

**Office of Professional Regulation  
Board of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons  
UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
June 25, 2009**

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:25 a.m.

Board members present: Howard S. Jonas, D.O., Chairman; William Cove, D.O., Vice-Chair; John Peterson, D.O. and John Welch, Esq.

Absent: Mary C. Mazzariello.

OPR staff present: Carla Preston, Unit Administrator; Larry Novins, Board Counsel and Kristy Kemp, Administrative Assistant.

2. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Dr. Cove made a motion, seconded by Dr. Peterson, to approve the Minutes of the March 12, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Hearings/Stipulations Review:**

4. **Reports/Guests:**

5. **Legislation/Rulemaking:**

The Board proposed the following changes to Title 26, Sections 1831 and 1832 to be included in the next OPR bill.

§1831(a)(2) is amended to read: Documentation of no less than one year of an approved program of post-graduate training.

§1831(b) is amended to read: In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this section, an applicant shall pass the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination-USA (COMLEX) or the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) or their successor or equivalent examinations approved by the Board unless the applicant is exempt from all or part of the examination under the provisions of section 1832 or 1832(a) of this title.

§1832(b) will be removed completely.

6. **Applications reviewed and discussed:**

Dr. Peterson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cove, to approve the following applicants for licensure as Osteopathic Physicians. Motion passed unanimously.

Andrea J. Galasso, D.O. – License Number 032-0047319

Matthew P. Gilbert, D.O. – License Number 032-0052485

**6. Applications reviewed and discussed: - continued**

Janel M. Kittredge, D.O. – License Number 032-0046224

Michele Nitti, D.O. – License Number 032-0051972

Suketu K. Patel, D.O. – License Number 032-0046133

Joshua C. Samuelson, D.O. – License Number 032-0050041

Mario E. Serafini, D.O. – License Number 032-0052067

Thomas A. Sterling, D.O. – License Number 032-0046223

Walter Y. Uyesugi, D.O. – License Number 032-0045512

The Board reviewed Dr. Robert E. Blaik's application for licensure. The Board will send Dr. Blaik a follow-up letter, asking if he wishes to continue to pursue licensure and if so his application will require updates.

**7. Newsletter Topics:**

**8. Correspondence:**

- a. The Board noted the developments made by the Certifying Board of the American Association of Medical Assistants.
- b. The information from Professional Boundaries, Inc. regarding course options for disciplined physicians and other continuing education programs was discussed and noted by the Board.
- c. Other state newsletters were reviewed and discussed.

**9. Federation of State Medical Boards Correspondence:**

The Board discussed the Common License Application Form (CLAF). It is a 28 page application that is meant to be a uniform application form. The Board voted on approving the following changes to the application.

- An applicants' social security number will be requested along with their contact information. All subsequent references to the applicants' social security number will be omitted from the remainder of the application form.
- Page 6, Number 7. Examination History – This section should be shortened to include only the current examinations offered which are the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination (COMLEX) and the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE).

**9. Federation of State Medical Boards Correspondence: - continued**

- Page 8, Number 10. Chronology of Activities – Mr. Welch made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cove, to remove this section from the application. The motion passed unanimously.
- Page 11, Affidavit and Authorization for Release of Information – Mr. Welch made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cove, to remove the requirement for a photograph. The motion passed unanimously.
- Page 13, Medical School Verification – Page 1 of 4 – The Board agreed to compare this page with the current Certificate of Osteopathic Medical Education and make adjustments as needed.
- Page 14, Medical School Verification – Page 2 of 4 – Dr. Cove made a motion, seconded by Mr. Welch, to remove the contents of page 14 from the application. The motion passed unanimously.
- Page 15, Medical School Verification – Page 3 of 4 – Mr. Welch made a motion, seconded by Dr. Peterson, to remove questions 1 and 3 of page 15 from the application. The motion passed unanimously. Question 2 on page 15 will remain.
- Page 16, Medical School Verification – Page 4 of 4 – Dr. Cove made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jonas, to remove the contents of page 16 from the application. The motion passed unanimously.
- Page 20, Fifth Pathway Verification – Mr. Welch made a motion, seconded by Dr. Peterson, to remove the contents of page 20 from the application. The motion passed unanimously.
- Addendum Page 1, Addendum 1, Question 2. – Dr. Cove made a motion, seconded by Dr. Peterson, to remove question 2 regarding pre-medical education from the application. The motion passed unanimously.
- Addendum Page 1, Addendum 1, Question 3. – Mr. Welch made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cove, to remove question 3 regarding hospital privileges from the application. The motion passed unanimously.
- Addendum Page 1, Addendum 1, Question 4. – Mr. Welch made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cove to replace the questions under section 4. with the Office of Professional Regulations updated standard questions. The motion passed unanimously.
- Addendum Page 3, Addendum 2 (continued) – The Board agreed to number the questions. The last question which currently reads: Does the applicant call upon consultants when needed? Will be moved towards the top of the form and labeled as question number 2 and will be amended to read as follows: Does the applicant consult with others as needed?

**9. Federation of State Medical Boards Correspondence: - continued**

- Addendum Page 4, Addendum 3 – Mr. Welch made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jonas to replace the questions regarding child support, taxes and unemployment with the Office of Professional Regulations updated standard questions. The motion passed unanimously.
- Addendum Page 5, Addendum 4 – Mr. Welch made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jonas to move this Addendum to the front of the application along with a cover page that reads the following in large bold print: PLEASE BE SURE TO READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY.

**10. Other Business Introduced by the Board**

- a. The Board discussed the Official Osteopathic Physician Profile Report provided by the American Osteopathic Information Association (AOIA). The Board determined that the profile is an acceptable form of licensure verification as well as internship training verification. If an applicant submits the profile report and the internship and/or their other state licenses are verified they do not need to submit additional verifications.
- b. The Board discussed the reference requirements for physicians applying on the basis of endorsement whom are not affiliated with a hospital. The Board agreed that these physicians may have their colleagues complete the reference forms.

**11. Public Comment**

**12.** The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 10, 2009** at 10:00 a.m.

**13.** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Kemp  
Administrative Assistant