UTAH MEDICAL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 19, 2026
SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84114

CONVENED: 9:04 A.M. ADJOURNED: 11:54 P.M.

DIVISION STAFF PRESENT:

Licensing Administrator:	Larry Marx
Board Administrator:	Allison Pulsipher
Pharmacy Board Manager:	Jim Garfield
Pharmacy Board Administrator:	Tina Marshall
UPHP Program Specialist:	Jennifer Johnson
Legal Analyst:	Lauren Harvy
Assistant Director:	Deborah Blackburn
Investigations:	James Furner
Investigations:	John Loeffler

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Alan Smith, MD, Chair
Dr. Craig Davis, MD, Vice-Chair
James Sutton, PA-C
Rachel MacKay, Public Member
Dr. Jonathan Olsen, DO
Dr. Spencer Pierson, MD
Grant Madsen, Public Member
Dr. Greg Hobson, DO
Dr. Nicole Clark, MD
Shaun Curran, PA-C
Dr. Susan Wiet, MD
Dr. William Hamilton, MD

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Dr. Stephen Voss, MD
Marie Pittman-Cherrington, PA-C

GUESTS:

Cam Bronson, Office of AI Policy
Zach Boyd, Office of AI Policy
Jordan Gygi, OPLR
Lauren Moy
Jeanne Brennan
Jenny Frazier
Ken Whittemore
Meg Freiter

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 9:04 am.

READ AND APPROVE JANUARY 15, 2026 MINUTES (AUDIO – 0:04:40)

Dr. Hamilton motioned to approve the minutes as written.
Dr. Olsen seconded the motion.
The Board motion passed unanimously.

INVESTIGATIONS UPDATE (AUDIO – 0:5:27)

Mr. Furner reviewed the investigation statistics with the Board.

Dr. Hamilton asked for clarification regarding unlicensed practice.

Dr. Clark asked if the complainant received a response regarding their complaint.

Physician Assistant – Ablative Procedures

Mr. Marx reviewed the different cases the Division has received regarding ablative procedures.

Ms. Harvey informed the Board of Utah SB 31 that makes an amendment to the ablative procedure statute.

Mr. Curran informed the Board where the concern in the profession comes from.

APPOINTMENTS:

Ms. Amber Wright, Probationer Interview (Audio – 0:24:40)

Ms. Johnson provided the compliance report.

Ms. Johnson informed the Board of Ms. Wright's proposed supervisor.

Mr. Curran started the interview by asking Ms. Wright to explain how she found her proposed supervisor and how she anticipates the supervision to work.

Mr. Wright informed the Board of how she got in contact with Dr. Jokerst and how they plan to work together.

Mr. Curran has expressed his concerns with the Board and Mr. Wright.

Mr. Wright informed the Board the timeframe allotted in their contract as a supervisor.

The Board reviewed Ms. Wrights stipulation to review the type of supervision requirement.

Dr. Davis informed the Board his opinion of Ms. Wrights proposed supervisor.

Dr. Pierson motioned to approve the proposed supervisor.

Mr. Shaun Curran seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Johnson asked the Board if they would like to meet with the proposed supervisor.

Ms. Johnson informed Ms. Wright she will need to update her practice plan with the proposed supervisor.

Mr. Curran motioned for Ms. Wright to submit an updated practice plan to receive conditional approval before resuming work.

Dr. Clark seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Christopher Church, Probationer Interview (Audio – 0:52:05)

Mr. Marx gave the Board an update on Dr. Church.

Dr. Church did not attend the meeting.

Dr. William Cimikoski, Probationer Interview (Audio – 0:53:00)

Ms. Johnson provided the compliance report.

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

Dr. Cimikoski stated his practice has remained the same and he is still working full-time.

Dr. Hamilton asked Dr. Cimikoski about his current indictment.

Dr. Cimikoski informed the Board of his current case.

Dr. Hamilton asked if the case has affected his practice of medicine.

Dr. Cimikoski stated it has not affected his practice.

Dr. Hamilton motioned to find Dr. Cimikoski in compliance with his stipulation.

Dr. Clark seconded the motion.

The Board motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Christopher Kelly, Probationer Interview (Audio – 1:07:45)

Ms. Johnson provided the compliance report.
Ms. Johnson informed the Board Dr. Kelly renewed his professional license late.

Dr. Clark started the interview by asking Dr. Kelly for an employment update.
Dr. Kelly gave the Board an update and informed them what issues he is running into.
Dr. Clark asked what Dr. Kelly is doing while he works on getting his business running.
Dr. Kelly stated he spends his free time helping family.
Dr. Clark stated she is glad to see Dr. Kelly has not given up and continues to try to get back into practice.

Dr. Clark motioned that Dr. Kelly is not in compliance with his stipulation.
Dr. Olsen seconded the motion.
The Board motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Stanley Newhall, Probationer Interview (Audio – 1:14:55)

Dr. Hamilton has recused himself from the discussion.
Ms. Johnson provided the compliance report.

Dr. Smith started the interview by asking Dr. Newhall for an update.
Dr. Newhall informed the Board prior to the discipline he worked primary in locum tenens work and he has struggled to find work while he is on probation with Utah.
Dr. Smith informed Dr. Newhall the stipulation allowed Dr. Newhall to receive his license, but it needed to be on probation.
Mr. Marx informed the Board why the Division required Dr. Newhall to have a probationary period.

Dr. Smith motioned that Dr. Newhall is not in compliance with his stipulation.
Dr. Davis seconded the motion.
The Board motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Robert Rodrigues, Probationer Interview (Audio – 1:38:00)

Ms. Johnson provided the compliance report.

Dr. Smith started the interview by asking how he is doing.
Dr. Rodriguez informed the Board what he has been doing since his license was reinstated on probation.
Dr. Smith stated he reviewed the proposed supervisor and practice plan and asked if Dr. Rodrigues had any questions for the Board.
Dr. Rodrigues asked if it would be an option to unrestricted his license as long as he had signed an agreement with UPHP so he may gain hospital privileges.
Dr. Smith and Mr. Marx informed Dr. Rodrigues that his case would not fall within the guidelines in statute for participation in UPHP.

Dr. Smith motioned to approve the practice plan and the proposed supervisor.
Dr. Clark seconded the motion.
The Board motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

AI Office - Doctronic (Audio – 1:48:30)

Mr. Marx informed the Board the Utah Office of AI Policy are in attendance today to speak with the Board regarding their work and the Boards concerns with Doctronics.
Mr. Boyd informed the Board of the process and work of the Office of AI Policy.
Mr. Body informed the Board of the trial the approved with Doctronics.
Dr. Smith informed the Office of AI Policy why the Board has concerns.
Dr. Olsen stated he did not understand how the clinical practice of reviewing prescription refills can be passed onto a artificial system.
Mr. Curran informed Mr. Boyd of his concerns regarding the "low risk" medication list.
Dr. Davis asked who listed as a provider on the refill prescriptions.
Mr. Boyd informed the Board who is listed on the refill prescription and what additional notes are listed on the prescriptions so pharmacists can ensure they know what it is coming from.
Dr. Wiet asked who is liable for any adverse outcomes from the AI Prescriptions refills and if the provider is informed the prescriptions is refilled.
Mr. Cam Bronson, Office of AI Policy, informed the Board what process Doctronics is currently utilizing to ensure prescriptions are valid.
Dr. Clark stated she knows AI is not going away, but the integration needs to be done with immense care.
Dr. Olsen asked he could "opt-out" from allowing patients from utilizing Doctronics.
Mr. Boyd said that is not an option at this time.
Dr. Pierson stated there should be hard number of times a prescription can be refilled without seeing an provider for a check-in.
Dr. Wiet informed the Board and Mr. Boyd how her office handles prescriptions refills and stated it would be a safe option for many providers rather than relying on AI systems.
Dr. Davis asked if there is any transparency to Doctronics interested parties and if there was any political or lobbying bias.
Dr. Clark suggested the Office of AI Policy communicate with the state associations when approving different AI processes in Utah.

Legislation Update (Audio – 2:40:25)

Ms. Harvey went over the different bills passed from the 2026 Legislative Session.
Ms. Harvey went over SB 31.
Ms. Harvey went over SB 80.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Upcoming Hearing Schedule (Audio – 2:44:18)

Ms. Pulsipher reminded the Board of the anticipated upcoming hearing schedule.

2026 MEETING SCHEDULE:

MAY 21ST, JULY 16TH, SEPTEMBER 17TH, NOVEMBER 19TH

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 11:54 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.

5/27/26 (ss) [signature] MD

Date Approved **Chairperson, Utah Medical Licensing Board**

6/1/2026 (ss) Larry Marx

Date Approved **Licensing Administrator, DOPL**