

**UTAH MEDICAL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

**MAY 15, 2025
SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84114**

CONVENED: 9:03 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 12:35 P.M.

DIVISION STAFF PRESENT:

Licensing Administrator: Larry Marx
Board Secretary: Allison Pulsipher
Compliance Officer: Jennifer Johnson
CSD: Jeff Henrie
Investigations: James Furner
Executive Director: Margaret Busse

Assistant Director: Deborah Blackburn
ITAC: Alexander Bybee
ITAC: Jesler Molina
ITAC: Shelmira Moret la Rosa
OPLR: Jeff Shumway

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Craig Davis, MD
Dr. Nicole Clark, MD
Dr. Stephen Voss, MD
Dr. William Hamilton, MD
James Sutton, PA-C
Shaun Curran, PA-C

Dr. Alan Smith, MD
Dr. Jonathan Olsen, DO
Grant Madsen, Public Member
Rachel MacKay, Public Member
Marie Pittman-Cherrington, PA-C

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Dr. Susan Wiet, MD

Dr. Spencer Pierson, MD

GUESTS:

Rey Alonzo, UMA
Shannon Thomas-Black, DHHS

Richard Oborn, DHHS
Rebecca Brown, DHHS

Note: Other guests may have been in attendance electronically but were not identified.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Dr. Smith called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

READ AND APPROVE JANUARY 16, 2025 MINUTES (AUDIO – 0:05:40)

Dr. Hamilton motioned to approve the minutes as written.
Ms. Pittman-Cherrington seconded the motion.
The Board motion passed unanimously.

CSD UPDATE (AUDIO – 0:06:45)

Mr. Henrie informed the Board Oregon has connected with the CSD.
The CSD is looking to connect with Washington and Texas.
Mr. Henrie informed the Board the CSD is reworking the quarterly reports.

MEDICAL CANNABIS GROUP (AUDIO – 0:11:17)

Mr. Oborn, DHHS, gave the Board a background of the Medical Cannabis Program.

Mr. Oborn informed the Board of the integration of the medical cannabis information into the CSD.

Dr. Davis asked if there was difference between a measurement of THC and a measurement of medical cannabis.

Ms. Brown explained the difference between the different measurements and why they would be listed differently.

ITAC UPDATE (AUDIO – 0:27:50)

Mr. Bybee introduced himself and his team to the Board.

Mr. Bybee briefly went over the legislation that created his research team and what steps they are taking to create new pathways for licensure.

Mr. Bybee went over the different requirements and pathways for internationally trained applicants.

Dr. Davis asked if the ITAC team has looked at modeling their pathway after the pathways enacted by Arizona.

Mr. Bybee stated he his team can review the work done by Arizona and consider modeling their pathways after Arizona or other states with pathways already in place.

Dr. Olsen asked ITAC to prepare a report of all the different methods other states have created and enacted to review with the Board so they can be prepared and research what is being presented.

OPLR UPDATE (AUDIO – 0:54:04)

Mr. Shumway introduced himself to the Board and explained what OPRL does for the Division.

Mr. Shumway informed the Board of which professions OPRL has already reviewed and what their anticipated schedule is moving forward.

Dr. Smith asked what OPLR's reviews are trying to produce and if it is redundant to the ITAC research.

Mr. Shumway informed the Board what he looks at to open access to regulated professions.

INVESTIGATIONS UPDATE (AUDIO – 1:09:15)

Mr. Furner provided the Board with an investigation update.

There were 20 Physician & Surgeon cases opened, and 20 cases closed in the first quarter.

There were 14 Osteopathic Physician cases opened, and 20 cases closed in the first quarter.

There were 20 Physician Assistant cases opened, and 5 cases closed in the first quarter.

COMPLIANCE UPDATE (AUDIO – 1:14:10)

Ms. Johnson gave the compliance update.

Mr. Pollock last met with the Board in November.

All reports are current and have been provided.

Dr. Tam last met with the Board in July.

All reports are current and have been provided.

The Board needs to review Dr. Tam's working hours.

Dr. Edson last met with the Board in November as he missed the January meeting.

Dr. Edson was last found out of compliance as he was missing meetings and reports.

The Division drafted an extension of Dr. Edson's probation, and no response has been received.

Dr. Slater is on public reprimand and last met with the Board in September.
All reports are current and have been provided.

Dr. Hiemstra last met with the Board in May of 2022.
Dr. Hiemstra has not reported employment, nor submitted reports or continuing education.
Dr. Davis asked about the results of the PROV course and asked what the Division is looking for.
Ms. Johnson confirmed the results and stated she needs the Board to motion on the findings.
Ms. Johnson informed the Board regarding the timeframe on Dr. Hiemstra's probation.

Dr. Cimikoski last met with the Board in November.
No reports are required, Dr. Cimikoski requires quarterly check-ins.

Dr. Newhall last met with the Board in January.
Dr. Newhall is not practicing as a physician.

Dr. Kelly's stipulation was approved March of 2025.
Ms. Johnson went over the complaints and stipulation.
Dr. Smith asked for clarification regarding Dr. Kelly's training.
Mr. Marx informed the Board of Dr. Kelly's previous training.
Mr. Marx informed the Board of the negotiations held between Dr. Kelly and the Division that resulted in the current stipulation.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mr. Jeffrey Pollock, Probationary Interview (Audio – 1:34:10)

Ms. Pittman-Cherrington started the interview by asking Mr. Pollock how he was doing.
Mr. Pollock stated things are moving along well and he continues to refine his practice and record keeping.

Ms. Pittman-Cherrington asked Mr. Pollock about his continuing education plans.
Mr. Pollock stated he is preparing to take some new courses in the late summer.

Dr. Hamilton motioned to move Mr. Pollocks check-ins to every six months.

Mr. Pittman-Cherrington seconded the motion.

The Board passed the motion unanimously.

Ms. Pittman-Cherrington motioned to move Mr. Pollocks reports to quarterly.

Dr. Hamilton seconded the motion.

The Board passed the motion unanimously.

Dr. Martin Tam, Probationary Interview (Audio – 1:43:15)

Dr. Voss started the interview by asking how Dr. Tam is doing.

Dr. Tam stated he is doing well.

Dr. Tam informed the Board he started his current employment in December 2023.

Dr. Voss asked Dr. Tam if he had anything new to report to the Board.

Dr. Tam said he is still working part-time, ranging 12 to 15 hours a week and is actively looking for additional employment.

Dr. Smith reminded the Board they allowed Dr. Tam to work fewer hours while he was getting back into work and asked Mr. Marx how the Board should move forward since Dr. Tam's hours are not increasing.

Mr. Marx stated it is the Boards decision if they would like to continue accepting the limited hours.

Dr. Voss stated he would be willing to accept the limited hours as Dr. Tam has remained compliant in all other aspects of his stipulation.

Dr. Voss motioned to move Dr. Tam's check-ins to every six months.

Dr. Hamilton seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Allan Edson, Probationary Interview (Audio – 1:53:25, 2:46:50)

Dr. Edson did not attend the meeting at the time of his scheduled appointment.

Dr. Hamilton made a motion to close the meeting in accordance with the Open and Public Meetings Act, 52-4-205(1)(a) to discuss the character, professional competence or physical or mental health of an individual.

Dr. Olsen seconded the motion.

All Board members voted in favor of closing the meeting.

The meeting was closed at 10:58 a.m. The meeting was opened at 11:10 a.m.

Dr. Olsen motioned to suspend Dr. Edson's license.

Dr. Clark seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Edson attended the meeting late and asked to still meet with the Board.

Mr. Marx informed Dr. Edson of the Divisions concerns.

The Board informed Dr. Edson of the recommendation they made to the Division.

Dr. Patrick Slater, Probationary Interview (Audio – 1:56:44)

Dr. Smith asked Dr. Slater how he is doing.

Dr. Slater stated things are good and is still practicing in Texas.

Dr. Smith asked Dr. Slater whether he was still attending his support meetings.

Dr. Slater stated he attends meetings 2 to 3 times a week.

Dr. Robert Hiemstra, Probationary Interview (Audio – 2:11:45, 3:01:20)

Dr. Hiemstra did not attend the meeting at the time of his scheduled appointment.

Dr. Davis informed the Board of Dr. Hiemstra's lack of compliance.

Dr. Davis motioned to revoke Dr. Hiemstra license.

Dr. Clark seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Hiemstra joined the meeting late and only wanted to inform the Board he will be submitting a letter to the Division for review.

Dr. William Cimikoski, Probationary Interview (Audio – 2:02:05)

Dr. Hamilton started the interview by asking Dr. Cimikoski about his practice.

Dr. Cimikoski said things are great; transitioned into a new facility and hired new staff.

Dr. Hamilton asked Dr. Cimikoski if he is still following his practice plan.

Dr. Cimikoski stated he is following his practice plan and confirmed he has completed his continuing education.

Dr. Hamilton asked Dr. Cimikoski about the level of his staff.

Dr. Cimikoski informed the Board of the level of staff he has employed and explained how he receives assistance with anesthesiology.

Dr. Hamilton asked Dr. Cimikoski what he had learned so far while on probation.

Dr. Cimikoski informed the Board what he has learned and what he has changed in his practice.

Dr. Davis asked Dr. Cimikoski to clarify why he uses sedation in his office.

Dr. Cimikoski informed the Board of the services he offers in his clinic.

Dr. Stanley Newhall, Probationary Interview (Audio – 2:19:55)

Dr. Hamilton requested to recuse himself from discussions regarding Dr. Newhall's probation.

Dr. Smith started the interview by asking Dr. Newhall how he is doing.

Dr. Newhall informed the Board he has completed the UC San Diego training course.

Dr. Newhall stated he has been looking for a job in the profession since December but has not been successful.

Dr. Newhall stated he is looking into fellowships in different specialties to get back into work. The Board discussed whether clinical informatics classifies as practice within the field.

Ms. Johnson informed the Board Dr. Newhall is not currently located in Utah and asked for clarification of expectation for Dr. Newhall's active practice and supervisor.

Dr. Christopher Kelly, Initial Probationary Interview (Audio – 3:02:20)

Dr. Kelly did not attend the Board meeting.

Dr. Clark asked the Division how the Board should move forward with Dr. Kelly as he missed his first meeting.

Mr. Marx informed the Board it would need to be discussed after we receive communication from Dr. Kelly as to his absence.

Ms. Johnson informed the Board of the communication she had with Dr. Kelly and informed the Board how she would move forward.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

FSMB Annual Conference Review (Audio – 2:13:44)

Dr. Olsen informed the Board the state of Georgia requires all physicians to complete sexual misconduct training.

Dr. Olsen informed the Board of the different classes he attended regarding AI in medicine.

Mr. Marx further explained the different findings presented during the AI classes.

Mr. Marx informed the Board he met with the Administrators in Medicine before the conference and discussed the different pathways being proposed for international graduates.

2025 Legislative Session (Audio – 2:43:05)

Mr. Marx informed the Board of the changes made with the 2025 Legislative Session.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Synthetic Opioid Article (Audio – 2:40:20)

Ms. Pulsipher informed the Board of why the article was sent out.

June Hearing Update (Audio – 2:41:35)

Mr. Marx informed the Board he will be meeting with the Division attorney to determine if the hearing will need to proceed.

FSMB Virtual Education Program (Audio – 2:40:55)

Ms. Pulsipher informed the Board of multiple training courses for new Board Members.

2025 MEETING SCHEDULE:

JULY 17, SEPTEMBER 18, NOVEMBER 20

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 P.M.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

7-17-25

Date Approved

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Chairperson, Utah Medical Licensing Board

7/13/2025

Date Approved

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Bureau Manager, DOPL