

Vermont Secretary of State - Office of Professional Regulation
Board of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons
89 Main St, 3rd Floor, Montpelier, VT 05620-3402
Approved Minutes
March 12, 2015

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:06 am

Board Member(s) present: John Peterson, DO, ; Mimi Kevan, Public Member, Secretary; John Welch, Esq., Public Member, Vice-Chair; and Scott Perrapato, DO.

Board Member(s) absent: Daniel Wilson, DO, Chair

OPR personnel present: Larry Novins, Esq., Board Counsel and Aprille Morrison, Licensing Board Specialist.

2. The Board held their public hearing for the proposed administrative rules and statute revision. No members of the public attended the hearing. Mr. Novins reviewed the comments that were submitted in writing with the members and made changes accordingly. Dr. Peterson made a motion to require at most 8 hours, out of the thirty (30) required hours, of continuing medical education to be osteopathic medical education. Ms. Kevan seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mr. Novins informed the members present that the forty present requirement was also in their statutes and would need to be changed there as well. He believes that he can add this change to this year's OPR bill. Ms. Kevan made a motion directing Mr. Novins to add this statute change to the OPR Bill. Dr. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion passed. Dr. Perrapato made a motion to approve the amended draft to the proposed rules for legislative filing. Dr. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion passed.
3. The Vice-Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the September 11, 2014 meeting. Ms. Kevan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Peterson, to approve the Minutes as written. Motion passed.
4. **Hearings/Stipulations...:** None
5. **Case Managers Report:**

The Board presently has three (3) cases. One (1) case is currently under investigation, one (1) is ready for Investigative Team meeting and one (1) is pending charges.

6. **Application formal approval:**

Ms. Kevan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Perrapato, to approve the following applicants for licensure as an Osteopathic Physician. Motion passed unanimously.

Alexandra Shustina
Bruce Flagg
Michael Castello
Richard Fasanello
Theresa Sullivan

Bradley Eisenberg
David Thoma
Michael Carchedi
Salomon Kramer
Alison Lee

Brent Jacobson
Edward Browning
Michael Van Manen
Susan Weinstein
Christina Bordeau

7. Discussion:

Colin Benjamin, Director of OPR. Mr. Benjamin spoke with the Board regarding the Naturopathic Physicians new prescribing rules regarding prescription drugs. The Naturopathic physician formulary is going to be sunseting July 2016 and all Naturopaths who wish to prescribe legend drugs will be required to pass a pharmacology specific examination to obtain the prescriptive authority endorsement. Legislature has also mandated that Naturopaths will be required to have their prescriptions reviewed by a medical physician or Osteopathic Physician for a minimum of the first 100 prescriptions, written outside the current formulary, or a minimum of one year. Mr. Benjamin wanted to inform the Board that members of the Osteopathic community may receive requests from Naturopathic physicians to review for them. Dr. Perrapato suggested that OPR form a 2-3 member review panel that would meet every three months to review the prescriptions from Naturopaths who have obtained this endorsement. He felt this would provide consistency for the Naturopaths.

Mr. Novins discussed the Office changes regarding an administrative law officer who will now be hearing Board matters. The Board supports review and selection by the case manager of cases which should be heard by the Board. Dr. Peterson made a motion that all unprofessional Conduct cases that do not involve practice issues, scope of practice issues, determination of what the standards of practice are or should be, or the role of Osteopathic Physicians may be heard by an Administrative Law Officer. The Board authorizes utilization of title 3V.S.A. § 129(f) for those cases. Dr. Perrapato seconded the motion. Motion passed.

8. Other Business Introduced by the Board:

Dr. Peterson informed the Board that he received correspondence from Pat King with the University of Vermont Medical Center regarding a speaker that was coming to the University to present a lecture on graduate practices as they interface with the Federation of State Medical Boards. Dr. Peterson will forward the information on the lecture to all of the Board members in case they wish to attend.

- 9.** Dr. Perrapato made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:37 am. Dr. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion passed. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, June 25, 2015** at 10:00 am.