

NEBRASKA BOARD OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY

MEETING MINUTES

April 15, 2022

ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Medicine and Surgery was called to order by Secretary, Rachel Blake, MD, at 9:00 a.m. on April 15, 2022, at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 7343 Husker Circle, Lincoln, Nebraska 68504. The meeting was conducted In-Person and by WebEx. The following members answered the roll call:

Jodanne Hedrick, DO, Chairperson, via WebEx
Rachel Blake, MD, Secretary
John Massey, MD
Mark Goodman, MD
Adam Kuenning
Jeffrey Howorth

Absent: Brian Keegan, MD, Vice-Chairperson
Maria Michaelis, MD

A quorum was present and the meeting convened.

Also present to participate in the meeting: Jesse Cushman, Program Manager, Jan Gadenken-Harris, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit; Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General; Trevor Klaassen, Mark Meyerson, Carla Cue, Jeff Newman and Kathleen Krueger Investigators with the Investigation Unit; Suzanna Glover-Ettrich, Department Attorney and Anna Harrison, DHHS Compliance Monitor for Licensing and Investigations.

Dr. Blake announced that there is a copy of all the public documents being reviewed at this meeting available in the meeting room pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were e-mailed to the Board members and other interested parties, posted on the DHHS web site at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>, and posted in the Licensure Unit on April 4, 2022 and revisions posted on April 12, 2022.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Massey moved, seconded by Kuenning to approve adoption of the agenda with the Chair having the authority to rearrange agenda items as needed. Voting aye: Blake, Goodman, Hedrick, Howorth, Kuenning and Massey. Voting nay: None. Absent: Keegan and Michaelis. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Additions, Modification, Reordering

The Board requested the following applications to be removed from the Application Review Consent Agenda:

Kazan, Robert, MD – Initial License Application
Pavuluri, Spriha, MD – Initial License Application
Turco Brannan, Lauren, MD – Initial License Application
Cullison, Brian, MD, Reinstatement License Application

2022 LEGISLATION UPDATES

The Board had no comments on the legislative session at this time.

REGULATIONS UPDATE

The Board reviewed the proposed draft Regulations for the following:

Title 172 Chapter 89 – Practice of Acupuncture

Title 172 Chapter 90 – Licensure & Supervision of Physician Assistants

Title 172 Chapter 91 – Licensure of Perfusionists

The revisions were to incorporate the changes due to the passage of LB390 regarding reciprocity.

Hedrick moved, seconded by Howorth to approve the proposed draft Regulations for Title 172 Chapters 89, 90 and 91. Voting aye: Blake, Goodman, Hedrick, Howorth, Kuenning and Massey. Voting nay: None. Absent: Keegan and Michaelis. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Goodman moved, seconded by Howorth to approve the minutes for March 25, 2022 as presented. Voting aye: Blake, Goodman, Hedrick, Howorth, Kuenning and Massey. Voting nay: None. Absent: Keegan and Michaelis. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS, DISCIPLINARY REPORTS, APPLICATION REVIEW – CLOSED SESSION

Howorth moved, seconded by Massey, to go into closed session at 9:09 a.m. for the purpose of review and discussion of investigative reports, disciplinary reports, licensure applications, and other confidential information, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. Voting aye: Blake, Goodman, Hedrick, Howorth, Kuenning and Massey. Voting nay: None. Absent: Keegan and Michaelis. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Board Break at 10:35 a.m.

Board Returned at 10:50 a.m.

The Board members returned to open the session at 10:52 a.m.

APPLICATION REVIEW – OPEN SESSION

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE AND REGISTRATION

Physician and Osteopathic Physician Initial Application(s) (3)

KAZAN, ROBERT, MD – application for initial license to practice medicine and surgery. Goodman moved, seconded by Howorth to recommend to issue the license to practice medicine and surgery. Voting aye: Blake, Goodman, Hedrick, Howorth, Kuenning and Massey. Voting nay: None. Absent: Keegan and Michaelis. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

PAVULURI, SPRIHA, MD – application for initial license to practice medicine and surgery. Massey moved, seconded by Howorth to recommend to issue the license to practice medicine and surgery. Voting aye: Blake, Goodman, Hedrick, Howorth, Kuenning and Massey. Voting nay: None. Absent: Keegan and Michaelis. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

TURCO BRANNAN, LAUREN, MD – application for initial license to practice medicine and surgery. Goodman moved, seconded by Howorth to recommend to issue the license to practice medicine and surgery. Voting aye: Blake, Goodman, Hedrick, Howorth, Kuenning and Massey. Voting nay: None. Absent: Keegan and Michaelis. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Physician and Osteopathic Physician Reinstatement Application(s) (1)

CULLISON, BRIAN, MD – application for Reinstatement license to practice medicine and surgery. Howorth moved, seconded by Massey, to recommend to issue the reinstatement to practice medicine and surgery. Voting aye: Blake, Goodman, Hedrick, Howorth, Kuenning and Massey. Voting nay: None. Absent: Keegan and Michaelis. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The next Board of Medicine and Surgery meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2022. To see a complete list of the projected schedule for 2022, visit the DHHS website:

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>

Board recessed at 10:54 a.m. before the Board Hearing scheduled at 12:00 p.m.
Board returned from the recess to Open Session at 11:55 a.m.

BOARD HEARING

The Hearing facilitator announced the Board would go into Closed Session for review at 1:08 p.m.

Board Break at 1:08 p.m.

Board Returned to Closed Session at 1:17 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:32 p.m. following the conclusion of the Board Hearing review and the following recommendation was approved by the Board in open session:

JEFFREY LOREN FRASER, MD - Application for Reinstatement following discipline requesting early release from probation and request for dismissal of the civil penalty of the license #19664. Kuenning moved, seconded by Goodman, to deny the Application for Reinstatement following discipline requesting early release from probation and request for dismissal of the civil penalty of the license of Jeffrey Loren Fraser based on 1) insufficient evidence to change the original probationary period, 2) the Board lacks statutory authority to dismiss the civil penalty. Voting aye: Blake, Goodman, Howorth, Kuenning and Massey. Voting nay: None. Absent: Hedrick, Keegan and Michaelis. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Blake, Acting Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 1:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

signature available upon request

Rachel Blake, MD, Secretary
Board of Medicine and Surgery