

NEW MEXICO MEDICAL BOARD
Board Meeting
November 6-7, 2025
MINUTES

MEETING MADE PUBLIC VIA WEBCAST

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2025

Members Present: Karen Carson, MD, Chair
Eileen Barrett, MD
Jeannine Daniels, Public Member (Day 1)
Kathy Johnson, PA, Vice Chair
Angela Medrano, Public Member
Michael Richards, MD (Day 1)
Mark Unverzagt, MD

Video Conferencing: Jeannine Daniels, Public Member (Day 2)
Michael Richards (Day 2)
Paul Roth, MD
Bradley Scoggins, DO, Secretary Treasurer
Peter Eicker, Esq., NMMB Contract Attorney
Tom Banner, NMMB Contract Attorney
Leah Nelson, MD, New Mexico Health and Wellness Program (Day 1)
Mary Lynn Griffin, New Mexico Health and Wellness Program (Day 1)
Adam Vareika, Executive Director, New Mexico Health and Wellness Program (Day 1)
Tom Mack, Esq., Counsel for Nora Walsh, M.D. (Day 1)

Excused: Kristin Reidy, DO

Others Present: Monique Parks, Interim Executive Director
Samantha Breen, Licensing Manager
Elishia Lucero, Compliance Supervisor
Natalie Padilla, Compliance Coordinator
William Brady, MD, Medical Director
Lusan Leyba, Chief Financial Officer
Patrick Nuzzo, DN (Day 2)
Rick Miera, Former Legislative Representative (Day 2)
Cristy Roybal, Court Reporter (Day2)

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Dr. Carson, after establishing the presence of a quorum, called the **November 6, 2025**, Board Meeting of the New Mexico Medical Board to order at 8:33 a.m. Roll call was completed. **PRESENT:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, PA Johnson, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED.** Dr. Reidy.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Dr. Carson moved to approve the agenda for November 6-7, 2025, with the following change: to table compliant committee case #NMMB-20240369. **SECONDED:** Ms. Daniels **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, PA Johnson, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Dr. Carson moved to approve the minutes from the **August 21–22, 2025** Board Meeting with the following correction.

Page 5- Chair Report, second paragraph: remove the word “strict” so that the sentence reads, “*She stated there will be guidelines for physicians seeking this route of licensure.*”

SECONDED: Ms. Daniels. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, PA Johnson, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy.

MOTION: Dr. Carson moved to approve the minutes from the **September 26, 2025**, Interim Board Meeting with the following correction.

Page 2- Medical Director- Approval of Medical Spa Policy: correct the spelling of “Medical” so it reads. “*Motion was made by Dr. Carson to approve the updated Medical Spa Policy.*”

SECONDED: PA Johnson. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, PA Johnson, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Compliance and New Mexico Health Professional Wellness Program Reports.

MOTION: Dr. Carson moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 (H) (1) of the Open Meetings Act, Sections 10-15-1 to 10-15-4, the New Mexico 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: Ms. Daniels. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, PA Johnson, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy.

4. HPWP Report (Executive Session)

Mary Lynn Griffin, Leah Nelson, MD and Adam Vareika, Executive Director from HPWP presented the status of all mandatory and voluntary HPWP participants and answered questions from the Board.

5. Informal Compliance Interviews (Executive Session)

Neil Joshi, MD, Rosmarie Freymark, MD, Asit Bhatt, MD, Sterling Williams, MD, Daniel Kerlinsky, MD, Anjmun Sharma, MD, William Elder-Quintana, MD.

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.

6. Licensing Request and Actions, New Applicants/Reinstatements- [portions may be closed**]

IMO: Nora Walsh, M.D. - Case No. 2023-028- Joint Motion for Approval of Proposed Stipulation of Licensure and Order of Reprimand.

Dr. Carson granted ten minutes of oral argument to Norah Walsh's counsel, Tom Mack, Esq., and to the Board's Contract Prosecutor, Peter Eicker, Esq.

MOTION: Dr. Scoggins moved to approve the Motion of Proposed Stipulation of Licensure and Order of Reprimand. **SECONDED:** Ms. Daniels. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **NO:** PA Johnson. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy.

IMO: Raul Lugo, M.D. Case No. 2024-017- Motion for Dismissal

Tom Banner, Esq., provided a briefing to the Board regarding the matter of Raul Lugo, MD. Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

MOTION: Dr. Carson moved to accept the Entry of Order of Dismissal. **SECONDED:** PA Johnson. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, PA Johnson, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Richards, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Complaint Committee Reports.

MOTION: Dr. Carson moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 (H) (1) of the Open Meetings Act, Sections 10-15-1 to 10-15-4, the New Mexico 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:** Ms. Daniels. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, PA Johnson, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Richards, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins.

Working Lunch – Richard Romero, Government Liaison

OPEN SESSION

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8. Complaint Committee Actions Related to Executive Session
Committee A:

Case # NMMB-20250372 Recommendation was made by Dr. Carson offering physician applicant the chance to withdraw their application for licensure while under investigation. If she chooses not to accept the offer, a notice of contemplated action to deny licensure will be issued based on, but not limited to, incompetency to practice as a licensee. **YES:** Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, PA Johnson, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Richards, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** Dr. Carson. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy, Dr. Roth.

Committee B:

Case # NMMB-20250229 Recommendation was made by PA Johnson to close this case and send the resident physician a notice that is consistent with New Mexico Medical Practice Act, Section 61-6-18, it is determined that the post-graduate training license is no longer in effect. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Richards, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** PA Johnson. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy, Dr. Roth.

Case # NMMB-20250375 Recommendation was made by PA Johnson to grant the issuance of licensure and close this case with a strongly worded advisory letter regarding physician applicant's pattern of failing to disclose required information and assessing a \$450.00 fee for the same. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Richards, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** PA Johnson. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy, Dr. Roth.

Case # NMMB-20250340 Recommendation was made by PA Johnson to request the physician to immediately inactivate their license within 72 hours, or the Board will issue a Summary Suspension based on imminent danger to the public along with a Notice of Contemplated Action based on, but not limited to, conduct likely to harm, adverse licensure action in another state and failure to report adverse actions. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Richards, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** PA Johnson. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy, Dr. Roth.

Case # NMMB-20240437 Recommendation was made by PA Johnson to offer physician an Agreed Order with issuance of a reprimand for failing to report final disciplinary actions from the Michigan Medical Board, a fine in the amount of \$1,000.00 for not self-reporting the final Michigan Board Action, and successful completion of a Competency Skills Evaluation in General Surgery through CPEP or a comparable program approved by the Board to be completed within six (6) months. If the physician does not accept the Board's offer, a Notice of Contemplated Action will be issued based on, but not limited to, the Michigan Medical Board's Adverse Action, incompetency and failure to report adverse action concerning the violation of the Michigan Public Health Code. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Richards, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** PA Johnson. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy, Dr. Roth.

Committee C:

Case # NMMB-20240276 Recommendation was made by Dr. Scoggins to close this case with an advisory letter addressing communication, staff training and professionalism with recommendation that physician find a course on training staff and patient communication. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, PA Johnson, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Richards, Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** Ms. Daniels, Dr. Scoggins. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy, Dr. Roth.

Case # NMMB-20250179 Recommendation was made by Dr. Scoggins to close this case with an advisory letter addressing patient communication, appropriate staff training and maintaining professionalism with a recommendation that physician find a course on appropriate training of staff and patient communication. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, PA Johnson, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Richards, Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** Ms. Daniels, Dr. Scoggins. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy, Dr. Roth.

Case # NMMB-20240368 Recommendation was made by Dr. Scoggins to offer physician an Agreed Order prohibiting them from prescribing controlled substances until released by the Board, successful completion of Medical Record Keeping, Ethics, Controlled Substances Prescribing and Competency courses at CPEP or a comparable program approved by the Board, completed within six (6) months. Additionally, an assessment of a fine of \$1,000.00 per violation and the issuance of a reprimand. If physician does not accept offer, a Notice of Contemplated Action will be issued based on, but not limited to, injudicious prescribing, failure to maintain accurate, complete records, and ethics violations (specifically dishonesty). **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, PA Johnson, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Richards, Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** Ms. Daniels, Dr. Scoggins. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy, Dr. Roth.

Case # NMMB-20250376 Recommendation was made by Dr. Scoggins to offer physician applicant the chance to withdraw their application for licensure. If physician applicant refuses the offer, a Notice of Contemplated Action to deny licensure will be issued based on but not limited to conviction of an offense within the practice of medicine. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, PA Johnson, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Richards, Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** Ms. Daniels, Dr. Scoggins. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy, Dr. Roth.

Committee D:

Case # NMMB-20240307 Recommendation was made by Ms. Medrano to close this case with an advisory letter regarding timely release of patient medical records. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Ms. Daniels, PA Johnson, Dr. Richards, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy, Dr. Roth.

Case # NMMB-20250088 Recommendation was made by Ms. Medrano to offer physician an Agreed Order to successfully complete a Clinical Skills Competency Assessment at CPEP, or a comparable program as approved by the Board, within 90 days and follow all recommendations. The Board assesses a \$150.00 fee for failure to timely report an adverse action. If physician does not accept offer, a Notice of Contemplated Action will be issued based on, but not limited to, incompetency to practice as a licensee, and failure to report adverse action. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Ms. Daniels, PA Johnson, Dr. Richards, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy, Dr. Roth.

Case # NMMB-20250243 Recommendation was made by Ms. Medrano to table this complaint.

Committee E:

Case # NMMB-20240407 Recommendation was made by Dr. Richards to close this case with an Advisory Letter to the physician to only practice in the location where they hold hospital privileges. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, PA Johnson, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Scoggins. **RECUSED:** Dr. Richards, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy, Dr. Roth.

Case # NMMB-20240263 Recommendation was made by Dr. Richards to offer physician an Agreed Order with issuance of a Reprimand and requirement to successfully complete a Professional Communications course at CPEP or comparable program approved by the Board within six (6) months, and to successfully complete an Ethics course at CPEP, or comparable program approved by the Board, within six (6) months. If physician does not accept, a Notice of Contemplated Action will be issued based on, but not limited to, conduct unbecoming, and interaction with patients that interferes with patient care. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, PA Johnson, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Scoggins. **RECUSED:** Dr. Richards, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy, Dr. Roth.

Case # NMMB-20250377 Recommendation was made by Dr. Richards to offer the physician applicant the chance to withdraw their application while under investigation. If applicant does not accept offer, a Notice of Contemplated Action to deny licensure will be issued based on but not limited to adverse licensure action in another state and conduct unbecoming. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, PA Johnson, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Scoggins. **RECUSED:** Dr. Richards, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy, Dr. Roth.

9. **Compliance Requests/Actions**

Daniel Kerlinsky, MD – Request for Release from Stipulation

MOTION was made by Dr. Carson to state the following: After meeting with Dr. Kerlinsky about the Stipulation and Order entered in case 2024-009 on September 25, 2024, it appears that Dr. Kerlinsky has complied with the requirements set forth in paragraphs A, B and C of that Order. It is the Board's understanding that from Dr. Kerlinsky's statements, he will voluntarily comply with recommendations offered by PACE. The Board will take no further action at this time, and the Stipulation and Order shall remain in full force and effect until further notice. **SECONDED:** Dr. Barrett. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, PA Johnson, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Richards, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy, Dr. Roth.

Anjmun Sharma, MD – Request for Release from Stipulation

MOTION was made by Dr. Carson to approve the Request for Release from Stipulation for Dr. Sharma. **SECONDED:** Dr. Barrett. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, PA Johnson, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Richards, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy, Dr. Roth.

William Elder-Quintana, MD - Request for Release from Stipulation

MOTION was made by Dr. Carson to approve the Request for Release from Stipulation for Dr. Elder-Quintana. **SECONDED:** PA Johnson. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, PA Johnson, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Richards, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy, Dr. Roth.

10. Reports

Executive Director Report

Monique Parks, Interim Executive Director, gave a brief report on updates for staff and position postings. Mrs. Parks introduced NMMB's new Investigations team member, Jacqueline Edwards. She let the Board know that the vacant Medical Investigator position has been re-posted and that there will be interviews taking place for that position. Mrs. Parks also updated the Board on each department and touched on items and projects that have been taking place in the last quarter. She shared with the Board that NMMB has met with the LFC regarding a survey that will be created and noted that she will share any information from that survey with the Board. Mrs. Parks let the Board know that she has completed the AI survey for FSMB and shared that she has reached out to the FSMB representative to request a presentation for the Board on AI and how it can be utilized. She informed the Board that staff meets monthly with the NMMB contract prosecutors to go over information on each pending case to review statuses and productivity. Mrs. Parks also reported that she meets with Management staff regarding updated and work productivity as well and noted that all departments are working on agency manuals for all positions to assist with training. She shared with the Board that there was a recent presentation that staff participated in for the Medical Society and shared with the Board what was presented. She let the Board know that NMMB was asked to speak at the LFC meeting in October and noted the topics and questions that came up during the meeting. Mrs. Parks shared with the Board that NMMB staff met with the Podiatry Advisory Board in October as well and shared the information that was given and the questions and topics that were discussed. As a final topic, Mrs. Parks brought to the Board's attention the topic of Board Exemptions and shared the process as it had been previously and posed the question of how the Board would like to move forward with that process. Dr. Carson then shared more information on how this was previously taken care of in the past and further posed the question on how the Board would like to continue processing and confirmed that the Board was all on the same page and approved the process.

Board Chair Report

Dr. Carson, Board Chair, shared with the Board that she provided them with the draft legislation that will be introduced during the session that will allow chiropractors' scope of practice privileges. The scope will cover payment by insurance companies for providing care to patients and answered questions and spoke on topics brought up from the Board regarding the information provided. Dr. Carson then spoke to the Board about her upcoming presentation for the Courts, Corrections and Justice Interim Committee and shared that the topics she was going to be covering were going to pertain to NMMB's support of the Medical Compact, licensing procedures, access to care and how the expedited licensure program is going and how those licenses are being administered. She also mentioned that there are other legislative topics that will be coming up and shared information with the Board. Dr. Carson answered questions based on what she has learned and the meetings that she has attended, and the Board conversed about the topics that Dr. Carson mentioned. Dr. Carson then spoke about procedure issues that were discussed during the Board Retreat and explained and acknowledged the changes that are being made and new documents that are being created pertaining to processes for better communication. She then reminded the Board about the upcoming FSMB conference and let everyone know that they are welcome to attend. In final, she let the Board know that the Medical Society has asked for a presentation on the Board passes of legislation and that it will take place in November or December.

Board Attorney

Tom Banner, NMMB Contract Attorney, informed the Board that he is no longer residing in New Mexico but will stay working as the NMMB Contract Attorney as long as the Board desires. Mr. Banner also noted that he will be returning to New Mexico on a monthly basis and will be maintaining office and continuing to practice law in New Mexico.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Executive Director Report (Personnel Update)

MOTION: Dr. Carson moved to go into Executive Session "Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 (H) (2) 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 limited personnel issues. The term "limited personnel matters" means the discussion of hiring, promotion, demotion, dismissal, assignment or resignation of or the investigation or consideration of complaints or charges against any individual public employee." **SECONDED:** PA Johnson. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, PA Johnson, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Richards, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED.** Dr. Reidy, Dr. Roth.

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.

Medical Director

Dr. William Brady, Medical Director, provided the Board with his process for Malpractice claims in the state of New Mexico.

Licensing Manager

Samantha Breen, Licensing Manager, provided the Board with a Licensing Procedure for Initial Application – Flowchart Outline and answered all questions from the Board pertaining to the document. Ms. Breen also reported to the Board the following licensing statistics:

- Licensing Statistic data reports
 - Pending Physician Applications – 381
 - Average processing days till application is complete – 45 days
 - Average processing days till final review is complete and license is issued – 3-5 business days
 - Pending Expedited – 15
 - Issued expedited since August 14, 2025* – October 29, 2025 – 27
 - Licenses issued from August 14, 2025* – October 29, 2025- 359 (MD – 280, DO – 41, TM – 38)
 - Pending PA Applications – 65
 - PA licenses issued for August 14, 2025* – October 29, 2025 – 39
 - *August 14, 2025, date since last statistic report was pulled for reporting to the Board
- Licensing Renewal updates
 - Licenses expiring July 1, 2025 - 4,101
 - Licenses renewed starting April 1, 2025 to October 1, 2025 (renewal open until 10/01/2025) – 3,957 (MD, DO, TM)
- Licensing CME Audit (audit through October 15, 2025 – December 1, 2025)
 - Total amount of Physician Renewals Audited – 362

Finance

Lusan Leyba, CFO, presented the following financial statistics to the Board:

FY25 Audit

- Update given- audit has been submitted and completed by the agency.
- The budget revenue status ending September 30, 2025
- From July 1, 2025-September 30, 2025, expenditures total \$1,030,578.00 (28.60%) of budget expenditures (Opbud \$3,603.400).
- From July 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025 the agency collected revenues in the amount of \$2,924,116.00 (12.80%) of budgeted revenues (Opbud \$ 3,353,400.00 FB \$250,000=\$3,603,400.00.
- FY27 Appropriation request was presented and voted on in the amount of \$ 4,090.700.

MOTION was made by Dr. Carson to approve the FY27 Appropriation Request. **SECONDED:** Dr. Scoggins.

YES: Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, PA Johnson, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Richards, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED.** Dr. Reidy, Dr. Roth, Ms. Daniels.

Sub-Committee Updates

FTP (foreign trained physicians) - Dr. Carson and Dr. Reidy

No update from the committee.

Prescribing Psychologists - Dr. Scoggins and Kathy Johnson

Dr. Scoggins spoke about the need to review a quarterly report on any complaints against prescribing psychologists. PA Johnson then spoke about the information in the packet that was provided to the Board for review and gave an explanation of the statute that the New Mexico Medical Board must follow. They then shared with the Board what the process of reviewing complaints will look like moving forward.

Telemedicine - Dr. Barrett and Dr. Carson

No update from the committee.

Disciplinary Guidelines - Dr. Roth and Dr. Carson

No update from the committee.

Data Project- Dr. Unverzagt and Ms. Medrano

Dr. Unverzagt spoke to the Board about a few items that have come up during the finalizing of the project and gave the Board an update on an upcoming meeting with the Kyra Solutions team.

Scope of Practice- Dr. Reidy and Kathy Johnson

No update from the committee.

AI – Dr. Brady and Dr. Carson

No update from the committee.

Adjourn

Dr. Carson adjourned the first day [November 6, 2025] of the November Regular Board Meeting at 5:21 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025

Friday, November 7, 2025

Dr. Carson, after establishing the presence of a quorum, called the **November 7, 2025**, Board Meeting of the New Mexico Medical Board to order at 9:03 a.m. Roll call was completed. **PRESENT:** Dr. Carson, Ms. Daniels, PA Johnson, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy, Dr. Barrett.

11. New Business:

Rule Hearing for Podiatric Physician Rules

A Rule Hearing for Podiatric Physician Rules took place on Friday November 7, 2025, to repeal and replace the following rules:

- 16.10.23 NMAC, General Provisions
- 16.10.24 NMAC, Fees
- 16.10.25 NMAC, License by Exam
- 16.10.29 NMAC, License Expiration and Renewal
- 16.10.30 NMAC, Continuing Education
- 16.10.32 NMAC, Lapse of License and Reinstatement

MOTION was made by Dr. Carson to adopt the 16.10.23 NMAC, General Provisions. **SECONDED:** Dr. Barrett. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, PA Johnson, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy.

MOTION was made by Dr. Carson to adopt the 16.10.24 NMAC, Fees. **SECONDED:** Ms. Daniels. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, PA Johnson, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy.

MOTION was made by Dr. Carson to adopt the 16.10.25 NMAC, License by Exam. **SECONDED:** Dr. Barrett. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, PA Johnson, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy.

MOTION was made by Dr. Carson to adopt the 16.10.29 NMAC, License Expiration and Renewal. **SECONDED:** Dr. Barrett. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, PA Johnson, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy.

MOTION was made by Dr. Carson to adopt the 16.10.30 NMAC, Continuing Education. **SECONDED:** Dr. Barrett. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, PA Johnson, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy.

MOTION was made by Dr. Carson to adopt the 16.10.32 NMAC, Lapse of License and Reinstatement. **SECONDED:** Dr. Barrett. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, PA Johnson, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy.

Presentation on potential Legislative Rule Changes for Naprapathic Physicians, Patrick Nuzzo, DN

Dr. Patrick Nuzzo, DN presented potential draft legislation for the upcoming legislative session pertaining to the Affordable Care Act specifically within the Non-Discrimination in Healthcare Act. Dr. Nuzzo gave the Board a brief explanation of the possible legislative bill and shared with the Board what the goal of the bill will be. Dr. Nuzzo also stated to the Board that he is in the process of gathering more information and shared that he has been meeting with other Boards and Agency's to share the draft bill in hope of being the first state to implement. Dr. Nuzzo asked for feedback from the Board and answered all questions from the Board. Dr. Nuzzo further explained to the Board that his next step would be to educate the public, patients and insurance companies for possible support should the bill be passed.

12. Old Business

Review and Approval of Proposed 2026 Board Meeting Calendar.

After discussion, the Board approved the 2026 Board Meeting Calendar.

MOTION was made by Dr. Scoggins to approve the 2026 Board Meeting Calendar. **SECONDED:** Dr. Unverzagt. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, PA Johnson, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED.** Dr. Reidy.

Discussion of language and list for possible rule changes regarding list of approved/disapproved schools for expedited licensure.

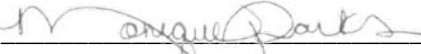
Dr. Carson began the conversation with the Board regarding the establishment of the list of approved and disapproved schools that would be acceptable for expedited licensure. The Board reviewed the proposed language that was provided, and Tom Banner, NMMB Contract Attorney then spoke about the proposed language and gave suggestions to the Board based on current NMMB statutes and rules. The Board and Mr. Banner conversed and reviewed all documentation relevant to the proposed language and came to a conclusion on how the rule will read. Dr. Carson stated to the Board that the language is formed but not set in stone. The language will get formally drafted and sent to all Board members for review and will bring the language back to the next regular Board meeting for approval, have it published for a rule hearing and conduct a final rule hearing after published.

Discussion and approval of new language for Professional Practice Question # 15 on the NMMB application for licensure.

Dr. Carson began the conversation with the Board pertaining to the language for question #15 on the NMMB application for licensure that was previously discussed at the September 2025 Interim Board Meeting. Dr. Barrett then led the conversation notifying the Board of the information she found in researching what other states' applications reflected in regard to this question. Dr. Barrett notified the Board that asking for an attestation to PHP enrollment is not a uniform practice and mentioned that in looking at multiple other states, she found that the state that was most mirroring the NMMB's question for the application was Colorado. Dr. Barrett asked the Board to consider adding language around the topic of being in compliance with the applicant/licensee's monitoring program. This meaning that hypothetically, the applicant/licensee would be able to answer "No" to question #15 if they are in full compliance with their monitoring plan. She mentioned that this would also include the change from 5 years to 3 years as previously discussed for both sections of the question that ask for that information. Dr. Barrett also suggested that the language also include the change of adding "PHP" after "Physician Health Program" question #15 to read: "Physician Health Program (PHP)". The Board then discussed how and when the execution of the revised language will be in order to have the revised language incorporated in the application. Conversation concluded with the Board speaking about the importance of asking whether the individual is in compliance with their monitoring due to information of non-compliance not being received by NMMB if the individual is being monitored in another state. Dr. Carson asked Dr. Barrett to finalize the newly revised language and bring it back to the next Board Meeting for approval at the December 2025 Interim Board Meeting. She then confirmed with the Board that everyone agreed to adding the changes that were talked about in the September 2025 Interim Board Meeting for question #15 to the application for the time being and all agreed.

13. Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, Dr. Carson adjourned the meeting at 10:48 am.

SUBMITTED BY: 

DATE: 12/10/2025

Monique Parks, Interim Executive Director

APPROVED BY: 
Karen Carson, M.D., Chair

DATE: 12/10/2025

APPROVED BY: 
Bradley Scoggins, D.O., Secretary Treasurer

DATE: 12/10/2025