

NEW MEXICO MEDICAL BOARD
Board Meeting
February 5-6, 2026
MINUTES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026

Members Present: Karen Carson, MD, Chair
Eileen Barrett, MD
Angela Medrano, Public Member
Michael Richards, MD (Day 1)
Mark Unverzagt, MD- Vice Chair

Video Conferencing: Michael Richards (Day 2)
Kristin Reidy, DO
Paul Roth, MD
Bradley Scoggins, DO, Secretary Treasurer
Tom Banner, NMMB Contract Attorney
Leah Nelson, MD, New Mexico Health and Wellness Program (Day 1)
Mary Lynn Griffin, Clinical Director, New Mexico Health and Wellness Program (Day 1)
Adam Vareika, Executive Director, New Mexico Health and Wellness Program (Day 1)
Jean Bannon, Esq.- Contract Attorney (Second Day)

Excused: Jeannine Daniels, Public Member
Angela Medrano, Public Member (Day 2)

Others Present: Monique Parks, Interim Executive Director
Samantha Breen, Licensing Manager
Elishia Lucero, Compliance Supervisor
Natalie Padilla, Compliance Coordinator
Lusan Leyba, Chief Financial Officer
Jacqueline Edwards, Investigator
Christiana Griego, Investigator
Ann Pacheco, Administrative Assistant
Marschall Smith- IMLCC
Neal Shadoff, MD- New Mexico Medical Commission

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Dr. Carson, after establishing the presence of a quorum, called the **February 5, 2026**, Board Meeting of the New Mexico Medical Board to order at **11:33 a.m.** Dr. Carson stated for the record that the scheduled meeting was postponed from the initial start time due to the signing of SB1. Roll call was completed. **PRESENT:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Reidy, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Ms. Daniels.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Dr. Carson moved to approve the agenda for **February 5-6, 2026**. **SECONDED:** Dr. Barrett. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Reidy, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Ms. Daniels.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Dr. Carson moved to approve the meeting minutes from the **December 10, 2025**, Interim Board Meeting. **SECONDED:** Dr. Barrett. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Reidy, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Ms. Daniels.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Compliance and New Mexico Health Professional Wellness Program Reports & 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. Medrano. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Reidy, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Ms. Daniels.

4. HPWP Report (Executive Session)

Mary Lynn Griffin, Clinical Director, 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)

The following compliance interviews were tabled due to the late start of the meeting resulting from the signing of SB1:

- Luis Carbajal, MD
- Keith Basham, PA
- Barry Grey, MD
- Edward McKenzie, MD
- Jose Sanchez, DO
- Barthalamew Lally, PA, DO
- Jennifer McCain, DO
- Bryan Wood, MD

The Board interviewed the following compliance individuals.

- Patrick Dunphy, PA
- Aaron Kaufman
- Robben Gingery, 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: Kavindu Ndeti, MD: Application for Licensure

MOTION: was made by Dr. Carson to table this matter. **SECONDED:** Dr. Barrett. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Reidy, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Ms. Daniels.

IMO: Chander Bhatia, MD: Application for Licensure

MOTION was made by Dr. Carson to table this matter. **SECONDED:** Dr. Barrett. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Reidy, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Ms. Daniels.

IMO: Lawrence Albert Bean, MD Case No. 2025-017- Motion for Entry of Default Order

MOTION was made by Dr. Carson to approve the Motion for Entry of Default Order. **SECONDED:** Dr. Barrett. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Reidy, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Ms. Daniels.

MOTION was made by Dr. Carson to revoke the New Mexico medical license of Lawrence Albert Bean, MD. **SECONDED:** Dr. Barrett. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Reidy, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Ms. Daniels.

IMO: Marjenhoff v. NMMB: Discussion and Possible Action: Settlement of D-1329-CV-10101

MOTION was made by Dr. Carson to table this matter. **SECONDED:** Dr. Scoggins. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Reidy, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Ms. Daniels.

7. Complaint Committee Actions Related to Executive Session

Committee A:

Recommendation was made by Dr. Roth to close the following cases with no action: **NMMB-20240290** and **NMMB-20250257**. **YES:** Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Reidy, Dr. Richards, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Roth. **EXCUSED:** Ms. Daniels.

Case # NMMB-20250116 Recommendation was made by Dr. Roth to close this case with issuance of an advisory letter reminding the physician about effective supervision of non-licensed staff in the office and their responsibilities in which the physician is responsible for. **YES:** Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Reidy, Dr. Richards, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Roth. **EXCUSED:** Ms. Daniels.

Case # NMMB-20240118 Recommendation was made by Dr. Roth to close this case with issuance of an advisory letter reminding the physician about timely responses to patient requests for medical records. **YES:** Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Reidy, Dr. Richards, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Roth. **EXCUSED:** Ms. Daniels.

Case # NMMB-20250333 Recommendation was made by Dr. Roth offering physician an Agreed Order with reprimand, assessing a \$150.00 fee for failure to report an investigation during the processing of the physician's application. If physician does not accept, a Notice of Contemplated Action will be issued based on, but not limited to, adverse licensure action in another state and failure to report. **YES:** Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Reidy, Dr. Richards, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Roth. **EXCUSED:** Ms. Daniels.

Case # NMMB-20250335 Recommendation was made by Dr. Roth offering physician an Agreed Order mirroring the conditions of the California Medical Board Order, which is the issuance of a reprimand. If physician does not accept, a Notice of Contemplated Action will be issued based on, but not limited to, adverse action in another state. **YES:** Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Reidy, Dr. Richards, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Roth. **EXCUSED:** Ms. Daniels.

Committee C:

Recommendation was made by Dr. Scoggins to close the following cases with no action: **NMMB-20240181** and **NMMB-20240340**. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano, Reidy, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** Dr. Scoggins. **EXCUSED:** Ms. Daniels.

Case # NMMB-20240355 Recommendation was made by Dr. Scoggins to offer physician a Stipulated Order with Reprimand and \$2,000.00 fine and issuance of an Advisory Letter to physician outlining expectations of the NMMB with regard to telemedicine practice; if physician does not accept, a Notice of Contemplated Action will be issued based on, but not limited to, violations of 16.10.8.7 NMAC & 16.10.8.8.

L.(6) The provision of consultation, recommendation, or treatment during face-to-face telehealth encounters online, using standard videoconferencing technology, where a medical history and informed consent are obtained and a medical record generated by the practitioner, and a physical examination is:

(A) recorded as appropriate by the practitioner, or a practitioner such as a physician, a physician or anesthesiologist assistant, or an advanced practice nurse, with the results communicated to the telehealth practitioner; or

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

Case # NMMB-20250549 Recommendation was made by Dr. Scoggins issuing an Advisory Letter detailing expectations of telemedicine practice in New Mexico. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Reidy, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** Dr. Scoggins. **EXCUSED:** Ms. Daniels.

Case # NMMB-20240260 Recommendation was made by Dr. Scoggins to offer physician an Interim Stipulated Order of inactivation of license while under investigation, pending an in-depth psychiatric evaluation by a Board approved entity within 90 days. The committee also recommends issuance of a Notice of Contemplated Action based on, but not limited to, violations of the Medical Practice Act and Board Regulations, including Sec. 61-6-15 (D)

(15) the use of false, fraudulent or deceptive statements in a document

(18) conduct likely to deceive, defraud or harm the public

(19) repeated similar negligent acts or a pattern of conduct;

(29) conduct unbecoming.

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

Committee D:

Recommendation was made by Ms. Medrano to close the following cases with no action: **NMMB-20240180**, **NMMB-20240234** and **NMMB-20250494**. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Reidy. **EXCUSED:** Ms. Daniels.

Case # NMMB-20240193 Recommendation was made by Ms. Medrano to close this case with issuance of an advisory letter stating the NMMB has taken note of the American Association of Physician Assistants' "Guidelines of Ethical Conduct of the PA Profession" (rev 2018), which addresses "Initiation and Discontinuation of Care. The NMMB recommends that the Physician Assistant adhere to those guidelines. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Reidy. **EXCUSED:** Ms. Daniels.

Case # NMMB-20250175, NMMB-20250274 and NMMB-20250594 Recommendation was made by Ms. Medrano to offer physician the opportunity to voluntarily inactivate the license within 48 hours. If physician does not voluntarily inactivate the license within 48 hours, a Notice of Summary Suspension will be issued along with an immediate referral to NMHPWP for evaluation of fitness and duty determination within 90 days. A Notice of Contemplated Action will be issued based on, but not limited to, violations of the Medical Practice Act;

Sec. 61-6-15 (D) "Unprofessional or dishonorable conduct"

(7) habitual use of intoxicants or drugs

(18) conduct likely to deceive, defraud or harm the public

(29) conduct unbecoming

And violation of 16.10.10.13 NMAC, requiring reporting of arrests within 30 days. The Board will also assess a fine of \$300.00 for failure to report adverse actions. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Reidy. **EXCUSED:** Ms. Daniels.

Committee E:

Recommendation was made by Dr. Richards to close the following with no action; **NMMB-20240123, NMMB-20240270 and NMMB-20240293.** **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins. **RECUSED:** Dr. Reidy, Dr. Richards, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Ms. Daniels.

Case # NMMB-20240337 Recommendation was made by Dr. Richards to offer physician an Interim Stipulated Order for Inactivation of License while under investigation. If physician does not accept, a Notice of Summary Suspension will be issued based on NMHPWP's determination that physician is not fit for duty. A notice of Contemplated Action will be issued based on but not limited to, habitual or excessive use of drugs or alcohol and conduct unbecoming. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Reidy, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins. **RECUSED:** Dr. Richards, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Ms. Daniels.

Case # NMMB-20240432 Recommendation was made by Dr. Unverzagt to offer physician a Stipulated Order to surrender license while under investigation. If physician does not accept the offer, a Notice of Summary Suspension will be issued based on imminent danger to the public, with issuance of a Notice of Contemplated Action based on, but not limited to, the following violations;

Sec. 61-6-15 (D) "Unprofessional or dishonorable conduct."

(8) fraud or misrepresentation in applying for or procuring a license to practice in this state or in connection with applying for or procuring renewal, including cheating on or attempting to subvert licensing examinations

(15) the use of false, fraudulent or deceptive statements in a document connected with the practice of a license

(18) conduct likely to deceive, defraud or harm the public

(29) conduct unbecoming

(19) repeated similar negligent acts or a pattern of conduct

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

Case # NMMB-20250276 Recommendation was made by Dr. Richards to offer physician a Stipulated Order for inactivation of license while under investigation. If physician does not accept the offer, a Notice of Summary Suspension will be issued based on imminent danger to the public, along with issuance of a Notice of Contemplated Action based on, but not limited to, the following violations;

(3) gross negligence in the practice of a licensee

(13) manifest incapacity or incompetence to practice as a licensee

(18) conduct likely to deceive, defraud or harm the public

19) repeated similar negligent acts or a pattern of conduct

otherwise described in this section or violation of a board rule and violations of NMMB's rule 16.10.10.8 (b) NMMAC- duty to self-report malpractice payments. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Reidy, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins. **RECUSED:** Dr. Richards, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Ms. Daniels.

8. Compliance Requests/Actions

Patrick Dunphy, PA – Request for Release from Stipulation

MOTION was made by Dr. Carson to release Patrick Dunphy, PA from stipulation. **SECONDED:** Dr. Reidy. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Reidy, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Ms. Daniels.

Robben Gingery, MD - Request for Release from Stipulation

MOTION was made by Dr. Carson that upon review and discussion the Board takes no further action at this time, and the Stipulation and Order will remain in full effect until further notice. **SECONDED:** Dr. Barrett. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Reidy, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Ms. Daniels.

9. New Business

Proposed Rule Change to NMAC 16.10.4.8- Continuing Medical Education (CME) Requirements

Dr. Richards discussed the proposed rule change with the Board, noting that it would provide greater flexibility to modify Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements as needed. He explained that the Rural Healthcare Transformation Act includes specific CME requirements for physicians in the state of New Mexico, including a mandate for one hour of CME focused on nutrition.

The proposed modification would allow the Board to implement required CME changes more efficiently and in a timely manner. Dr. Richards further emphasized that failure to align with these requirements could result in point deductions on the state's application to the federal government for Rural Healthcare Transformation funding.

MOTION was made by Dr. Carson to approve proposed rule change and begin the rule hearing process to implement 1 (one) hour of Nutrition CME. **SECONDED:** Dr. Barrett. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Reidy, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Ms. Daniels.

Proposed Added Language to NMAC 16.10.2.10- Expedited Licensure

Dr. Carson took a moment to explain the proposed added language for 16.10.2.10 NMAC. After much discussion the Board agreed on the following language to proceed to rule hearing.

The NMMB will accept an application for expedited licensure from any individual who holds a medical license in all 50 states of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and all other territories or dependencies of the United States.

The NMMB will also accept an application for expedited licensure from individuals licensed to practice medicine in Canada, provided they meet the requirements outlined in 16.10.2.10 NMAC.

Licenses from all other foreign countries are not eligible for expedited licensure, as their accreditation standards have not been verified as equivalent to those of the United States.

MOTION was made by Dr. Barrett to approve proposed language to 16.10.2.10 NMAC.

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

Finance:

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

Budget Revenue and Expenditure Status (Ending December 31, 2025)

For the period July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, total expenditures were \$1,481,970.57, representing 41.13% of the approved operating budget of \$3,603,400.

During the same period, the agency collected revenues totaling \$707,504.09, which represents 21.10% of the total budgeted revenues of \$3,603,400 (Operating Budget: \$3,353,400; Fund Balance: \$250,000).

Ms. Medrano provided an overview of the updated financial documents distributed to committee members, noting that the financial report was revised twice and reflects current revenue and expenditure data.

Revenue Overview

Revenues are primarily recognized in April and May, largely due to state licensing activity tied to graduation cycles.

As of this point in the fiscal year, the agency has received approximately 21% of budgeted revenues, which explains the lower revenue realization reflected in the report.

For FY26, the agency received approval to access \$250,000 from the fund balance, which may be utilized during the fiscal year if needed.

Fund Balance Considerations

Ms. Medrano emphasized the importance of accurate expenditure projections, noting that unused budgeted funds roll back into the fund balance, causing it to grow.

A growing fund balance carries a risk of potential legislative or executive sweeps during statewide budget shortfalls; the agency last experienced such a sweep in 2016.

A portion of the fund balance includes non-generated revenue, such as a \$623,000 transfer received by the agency, which ultimately rolled into fund balance.

Expenditures and Vacancy Savings

Staff vacancy rates have been effectively projected at 15–18%, consistent with standard agency budgeting practices.

Although vacancy savings exist, the agency has been unable to fully access them due to a position created after budget submission that lacked approved funding.

As a result, available vacancy savings were used to support that position. Funding for the position has been requested for FY27, which should resolve this issue going forward.

A Budget Adjustment Request (BAR) was processed to shift funds to contracts where allowable.

Litigation and Cost Projections

One of the agency's primary expenditure challenges is the unpredictability of litigation costs.

Ms. Medrano requested a review of four to five years of historical litigation expenses to improve trend analysis and strengthen future budget requests.

Improved expenditure forecasting is intended to better align revenues and expenses and reduce continued growth of the fund balance.

Future Budget Strategy

Ms. Medrano recommended leveraging the agency's investigative backlog of approximately 300 cases as justification for requesting additional staffing in future budgets.

The intent is to request funding for five to six additional staff positions in upcoming fiscal years to address workload demands.

While fund balance access for staffing is limited, alternative approaches through contracts or future budget requests may be pursued.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2026

Friday, February 6, 2026

Dr. Carson, after establishing the presence of a quorum, called the **February 6, 2026**, Board Meeting of the New Mexico Medical Board to order at **8:35 a.m.** Roll call was completed. **PRESENT:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barret, Dr. Reidy, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano

10. Reports

Board Attorney

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

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.

Executive Director:

Personnel Update:

- Dr. Shields will serve as the Board’s new Medical Director and will officially begin on Monday, February 16.
- Daniel Holmes, Esq., will be joining the Board as its new Prosecutor. Ms. Parks noted that he is returning to New Mexico from Pennsylvania, with a tentative start date in March.
- The Board has also hired Marta Beltran Del Rio as the Investigations Supervisor. She will begin her position on Monday, February 16.

Following the personnel updates, Dr. Shields briefly introduced himself to the Board.

EBAS:

Mrs. Parks reported that she and Samantha Breen, Licensing Manager, recently met with Bradley Guye, Business Development Manager for Ethics for Public Protection (EBAS). Mrs. Parks noted that EBAS offers a range of assessments, including Boundaries, Unprofessional Conduct, Professional Standards, and Substance Abuse evaluations. She suggested that the Board could utilize EBAS for licensees requiring any of these assessments. Mrs. Parks also highlighted that the services are affordable, conducted remotely, and supported by multiple testing sites across New Mexico.

Following further discussion, the Board agreed to schedule a more formal presentation by Bradley Guye at a future meeting.

Legislative Update:

Mrs. Parks provided the Board with an update on the following bills:

SB1- Physician Licensure Compact- Signed into law on 2/5/226

HB127- Medical Board Expedited Licensure

HB241- Medical Practice Court Notices on NMMB Website

HB213- Expansion of Optometry Act

Board Chair

Dr. Carson provided an update on the Telemedicine Registry and noted that the Board may experience a financial loss during the initial startup phase of the registry. Dr. Carson also followed up regarding the Lorna Breen confirmation and inquired whether this could be completed.

Strategic plan edits have been received, and Dr. Carson will review and finalize them before distributing the revised plan to the Board for review and approval at the next interim board meeting. Disciplinary guidelines will be deferred at this time.

Licensing Manager

Licensing Manager, Samantha Breen provided the Board with the following licensing statistics.

Physician Licensing

- Pending Physician Applications: 415
- Pending Expedited Applications: 14
- Expedited Licenses Issued
(November 1, 2025 – January 29, 2026): 26
- Total Physician Licenses Issued
(November 1, 2025 – January 29, 2026): 372
 - MD: 291

- DO: 48
- TM: 33

Physician Assistant (PA) Licensing

- Pending PA Applications: 54
- PA Licenses Issued

(November 1, 2025 – January 29, 2026): 54

Licensing Renewal Updates

- Licenses Expiring March 1, 2026: 595
- Licenses Renewed
 - (December 1, 2025 – January 29, 2026)
 - (Renewal period open through May 1, 2026): 366

Approval of Out of State Resident- University of KS/Philmont Scout Ranch

The Board took a moment to discuss the Out of State Resident-University of KS/Philmont Scout Ranch. After much discussion the following motion was made.

MOTION was made by Dr. Carson to approve the Out of State Resident- University of KS/Philmont Scout Ranch. **SECONDED:** Dr. Barrett. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Dr. Reidy, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano.

Finance Continued

Presentation of FY25 Audit-Thad Porch

CPA, Thad Porch reviewed FY25 expectations with the Board and noted that the audit did not hold any significant changes from last year. He then broke down the FY25 audit and shared with the Board that the audit was positive in all areas.

Approval of FY25 Audit report

MOTION was made by Dr. Barrett to approve the FY25 Audit report. **SECONDED:** Dr. Unverzagt. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Dr. Reidy, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano.

11. Presentations

Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission - Marschall Smith, Executive Director

Mr. Smith introduced himself and shared his professional background with the Board, noting that he has served as Executive Director of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission (IMLCC) since 2017. He outlined the key differences between the IMLCC and other professional compacts and explained how the IMLCC operates, emphasizing that its primary purpose is to provide an expedited pathway to medical licensure. Mr. Smith clarified that licensure facilitation is the only area in which the IMLCC is involved with New Mexico’s authority to regulate the practice of medicine.

He further provided information regarding the application fees associated with licensure through the compact and explained how those fees are distributed between the IMLCC and the New Mexico Medical Board (NMMB). Mr. Smith also shared projected statistics related to the anticipated number of applications the NMMB may receive through the compact process, as well as updated IMLCC data on participating physicians, applications, and member states.

Mr. Smith then described the licensure process for applicants applying through the NMMB under the IMLCC, including the day-to-day functions and procedures that will be implemented. In closing, he highlighted the positive impacts the compact is expected to have on the NMMB. The Board briefly discussed the information presented with Mr. Smith.

New Mexico Medical Review Commission Proposal - Neal Shadoff, MD

Mr. Shaddoff introduced himself and shared a proposal that the New Mexico Medical Review Commission (Review Commission) is presenting to the New Mexico Medical Board regarding medical malpractice. He informed the Board that the Review Commission is attempting to look at malpractice from a patient care perspective and broke down the goals of this proposal to the Board and noted who the Panel members of the Review commission and their perspective roles.

He further provided details regarding a proposed re-licensure requirement that would require licensed medical professionals, if selected, to volunteer and serve on at least one panel per year. Mr. Shaddoff explained the importance of this proposed requirement, citing research, feedback, and statistical data gathered by the Review Commission. He concluded his presentation by responding to questions from the Board.

12. Adjourn

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

SUBMITTED BY: _____
Monique Parks, Interim Executive Director

DATE: _____

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

DATE: _____

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

DATE: _____