



New Mexico Medical Board  
Interim Board Meeting  
May 14-15, 2026

MINUTES

Thursday, May 14, 2026

**Members Present:** Karen Carson, MD, Chair (Day 1 & Day 2)  
Eileen Barrett, MD (Day 1 & Day 2)  
Jeannine Daniels, Public Member (Day 1 & Day 2)  
Angela Medrano, Public Member (Day 1)  
Laura Onorato, PA (Day 1)  
Mark Unverzagt, MD, Vice Chair (Day 1 & Day 2)

**Video Conferencing:** Angela Medrano, Public Member (Day 2)  
Laura Onorato, PA (Day 2)  
Kristin Reidy, DO (Day 1)  
Michael Richards, MD (Day 1)  
Paul Roth, MD (Day 1)  
Bradley Scoggins, DO, Secretary Treasurer (Day 1 & Day 2)  
Tom Banner, Esq., Contract General Counsel (Day 1 & Day 2)  
Kim Baker, MHA, Contract Management Consultant (Day 2)  
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)  
Nielufar Varjavand, MD; Professor of Medicine, Drexel University (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  
Marta Beltran Del Rio, Investigations Supervisor  
Christiana Griego, Investigator  
Philip Shields, MD, NMMB Medical Director  
Daniel Holmes, NMMB Prosecutor  
Sondra Frank, Esq., NMMB Contract General Counsel (Day 1)  
Monica Snowden, MD – Public Attendee  
Florian Birkmyer, MD - Public Attendee

**Excused:** Kristin Reidy, DO (Day 2)  
Michael Richards, MD (Day 2)  
Paul Roth, MD (Day 2)

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Dr. Carson, after establishing the presence of a quorum, called the May 14-15, 2026, Regular Board Meeting of the New Mexico Medical Board to order at 8:34 a.m., roll call was completed.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION** was made by Dr. Barrett to approve the agenda for the May 14-15, 2026, Regular Board Meeting. **SECONDED:** Ms. Daniels. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins and Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy, Dr. Richards. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** was made by Dr. Barrett to approve the minutes from April 1, 2026, Interim Board Meeting. **SECONDED:** Ms. Daniels. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins and Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy, Dr. Richards. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: LICENSING REQUESTS AND ACTIONS, NEW APPLICANTS/ REINSTATEMENTS/ COMPLIANCE**

**MOTION** was made by Dr. Carson 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:** Dr. Barrett. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins and Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy, Dr. Richards. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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)**

- Claire Pultz, PA
- Francisco Ralls, MD
- Juan Rossini, MD
- Quinn Stein, GC
- Barry Grey, MD
- Edward McKenzie, MD
- Keith Basham, PA
- Luis Carbajal, MD
- Jose Sanchez, DO
- Neil Joshi, MD

- Bryan Wood, 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.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION: COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORTS/ LICENSING REQUESTS AND ACTIONS, NEW APPLICANTS/ REINSTATEMENTS/ COMPLIANCE REQUESTS

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### 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 REQUESTS AND ACTIONS, NEW APPLICANTS/ REINSTATEMENTS RELATED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

[portions may be closed\*\*]

#### IMO: Teresa Scoggins, PA- Application for Licensure

**MOTION** was made by Dr. Carson to allow PA Scoggins a stipulated license limited to the practice of Neurology, subject to a proctorship with mandatory quarterly proctor reports submitted to the Board for a period of one (1) year. **SECONDED:** Dr. Unverzagt. **YES:** Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, and Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Scoggins. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### IMO: Shawn Fultz, MD- Application for Licensure

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

### 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-20240236, NMMB-20250018, NMMB-20250291, NMMB-20250564.** **YES:** Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Richards, Dr. Scoggins and Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Roth. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Case# NMMB-20240207 Recommendation** was made by Dr. Roth to close the case with issuance of an advisory letter with the recommendation to include but not limited to, having a guardian or non-family chaperone be in the room for interactions with minor patients and to conduct all medical examinations in accordance with applicable medical standards of care. **YES:** Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Richards, Dr. Scoggins and Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Roth. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Case# NMMB- 20240409 Recommendation** was made by Dr. Roth to close the case with issuance of an advisory letter to the physician requesting completion of Continuing Medical Education (CME) regarding obesity pharmacotherapy, appropriate prescribing and monitoring of phentermine and other sympathomimetic medications, and management of patients with co-existing psychiatric conditions, including anxiety disorders. The CME should also include controlled substance prescribing practices, identification of contraindications, adverse psychiatric effects, and medication interactions associated with stimulant-based weight loss therapies. The NMMB also recommends improved documentation, including informed consent when prescribing stimulants or other medications with potential adverse effects, especially in patients with co-existing psychiatric conditions. **YES:** Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Richards, Dr. Scoggins and Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Roth. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Case# NMMB-20250005 Recommendation** was made by Dr. Roth to close the case with issuance of an advisory letter regarding clear patient communication. **YES:** Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Richards, Dr. Scoggins and Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Roth. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Case# NMMB-20250008 Recommendation** was made by Dr. Roth to close the case with issuance of an advisory letter to physician regarding the requirement to report adverse actions pursuant to NMSA 1978, 61-6-15 (D) (21) and (38). **YES:** Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Richards, Dr. Scoggins and Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Roth. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Case# NMMB-20250156 Recommendation** was made by Dr. Roth to close the case with issuance of an advisory letter with recommendation regarding pain management in patients with documented diagnosis of painful pre-existing medical condition. **YES:** Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Richards, Dr. Scoggins and Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Roth. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Case# NMMB-20250534 Recommendation** was made by Dr. Roth to close the case with issuance of an advisory letter to the physician, including but not limited to reference of a medical journal article regarding the appropriate role of cryoablation in the treatment of cancers. **YES:** Dr.

Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Richards, Dr. Scoggins and Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Roth. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Case# NMMB-20250536 Recommendation** was made by Dr. Roth to close the case with issuance of an advisory letter to the physician, including but not limited to reference of a medical journal article regarding the appropriate role of cryoablation in the treatment of cancers. **YES:** Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Richards, Dr. Scoggins and Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Roth. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Case# NMMB- 20250334 Recommendation** was made by Dr. Roth to offer physician a Stipulated Order with terms mirroring the CA Board Order, to include notably a restriction on the solo practice of medicine. If physician does not accept or respond to offer within seven calendar days, then a Notice of Contemplated Action will be issued based on, but not limited to, violations of NMSA 1978, 61-6-15(D), including:

(21) failure to report to the board any adverse action taken against the licensee by a health care entity.

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

(23) Failure to furnish the board, its investigators, or representatives with information requested by the board.

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

Along with assessing a \$150.00 fine. **YES:** Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Richards, Dr. Scoggins and Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Roth. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Committee B:

**Recommendation** was made by PA Onorato to close the following cases with no action: **NMMB-20240182, NMMB-20240269, NMMB-20240343, NMMB-20240378, NMMB-20250283, NMMB-20250382, NMMB-20250458, NMMB-20250519, NMMB-20250533, NMMB-20250071.** **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins and Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** PA Onorato. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Case# NMMB-20250032 Recommendation** was made by PA Onorato to table pending further review. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins and Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** PA Onorato. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Committee C:

**Recommendation** was made by Dr. Scoggins to close the following cases with no action: **NMMB-20240199, NMMB-20240392, NMMB-20240399, NMMB-20250159, NMMB-20250219, NMMB-20250366, NMMB-20250496.** **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, and Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** Ms. Daniels, Dr. Scoggins. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Case# NMMB- 20250011 Recommendation** was made by Dr. Scoggins to close the case with issuance of an advisory letter reminding the licensee about the requirement to report adverse actions, including arrests by any law enforcement agency pursuant to board regulations. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, and Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** Ms. Daniels, Dr. Scoggins. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Case# NMMB- 20240336 Recommendation** was made by Dr. Scoggins to issue a Cease-and-Desist Letter directed to the MedSpa demanding that they comply with the NMMB Policy and Regulations on MedSpa. The letter will include a request of information about certified technicians and name(s) of all supervising licensed medical professionals. The Board will not take action on the licensee as the incident occurred after the license had lapsed. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, and Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** Ms. Daniels, Dr. Scoggins. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Case# NMMB- 20250541 Recommendation** was made by Dr. Scoggins to issue a Cease-and-Desist Letter to the unlicensed respondent and medical services clinic advising that advertising materials online or in print that leave the public with the impression that an individual is “licensed in New Mexico” as a “trained medical doctor” when they are not licensed, is contrary to the Medical Practice Act. The Board requests that any/all advertising containing references to unlicensed respondent’s qualifications and licensure status is revised and clarified within fifteen (15) calendar days. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, and Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** Ms. Daniels, Dr. Scoggins. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Committee D:**

**Recommendation** was made by Ms. Medrano to close the following cases with no action: **NMMB-20240210, NMMB- 20240216, NMMB-20240228; NMMB-20240381, NMMB- 20240394.** **YES:** Dr. Carson, Ms. Daniels, PA Onorato, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins and Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Case# NMMB-20240286 Recommendation** was made by Ms. Medrano to close this case with issuance of an advisory letter to physician regarding the need to communicate with patient family members. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Ms. Daniels, PA Onorato, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins and Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Case# NMMB-20240361 Recommendation** was made by Ms. Medrano the issuance of a Notice of Contemplated Action based on, but not limited to, failure to provide information to the Board’s investigators; failure to timely report adverse action by law enforcement agency; and conduct unbecoming, as well as assessing \$150.00 for not reporting arrest as Board rules and regulations. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Ms. Daniels, PA Onorato, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins and Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Committee E:**

**Recommendation** was made by Dr. Unverzagt to close the following cases with no action: **NMMB-20240362, NMMB-20250093, NMMB-20250348, NMMB-20250386.** **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Roth and Dr. Scoggins. **RECUSED:** Dr. Richards, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Case# NMMB-20240209 Recommendation** was made by Dr. Unverzagt to close this case with issuance of an advisory letter to licensee stressing the need to document all patient interactions that result in prescriptions for medications. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Roth and Dr. Scoggins. **RECUSED:** Dr. Richards, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Case# NMMB-20250278 Recommendation** was made by Dr. Unverzagt to close this case with issuance of an advisory letter stressing the requirement to maintain adequate medical records per the Medical Practice Act and need for appropriate communications with patients. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Roth and Dr. Scoggins. **RECUSED:** Dr. Richards, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Case# NMMB- 20250501 Recommendation** was made by Dr. Unverzagt to close the case with issuance of an advisory letter stressing the requirement to maintain adequate medical records per the Medical Practice Act and the need for appropriate communications with patients. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Roth and Dr. Scoggins. **RECUSED:** Dr. Richards, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Case# NMMB-20240408 Recommendation** was made by Dr. Unverzagt the issuance of a Notice of Contemplated Action based on, but not limited to, conduct unbecoming. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Roth and Dr. Scoggins. **RECUSED:** Dr. Richards, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Case# NMMB- 20250255 Recommendation** was made by Dr. Unverzagt the issuance of a Notice of Contemplated Action based on, but not limited to, conduct unbecoming; injudicious prescribing; failure to maintain adequate medical records; and failure to furnish requested information to the Board and other violations of the NMMB regulation and the AMA Code of Ethics. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Roth and Dr. Scoggins. **RECUSED:** Dr. Richards, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Case# NMMB-20250358 Recommendation** was made by Dr. Unverzagt the issuance of a Notice of Contemplated Action based on, but not limited to, conduct contrary to the Medical Practice Act, including but not limited to, conduct likely to harm, injudicious prescribing; failure to furnish the Board with requested information; and failure to report adverse actions and other violations

of the NMMB regulation and the AMA Code of Ethics. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Roth and Dr. Scoggins. **RECUSED:** Dr. Richards, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Case# NMMB-20250431 Recommendation** was made by Dr. Unverzagt to offer licensee the opportunity to enter into a Stipulated Order for Inactivation of License while under Investigation pending fitness for duty determination. If physician does not accept the Board offer within two calendar days (2), then the Board shall issue a Notice of Summary Suspension based on physician being an imminent danger to the public and issuance of a Notice of Contemplated Action based on, but not limited to, willfully or negligently divulging a professional confidence; conduct likely to harm; failure to report adverse action; and interactions with patients that interfere with, or adversely impact patient care and other violation of the NMMB regulation and AMA Code of Ethics. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Roth and Dr. Scoggins. **RECUSED:** Dr. Richards, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Case# NMMB-20250583 Recommendation** was made by Dr. Unverzagt to offer the licensee the opportunity to enter into a Stipulated License for Reprimand based on but not limited to, conduct likely to harm, and conduct unbecoming; and violations of the AMA Code of Ethics (including opinion 9.1.1) with the requirement that the licensee successfully complete and pass an approved ethics course within three (3) months. If the licensee does not accept the Board's offer, a Notice of Contemplated Action would be issued based on these allegations. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Roth and Dr. Scoggins. **RECUSED:** Dr. Richards, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Case# NMMB-20260050 Recommendation** was made by Dr. Unverzagt the issuance of a Notice of Contemplated action based on, but not limited to, making false or misleading statements regarding the skill of the licensee or efficacy of the treatment prescribed or administered by the licensee; and conduct likely to deceive, defraud or harm the public as well as other violation of the NMMB regulation and AMA Code of Ethics. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Roth and Dr. Scoggins. **RECUSED:** Dr. Richards, Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**8. COMPLIANCE REQUESTS FOR RELEASE RELATED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Sajad Zalzal, MD - Request for Release from Stipulation**

**MOTION** was made by Dr. Carson to approve the request for release for Dr. Zalzal. **SECONDED:** Dr. Barrett. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins and Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Jennifer McCain, DO - Request for Release from Compliance**

**MOTION** was made by Dr. Carson to approve the request for release for Dr. McCain. **SECONDED:** Dr. Barrett. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins and Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Jennifer McCain, DO - Request for Release from Stipulation of Inactivation on License**

**MOTION** was made by Dr. Carson to approve the request for release for Dr. McCain. **SECONDED:** Dr. Barrett. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins and Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Quinn Stein, GC - Request for Release from Stipulation**

**MOTION** was made by Dr. Carson to approve the request for release for Mr. Stein. **SECONDED:** Dr. Barrett. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins and Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Neil Joshi, MD- Request for Release from Stipulation**

**MOTION** was made by Dr. Carson to approve the request for release for Dr. Joshi. **SECONDED:** Dr. Barrett. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins and Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Friday, May 15, 2026**

Dr. Carson, after establishing the presence of a quorum, called the May 15, 2026, Regular Board Meeting of the New Mexico Medical Board to order at 8:33 a.m., roll call was completed.

**9. REPORTS**

**Executive Director**

Interim Executive Director Monique Parks informed the Board that the New Mexico Medical Board has hired Letitia Mee as Licensing Administrator and Mattie Duran as Licensing Specialist. In addition, the Board has hired three contract employees, two of whom will assist the Licensing Department and one who will assist the CFO. Despite these recent hires, two vacancies remain within the Licensing Department, with interviews scheduled for one of the positions next week. Ms. Parks stated she is hopeful that all positions will be filled by the end of June.

Ms. Parks stated that the investigations team worked really hard to bring the caseload they did to this meeting and currently has an outstanding case load of 255 cases pending. She also stated that there have been two new hires in the investigations unit and is hopeful that this will help with the caseload. Ms. Parks also touched on a certification course through AIM that she is looking into sending all investigators to.

Ms. Monique Parks also informed the Board that she and Samantha Breen, Licensing Manager met with the FBI regarding an audit, and based on feedback received, the Federal Bureau of Investigation indicated the audit was successful and that the agency is following the required rules and procedures. Ms. Parks also reported that Dr. Shields and she met with RLD, the

Cosmetology Board, Nursing Board, and Board of Pharmacy regarding Med Spas, which Dr. Shields will address further during his report.

Ms. Monique Parks informed the Board that staff have drafted the proposed rules regarding the IMLC and will begin meeting with the Rules Committee next week. Ms. Parks further advised that complaint committee assignments will be reassigned following the meeting, with updated assignments to be distributed next week. Ms. Parks also reported that Ms. Medrano contacted another state facility in Albuquerque regarding office space or Hoteling accommodations, and a cubicle may be available for use by commuting staff on a rotating basis. In addition, the Board is considering changing public office hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., which would require a policy change.

### **Chair Report**

Dr. Carson, Board Chair provided the Board with a Year-End Summary which summarized various topics including legislative advocacy efforts during the 2026 session, noting significant healthcare-related legislation and anticipated proposals for the 2027 session. Key items included the telemedicine registry bill (HB0127), foreign-trained physician licensure pathways, Physician Assistant independent practice legislation (HB0150), implementation of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC), medical malpractice reporting and statutory considerations, and scope of practice legislation. Dr. Carson also mentioned the ongoing efforts to increase budgetary funding to expand investigations, improve transparency, enhance rehabilitation programs, and strengthen education and public outreach.

Within the Year-End Summary, Dr. Carson also highlighted key initiatives and discussions from the 9/26/25 Board retreat, including the formation of working groups and committees on telemedicine, artificial intelligence, foreign-trained physicians, disciplinary guidelines, policies, and scope of practice. Additional focus areas included clinician wellness initiatives, licensing application revisions in partnership with the Dr. Lorna Breene Foundation, alternative licensure pathways, personnel needs including executive leadership and management positions, data infrastructure improvements for complaint tracking, public education and outreach, and nutrition CME requirements under the Rural Health Transformation Program Grant.

Dr. Carson made note of the continued work on data analytics infrastructure and that everything is going well. She also noted the work being done on each Executive Committee monthly case review meetings and stated that the committees have been working on malpractice review and application review. Dr. Carson then noted the links within the Year-En Summary to the issuance of complaint guidance materials for licensees, and ongoing legislative and professional presentations and gave a brief explanation of each.

Dr. Carson informed the Board of the upcoming staff structure change that will be happening in the near future. This will include moving the entire Licensing department staff, which is currently managed by the CFO, to the management of the Interim Executive Director, and what the logistics of that will look like as the changes are made. Dr. Carson also mentioned that she is

hoping to request from legislation that NMMB have an increase in Board members including more public members and possibly a legislative appointee. Ms. Medrano also noted to the Board that there might be another option to obtain more Board members, and that being to require a representative from a sister agency to serve on the Board. She stated that some other state agencies have medical personnel that may be able to serve on the Board without having to be an appointee.

Finally, Dr. Carson opened the discussion to the Board regarding any updates or information brought back from the FSMB conference. Dr. Barrett and Dr. Unverzagt spoke on various topics that were covered during the course of the conference including learning opportunities around the conversation of AI, Quality Assurance, Crisis Communications, Safety Sensitive Positions and Committee Organization noting some information they found to be useful and possibly applicable to NMMB's policies and procedures.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION: MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT REPORT AND BOARD ATTORNEY REPORT**

**MOTION** was made by Dr. Carson 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."

**AND**

"Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 (H)(7) of the Open Meetings Act, Sections 10-15-1 to 10-15-4, the NM Medical Board may close portions of its meeting subject to the attorney-client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which the public body is or may become a participant, or when the Board wants to consult with its attorney about a lawsuit the Board has initiated or is considering initiating, or when the Board wants to consult with its attorney about actual legal disputes that have not yet reached the courts." See Board of County Commissioners, Luna County v. Ogden, 1994-NMCA-010, ¶ 15, 117 N.M. 181, 185, 870 P.2d 143, 147." **SECONDED:** Dr. Barrett. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Scoggins and Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth. **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **Management Consultant** **Board Attorney Report**

#### **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. Sheilds, NMMB Medical Director, reported to the Board that New Mexico has seen rapid growth in medical spas and wellness clinics offering medical and cosmetic procedures, leading to regulatory and safety concerns noting that some major issues include:

- Unclear supervision structures and minimal physician involvement
- Delegation of medical procedures to unlicensed personnel (e.g., medical assistants, aestheticians)
- Risks associated with laser and energy-based procedures (e.g., burns, improper training)
- Concerns with peptide therapy, GLP-1 clinics, and telemedicine models, including online prescribing and lack of oversight
- Public confusion due to misleading marketing and unclear credentials

Dr. Shields additionally notes that there are also concerns about ownership structures where non-physicians exert medical decision-making influence.

NMMB and multiple other New Mexico regulatory boards recently met to discuss these challenges and proposed next steps such as unified guidance, policy revisions, public education, and increased enforcement. Finally, Dr. Shields emphasizes the need for ongoing interagency collaboration to ensure patient safety and clarify lawful practice boundaries in this evolving field and stood for questions and comments from the Board.

### **Licensing Manager**

Licensing Manager, Samantha Breen provided the Board with the following licensing statistics and answered questions from the Board.

#### **Licensing Statistic data reports**

- Pending Physician Applications – 637
- Pending Expedited – 18
- Issued expedited since January 30, 2026- May 5, 2026 - 28
- Licenses issued from January 30, 2026- May 5, 2026 - 498 (MD – 387, DO – 71, TM – 40, RS - 187)
- Pending PA Applications – 55
- PA licenses issued for November 1, 2025 – January 29, 2026 – 54
- All other mid-levels pending applications – (AA – 0, GC – 14, DN – 2, ND – 2, POD – 6, Poly – 10, Temp Camp – 31)

#### **Licensing Renewal updates**

- Licenses expiring July 1, 2026 – 6,180
- Licenses renewed starting April 1, 2026 – May 1, 2026 (renewal open until October 1, 2026) – 1,293 (MD – 830, DO – 105, TM– 72, Naprapathic Physician- 3, Resident – 274, Pharmacist Clinician Supervisor - 5)

### **Finance**

Lusan Leyba, NMMB CFO, reported to the Board on the following topics:

- The budget revenue status ending March 31, 2026:
  - From July 1, 2025-March 31, 2026, expenditures total \$2,268,860.29 (62.96%) of budget expenditures (Opbud \$3,603,400).
  - From July 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026, the agency collected revenues in the amount of \$1,104,444.33 (32.94%) of budgeted revenues (Opbud \$ 3,353,400.00 FB \$250,000=\$3,603,400.00).

- Discussed the FY27 Legislative Finance Committee Hearings that were held on January 13, 2026:
  - Agency requested a budget of \$4,090,700.00 and the LFC recommendation came in at \$3,981,600.00 which was \$109,100.00 less than what the agency requested. The \$109,100.00 was a decrease in salaries due to the vacancy rate.
- FY27 Operating Budget was presented and voted on in the amount of \$3,996,900.00 which includes the 1% salary increase in FY27.  
**MOTION** was made by Dr. Carson to approve the FY27 Operating Budget. **SECONDED:** Dr. Barrett. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Scoggins and Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth. **MOTION CARRIED.**

## 10. PRESENTATIONS

### Drexel Physician Reentry Program, Nielufar Varjavand, MD; Professor of Medicine, Drexel University

Nielufar Varjavand, MD; Professor of Medicine, explained to the Board what the program structure looks like for physicians entering back into the medical field through the Drexel Physician Reentry Program. She covered various topics throughout the presentation including why physicians initially leave the medical field, what may possibly bring a physician back into the field, gave background information on how the program started, statistics of Board policies on reentry, information on the Federation's reentry to practice requirements, research conducted by Drexel University and a step by step explanation of how the Reentry Program operates.

## 11. OLD BUSINESS

### Election of Board Officers

**MOTION** was made by Dr. Carson to elect herself as NMMB Board Chair, Dr. Scoggins as NMMB Secretary Treasurer and Dr. Unverzagt as NMMB Vice Chair. **SECONDED:** Dr. Barrett. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Scoggins and Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### Adoption of the Open Meetings Act

**MOTION** was made by Dr. Carson to approve the Open Meetings Act and the resolution that Tom Banner, Esq., Contract General Counsel, prepared. **SECONDED:** Dr. Barrett. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Daniels, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Scoggins and Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Dr. Reidy, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth. **MOTION CARRIED.**

## 12. MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business before the Board, Dr. Carson adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

SUBMITTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Monique Parks, Interim Executive Director

APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Karen Carson, M.D., Chair

APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Bradley Scoggins, D.O., Secretary Treasurer