

NEW MEXICO MEDICAL BOARD
Interim Board Meeting
September 9, 2026
MINUTES

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Video Conferencing: Karen Carson, MD, Chair
Eileen Barrett, MD
Angela Medrano, Public Member
Laura Onorato, PA
Michael Richards, MD
Paul Roth, MD
Bradley Scoggins, DO, Secretary Treasurer
Mark Unverzagt, MD

Others Present: Sondra Frank, Esq., Contract General Counsel
Monique Parks, Interim Executive Director
Elishia Lucero, Compliance Supervisor
Natalie Padilla, Compliance Coordinator
Marta Beltran Del Rio, Investigations Supervisor
Farnad Darnell, Investigator
Laura Teamer, Investigator
Philip Shields, MD, NMMB Medical Director

Excused: Jeannine Daniels, Public Member

Absent: Kristin Reidy, DO

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Dr. Carson, after establishing the presence of a quorum, called the **September 9, 2026**, Interim Board Meeting of the New Mexico Medical Board to order at 3:00 p.m. Roll call was completed.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION was made by Dr. Carson to approve the agenda for the **September 9, 2026**, Interim Board Meeting. **SECONDED:** Ms. Medrano. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins and Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Ms. Daniels. **ABSENT:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION was made by Dr. Carson to approve the meeting minutes from the **August 6-7, 2026**, Regular Board Meeting. **SECONDED:** Dr. Scoggins. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins and Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Ms. Daniels. **ABSENT:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ORAL ARGUMENT: For Licensing Requests and Actions, New Applicants/Reinstatements/Compliance

IMO- Rodney Sholty, MD- Dr. Carson granted the Board's Prosecutor, Daniel Holmes, Esq., a few minutes to address the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: For Discussion of Licensing Requests and Actions/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: Dr. Scoggins. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins and Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Ms. Daniels. **ABSENT:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

OPEN SESSION

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

Rodney Sholty, MD- Case No: 2025-029- Decision and Order Following Evidentiary Hearing

MOTION was made by Dr. Scoggins to accept the Hearing Office's Findings of Fact 1-10 and Substantive Factual Findings of Fact with the following changes:

Substantive Factual Findings:

- a. Amended Factual Finding 1 so it reads:
 - i. [Testimony of Respondent to read 6/25/2026.]
- b. The Board accepts Substantive Factual Findings 2-3.
- c. Reword Factual Finding 4 so it reads:
 - i. Ms. Sholty expressed fear of potential ramifications and retaliation if she pursued criminal charges. She also described requests and demands from Respondent not to pursue prosecution in order to protect his medical license. [Testimony of Joanna Sholty, Tr. 06/25/26.]
- d. The Board accepts Substantive Factual Findings of Facts 5-20.
- e. Change last sentence on Factual Finding 21 so it reads:
 - i. Ms. Sholty also brought up past incidents in which she said the Respondent had assaulted her.
- f. The Board accepts Factual Finding 22.
- g. Amended Factual Finding 23 so it reads:
 - i. [Testimony of Detective Day 07/2/2026.]
- h. The Board accepts Factual Finding Fact 24.
- i. Amended Factual Finding 25 so it reads:
 - i. [Testimony of J. Sholty 6/25/2026.]
- j. The Board accepts Factual Findings 26-31.

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

MOTION was made by Dr. Scoggins to accept the Conclusions of Law with the following changes and to authorize the Board's advising attorney, Sondra Frank, Esq., to make any additional edits as needed.:

Discussion:

Reword Paragraph one so it reads:

The New Medical Practice Act provides four specific requirements for a person to be granted a license to practice medicine in New Mexico. The person must: 1) be of good moral character; 2) be a graduate of an accredited medical school as designated by the statute; 3) have passed an examination approved by the

New Mexico Medical Board; and 4) have completed two years of an approved post-graduate training program for physicians. The history of domestic violence does indicate the lack of good moral character, and the Board has more than sufficient evidence that Dr. Sholty, the Respondent, has a history of committing domestic violence. The Testimony presented including that of Ms. Sholty in the Lubbock police reports, the testimony of two Lubbock police officers, the testimony of the lock smith and three additional police reports from the Lubbock police department that were entered at the hearing, substantiates domestic violence committed by the respondent. While the Board advised in its NCA that it intended to deny respondent's application for a New Mexico medical license pursuant to the New Mexico Uniform Licensing Act, the burden was on the Respondent to establish at the hearing by the ponderance of the evidence that he is qualified to be licensed NMSA 1978 61-1-4(c) matter of D'Angelo 105 NM 391, 393, 7033, page 2D, 360-362, 1986. Code absence an allegation of fraud or where a statute or court rule require the higher standard. The standard of proof in administrative hearings is a preponderance of the evidence. The board finds in this case that there is substantial evidence the respondent lacks good moral character. The evidence presented at the hearing does not establish by the preponderance that the respondent has satisfied the requirements for licensure as a physician in New Mexico, insofar as the evidence of his history of domestic violence indicates that he lacks good moral character.

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

MOTION was made by Dr. Scoggins to Deny Dr. Sholty the application for licensure. **SECONDED:** Dr. Barrett. **YES:** Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Richards, Dr. Scoggins and Dr. Unverzagt. **RECUSED:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Roth. **EXCUSED:** Ms. Daniels. **ABSENT:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Jordan Ziegler, MD- Case No: 2026-012 - Motion for Entry of Default Order

MOTION was made by Dr. Carson to accept the Motion for Entry of Default Order and the Default Order of Revocation. **SECONDED:** Dr. Barrett. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins and Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Ms. Danie's. **ABSENT:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Robert Martin, PA- Case No: 2026-015 - Motion for Entry of Default Order

MOTION was made by Dr. Barrett to accept the Motion for Entry of Default Order and the Default Order of Revocation. **SECONDED:** Dr. Scoggins. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Reidy, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins and Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Ms. Daniels. **ABSENT:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. COMPLAINT COMMITTEE ACTIONS RELATED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Committee A

Case# NMMB-20260446 Recommendation was made by Ms. Medrano to refer the applicant to CPEP or another comparable program approved by the Board to obtain a surgical competency skills evaluation prior to the Board determining whether to issue a license. Upon receipt and review of the evaluation, the Complaint Committee will determine the appropriate next steps. If the applicant does not accept the referral, the applicant will be given the opportunity to voluntarily withdraw the application while under investigation. If the applicant does not accept, a Notice of Contemplated Action to deny will be issued based on, but not limited to, incompetency to practice. **YES:** Dr. Barrett, PA Onorato, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, and Dr. Scoggins. **RECUSED:** Dr. Carson, Ms. Medrano. **EXCUSED:** Ms. Daniels. **ABSENT:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Case# NMMB-20250252 - Tabled

5. Reports- [Portions may be closed]**

Board Chair

Dr. Carson reported on the Board's August 21, 2026, presentation to the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee in Gallup. The Board responded to questions regarding licensure data, Board composition, cultural competency, and legislative proposals. Dr. Carson clarified that applicants have an appeal process and will provide the correction to Senator Block and the legislators.

LFC analyst Harry Rummel noted that licensure data does not necessarily reflect actual physician practice in New Mexico and discussed the potential use of additional data sources, including the All-Payer Claims Database. Legislators raised concerns regarding racial and cultural diversity on the Board. The Board discussed increasing the number of public members and potentially creating legislative appointments to the Board. Senator Trujillo also raised the possibility of adding a podiatrist. The Board will continue discussions regarding Board composition and representation.

The Board will meet with Senator Lopez regarding Senate Bill 270 and will review provisions concerning transparency and the public posting of complaints prior to adjudication.

Legislators were supportive of the Board's requests for additional funding and consideration of changes to the Executive Director position and compensation. The Board will continue working with LFC on these requests.

Dr. Carson also reported on upcoming participation in an artificial intelligence conference in Washington, D.C. and stated that the Board will continue developing and maintaining proactive AI policies.

Dr. Barrett provided an update regarding the Learner Bean Foundation's collaboration with the AMA and FSMB to reduce licensure-related barriers to physicians seeking mental health care. The Board has received positive feedback regarding previous application changes, and additional informational changes are being considered in coordination with the Foundation and the Board's external vendor.

Dr. Unverzagt provided a brief update on the upcoming Compliant Committee Case Organization Project that he has been working closely with staff and a couple other Board members. The goal is to make complex cases easier to review and improve efficiency. This will include a cover sheet summarizing key information and PDFs will include bookmarks. Staff is eager to hear feedback from Board members.

New Business

Appointment of two IMLCC Commissioner.

MOTION was made by Dr. Carson to appoint Interim Executive Director, Monique Parks and Dr. Barrett to the IMLCC Commissioners. **SECONDED:** Dr. Unverzagt. **YES:** Dr. Carson, Dr. Barrett, Ms. Medrano, PA Onorato, Dr. Reidy, Dr. Richards, Dr. Roth, Dr. Scoggins and Dr. Unverzagt. **EXCUSED:** Ms. Daniels. **ABSENT:** Dr. Reidy. **MOTION CARRIED.**

6. Meeting Adjourned

There being no further business before the Board, Dr. Carson adjourned the meeting at 5:23 pm.

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: _____