

NEW MEXICO MEDICAL BOARD
Interim Board Meeting – January 8, 2025
2055 S. Pacheco Street, Suite 400
Santa Fe, NM 87505

MINUTES

MEETING MADE PUBLIC VIA ZOOM AND TELECONFERENCE

Video Conferencing: Eileen Barrett, MD
Jeannine Daniels, Public Member
Kathy Johnson, PA
Kristin Reidy, DO (Joined at beginning of Executive Session)
Michael Richards, MD
Paul Roth, MD

Present: Karen Carson, MD
Angela Medrano, Public Member
Bradley Scoggins, DO
Mark Unverzagt, MD
Richard Romero, Government Liaison
Monique Parks, Interim Executive Director
Natalie Padilla, Compliance Coordinator
David Duhigg, Investigator
David Dominguez, Investigator
Vanessa Montoya, Investigator

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Dr. Carson, after establishing the presence of a quorum, called the January 8, 2024, Board Meeting of the New Mexico Medical Board to order at 4:02 pm, roll call was completed.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION was made by Dr. Carson to approve the agenda. **SECONDED** by Dr. Scoggins. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, PA Johnson, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins, and Dr. Unverzagt. **ABSENT:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION was made by Dr. Carson to approve the minutes from the November 8 – 9, 2024, Board Meeting with inclusion of the spelling change of Lusan Leyba’s name on page 11 of the posted Meeting Minutes. **SECONDED** by Dr. Barrett. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, PA Johnson, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins, and Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** Ms. Daniels. **ABSENT:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Licensing Requests, Actions, and New Applicants/Reinstatements

MOTION was made by Dr. Carson to go into Executive Session pursuant NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 (H) (1) of the Open Meetings Act, Sections 10-15-1 to 10-15-4, the NM Medical Board may close portions of its meeting to discuss matters pertaining to a particular license, such as the issuance, suspension, renewal or revocation of a license. All final actions concerning any particular license will be made in an open meeting. **SECONDED** by Dr. Scoggins. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, PA Johnson, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins, and Dr. Unverzagt. **ABSENT:** Dr. Reidy, Dr. Richards. **MOTION CARRIED.**

OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session. Dr. Carson stated for the record that the matters discussed in executive session were limited only to those specified in the motion for closure.

5. COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee B:

Case# NMMB-20240372 Recommendation was made by Dr. Unverzagt offering physician applicant a stipulated license requiring mandatory participation in New Mexico Health Professional Wellness Program (NMHPWP) following the quarterly reports to be consistent with the Colorado Physician Health Program (CO PHP) as the primary monitor. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, PA Johnson, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins, and Dr. Reidy. **RECUSED:** Dr. Unverzagt. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CASE# NMMB-20240391 Recommendation was made by Dr. Unverzagt offering physician applicant the chance to withdraw his application for licensure while under investigation. If the physician applicant does not accept, a notice of contemplated action will be issued to deny licensure based on, but not limited to, adverse action in another state, injudicious prescribing, and impairment. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, PA Johnson, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Reidy, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, and Dr. Scoggins. **RECUSED:** Dr. Unverzagt. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CASE# NMMB-20240438 Recommendation was made by Dr. Unverzagt for closure of this case and issuance of a physician license in New Mexico. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, PA Johnson, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Reidy, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, and Dr. Scoggins. **RECUSED:** Dr. Unverzagt. **MOTION CARRIED.**

7. Executive Director Report

Interim Executive Director, Monique Parks gave updates on vacancies for the following positions: Medical Director, Compliance Supervisor and Investigations Supervisor, full-time Prosecutor, Licensing Specialist, Financial Specialist and Executive Director. She stated that there are other avenues being looked into for the full-time prosecutor position. Mrs. Parks also reported that she has recently been promoted to the Director of Operations so the Licensing Manager position is also vacant and will be working to get the position posted as quickly as possible. Mrs. Parks gave insight to the decision to move some things around within the budget in the best interest of hiring another contract prosecutor to help with the backlog of cases. The Medical Director position got pushed back on posting so that the NMMB would be able to hire the contract prosecutor in February. NMMB is in the final stages for another contract prosecutor and will be brought on soon. Executive Committee has stepped up and helped with any questions and anything that the Medical Director would normally do. There have been eight applications sent over to them within the past two months. Five applications have been licensed, one was sent to investigations and two have been advisory letters. It was asked to Mrs. Parks about how many contract prosecutors NMMB will have at the time of the new contract taking effect and she answered that there will be three in total. The question about what other avenues are going to be taken to hire a full-time time prosecutor and Mrs. Parks responded that in conversations with SPO there have been

suggestion to change the position from Government Exempt to Classified to possibly recruit more applicants. It was explained by Mrs. Parks what the differences between Exempt and Classified positions are and that NMMB has not had many applicants for either position. Mrs. Parks finalized her report stating that she will be doing more research on changing the position to Classified.

8. Board Chair Report

A. Committees/ Legislative Update Information

Dr. Carson gave updates on:

Foreign Trained Physicians – Dr. Carson mentioned that there will be a bill will be filed during the legislative session. She will be sending more information to Dr. Reidy for review and feedback. Dr. Carson also mentioned that there will more than likely be a licensure going forward once session comes on and that this will be a continued committee moving forward.

Telemedicine – Dr. Carson spoke about not wanting to open anything or start a rules process at this time as there will be an expected bill during this legislative session. Dr. Carson clarified that the work on these committees will continue after the session and the goal is to have the committee members be knowledgeable on what each topic entails and be able to work with the Board staff on those rule changes.

Prescribing Psychologists – Dr. Carson informed the Board that there is a pre-filed bill regarding statute change to the title of the Prescribing Psychologists and will be sending the bill to the Board members for review.

Dr. Carson gave a general update and check in with several other Board Members regarding their progress and updates within each committee.

B. Governmental Projects Coordinator Report

Richard Romero gave updates on his attendance with interim committee meetings with the LFC and the Health and Human Services Committee. Mr. Romero noted that there have been productive meetings with several Senators and Representatives. He mentioned the New Mexico Medical Board Legislative Information Sheet and noted that he appreciated referencing the sheet and believes it will be helpful during the legislative session. Mr. Romero stated that he has talked a lot about the Compact bill and has been sharing information during his meetings.

9. General and Final Topics

Dr. Carson raised the question to the Board regarding sharing Board Member information with legislators and everyone came up with a process together for how information will be shared during the legislative session.


Dr. Carson also gave additional general information and clarification on the NMMB Legislative Information Sheet and on upcoming bills going into the legislative session based on topics that each committee is focusing on. This also included more information on the Compact bill and how this is being looked at during the legislative session. Dr. Carson informed the Board that she has been in contact with the IMLC Executive Director and stated that she has sent contact information and general information over to them.

10. Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, Dr. Carson adjourned the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:  DATE: 2/13/2025

Monique Parks, Interim Executive Director

APPROVED BY:  DATE: 2/6/2025

Karen Carson, M.D., Chair

APPROVED BY:  DATE: 2/6/2025

Bradley Scoggins, D.O., Secretary Treasurer