



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH  
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# MICHIGAN BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE & SURGERY APRIL 7, 2011 MEETING

## APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery met in regular session on April 7, 2010 at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 3, Lansing, Michigan.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Dennis Dobritt, D.O., acting Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**Members Present:** Dennis Dobritt, D.O., acting Chairperson  
Kathleen Carney, Public Member  
Gale Easton, P.A.  
Barry Kane, Public Member  
Paulette Lindberg, Public Member  
Peter McAndrews, D.O.  
Susan Sevensma, D.O.  
Douglas Vanator, D.O.

**Members Absent:** Steven Acker, D.O., Chairperson  
Charles Kelly, D.O., Vice Chairperson  
William Cunningham, D.O.

**Staff Present:** Laurie VanBeelen, Board Secretary, Health Regulatory Division  
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Health Regulatory Division  
Steve Creamer, Manager, Professional Practice Division (left at 9:28 a.m.)  
Lidia McGee, Analyst, Health Regulatory Division  
Stephanie Rosenthal, Analyst, Health Regulatory Division  
Stacie Noel, Program Operations Division (left at 9:11 a.m.)  
Michele Wagner-Gutkowski, Assistant Attorney General  
Nancy Short, Appointments Division Deputy Director,  
Office of the Governor

**Others Present:** Robert Stang, D.O.  
Natalie Gilbert  
Robert Sparks, J.D. (arrived at 9:29 a.m.)

## ***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

*MOTION* by Carney, seconded by Lindberg, to approve the December 2, 2010 meeting minutes as presented.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## ***APPROVAL OF AGENDA***

*MOTION* by Carney, seconded by Kane, to approve the agenda with the following modification:

Item 5. Chairperson's Report, will become Introduction of New Members.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## ***INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS***

Dobritt asked new members, Peter McAndrews and Susan Sevensma, along with present members and staff, to introduce themselves.

## ***OLD BUSINESS***

None

## ***NEW BUSINESS***

### **Continuing Education Review and Approval**

VanBeelen directed the Board to the updated list of programs which Dr. Acker has reviewed. She advised that the program from Andersen Eye Associates which was held March 16, 2011 is still pending approval.

*MOTION* by Vanator, seconded by Easton, to approve the programs as presented, with the exception of Andersen Eye Associates previously held March 16, 2011.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

See Addendum #1 attached hereto.

## **Department Update**

Ramsdell advised the Board that the new administration has taken the position that with regard to board member terms, when a member's term expires the member will not continue to serve unless the member has been reappointed. She also introduced Nancy Short, the Deputy Director of the Governor's Appointments Division.

Ramsdell also advised that Governor Snyder issued an executive order that moves the Bureau of Health Professions to the newly-created Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA). She advised that this will not affect the day-to-day operations of the Bureau nor will it affect the Board. Ramsdell also advised that the Bureau has had recent changes in staffing. Along with the vacancy of the policy administration manager, which Amy Allen previously held, the Bureau's Director, Melanie Brim, has accepted a position with the Department of Community Health and will not be transitioning to LARA. She advised that a bureau director had not yet been named.

Steve Creamer, Manager for the Professional Practice Section of the Bureau, introduced himself and provided the Board with an update as to the work of Advisory Committee on Pain and Symptom Management (ACPSM). He directed the Board to the 2009 Annual Report of the ACPSM and highlighted current recommendations. Creamer advised that an informational DVD regarding the state's MAPS program and the ACPSM will be mailed to all licensees who hold prescriptive licenses in the very near future. Creamer answered various questions from members of the Board.

## ***REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS***

### **Robert Stang, D.O. – Proposal for Decision**

*MOTION* by Lindberg, seconded by Sevensma, to remove from the table the matter of Robert Stang, D.O.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

*MOTION* by Sevensma, seconded by Carney, to accept the Proposal for Decision and deny reinstatement in the matter of Robert Stang, D.O.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Easton, McAndrews, Vanator, Lindberg, Sevensma, Kane, Carney, Dobritt

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Robert Stang stated to the Board that he does not agree with their decision nor does he agree with the decision of the Administrative Law Judge and that he intends to pursue the matter further.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**


The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on June 7, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 3, Lansing, Michigan.

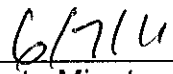
Ramsdell advised that elections of officers will be held at the June meeting.

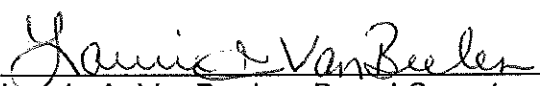
## **ADJOURNMENT**

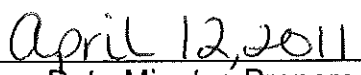
*MOTION* by Carney, seconded by Lindberg, to adjourn at 9:34 a.m.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

  
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Dennis Dobritt, D.O., acting Chairperson

  
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Date Minutes Approved

  
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Laurie A. VanBeelen, Board Secretary

  
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Date Minutes Prepared