge.**

**SECOND: Dr. Cunningham**

**VOTE: 6-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

	Vote	Jonathan Maitem, DO	Samara Shipon, DO	Ms. Pamela Paschal	Doug Cunningham, DO	Dawn Walker, DO	Mr. Michael Goodman
Aye:	6	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay:	0						
Abstain/ Recuse:	0						
Absent:	0						

**6. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON PROPOSED CONSENT AGREEMENTS AND COMPLIANCE WITH TERMS OF BOARD ORDERS**

A. DO-25-0077A, Tyler Cobbs

Dr. Cobbs and his legal counsel, Flynn Carey, were both present virtually during the Board’s consideration of the matter.

Board staff provided a summary of the case. Dr. Cobbs answered yes to a disclosure question and stated that he witnessed a group of individuals vandalizing cars and attempted to de-escalate the situation, however, the altercation escalated and was charged with assault causing bodily injury. Dr. Cobbs stated that charges were dropped and expunged. Dr. Cobbs was issued a Post Graduate Training permit in 2024 and did not disclose the arrest.

Mr. Carey stated that according to Texas law you are not required to disclose an arrest unless it is a criminal case in Texas. Dr. Cobbs apologized to the Board for his discrepancy and was not sure why he didn’t disclose on the Post Graduate Permit but did on the initial license application. Dr. Cobbs expressed his appreciation to the Board for hearing his case today.

**MOTION: President Maitem motioned for the Board to move to Executive Session for Personal & Confidential Information & Legal Advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(2) & (A)(3).**

**SECOND: Mr. Goodman**

**VOTE: 6-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

	Vote	Jonathan Maitem, DO	Samara Shipon, DO	Ms. Pamela Paschal	Doug Cunningham, DO	Dawn Walker, DO	Mr. Michael Goodman
<b>Aye:</b>	6	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Nay:</b>	0						
<b>Abstain/ Recuse:</b>	0						
<b>Absent:</b>	0						

The Board entered into Executive Session at 11:01 a.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 11:06 a.m.

No legal action was taken by the Board during Executive Session.

The Board stated on the record that the Arizona application of Initial licensure and the Board's statutes and rules require the disclosure of all criminal charges regardless of any expungement. The Board expects applicants to fully disclose any information that the Board needs to consider as part of the application process. Upon hearing the summary of the case and review of the provided materials, the Board made a motion to issue a full unrestricted license.

**MOTION: President Maitem motioned for the Board to issue a Non-Disciplinary Letter of Concern citing inadequate record keeping.**

**SECOND: Dr. Cunningham**

**VOTE: 6-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

	Vote	Jonathan Maitem, DO	Samara Shipon, DO	Ms. Pamela Paschal	Doug Cunningham, DO	Dawn Walker, DO	Mr. Michael Goodman
<b>Aye:</b>	6	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Nay:</b>	0						
<b>Abstain/ Recuse:</b>	0						
<b>Absent:</b>	0						

**7. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISMISSAL OR OTHER ACTION**

The Board took the following items together on the proposed Consent Agenda:

- A. DO-24-0169A, Carl Ferguson, DO
- B. DO-25-0025A, Brad Cucchetti, DO
- C. DO-25-0002A, Mark Siegel, DO
- D. DO-25-0024A, Harry Gale, DO
- E. DO-24-0029A, David Foy, DO

The physicians were not present during the Board’s consideration of the matter. Board staff provided a summary of the case. The Board did not request to pull any one case from the consent agenda.

Upon hearing the summary from the Executive Director and provided materials, the Board made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. The Board will issue Non-Disciplinary Letters of Concern as noted in the report for these matters.

**MOTION: Ms. Paschal motioned for the Board to accept the consent agenda as presented.**  
**SECOND: Mr. Goodman**  
**VOTE: 6-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent.**  
**MOTION PASSED.**

	Vote	Jonathan Maitem, DO	Samara Shipon, DO	Ms. Pamela Paschal	Doug Cunningham, DO	Dawn Walker, DO	Mr. Michael Goodman
<b>Aye:</b>	6	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Nay:</b>	0						
<b>Abstain/ Recuse:</b>	0						
<b>Absent:</b>	0						

**8. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION BETWEEN THE MEDICAL STUDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND DISCUSSION RELATING TO ISSUES SURROUNDING THE PRACTICE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE.**

The Board met with medical students to discuss topics and issues related to the practice of osteopathic medicine. No action was taken on this item.

**9. REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING MISC ITEMS.**

- A. Discussion on Medical Spa and IV Hydration Clinics; Guidance on Standard of Care**

The Board discussed the research completed by the Executive Director. The Board President stated that the previously created committee on AI would be converted to an Emerging Practice Trends Committee that could have sub committees on individual topics if needed. President Maitem appointed Drs. Shipon and Walker and Ms. Paschal to be on the committee. Staff will facilitate the committee meetings. The committee will review the information in detail and make a recommendation on the next steps of the Board including the potential for a draft policy guidance if applicable and appropriate.

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

**A. Report from Board Members**

The Board Members had nothing to report at this time.

**B. Executive Director Report**

Executive Director Bohall provided a verbal update for the Board including a new report that provides statistics on the medical schools of Post Graduate as well as Initial Applications. Executive Director Bohall also advised the Board that fourteen cases have been executively dismissed since the last Board meeting.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: Dr. Cunningham motioned for the Board to adjourn.**

**SECOND: Mr. Goodman**

**VOTE: 6-aye, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

	Vote	Jonathan Maitem, DO	Samara Shipon, DO	Ms. Pamela Paschal	Doug Cunningham, DO	Dawn Walker, DO	Mr. Michael Goodman
<b>Aye:</b>	6	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Nay:</b>	0						
<b>Abstain/ Recuse:</b>	0						
<b>Absent:</b>	0						

**The Board’s meeting adjourned at 12:11 pm.**

  
Justin Bohall, Executive Director