

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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Nick M. Spirtos, M.D., F.A.C.O.G.
Board President

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Executive Director



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OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING

Held Via Teleconference and at the Following Locations:

Conference Room at the Offices of the
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners
9600 Gateway Drive, Reno, Nevada 89521

Conference Room at the Offices of the
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners
325 E. Warm Springs Road, Suite 225, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023 – 12:00 NOON

Board Members Present at Board Office in Reno

Mr. M. Neil Duxbury

Board Members Present at Board Office in Las Vegas

Steven Evans, M.D.
George P. Kelesis, Esq.

Board Members Present by Telephone

Nick M. Spirtos, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., President
Irwin B. Simon, M.D., FACS
Joseph Olivarez, P.A.-C

Board Members Absent

Bret W. Frey, M.D., Vice President
Ms. Maggie Arias-Petrel, Secretary-Treasurer
Aury Nagy, M.D.
Chowdhury H. Ahsan, M.D., Ph.D., FACC
Ms. Pamela J. Beal
Col. Eric D. Wade, USAF (Ret.)
Carl N. Williams, Jr., M.D., FACS

Staff/Others Present at Board Office in Reno
Edward O. Cousineau, J.D., Executive Director
Donya Jenkins, Chief of Finance and Human Resources
Laurie L. Munson, Chief of Administration and Information Systems
Deonne E. Contine, J.D., General Counsel
Ian J. Cumings, Deputy General Counsel

Staff/Others Present by Telephone
Henna Rasul, J.D., Senior Deputy Attorney General

Agenda Item 1

CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Roll Call/Quorum

President Nick M. Spirtos, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

Mr. Cousineau took roll call. Board members present were Nick M. Spirtos, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., President, Irwin B. Simon, M.D., FACS, Joseph Olivarez, P.A.-C, Mr. M. Neil Duxbury, Steven Evans, M.D. and George P. Kelesis, Esq. Mr. Cousineau announced there was a quorum.

Agenda Item 2

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Spirtos asked whether there was anyone in attendance who would like to present public comment. No public comment was received.

Agenda Item 3

CONSIDERATION OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN THE MATTER OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS VS. HOWARD FRANCOIS, M.D., BME CASE NO. 23-33514-1

Mr. Cumings stated a formal Complaint had been filed against Dr. Francois alleging one violation of the Nevada Medical Practice Act and outlined the terms of the proposed Settlement Agreement.

Dr. Evans moved that the Board approve the proposed Settlement Agreement. Mr. Kelesis seconded the motion and it passed, with all adjudicating Board members voting in favor of the motion.

Agenda Item 4

CONSIDERATION OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN THE MATTER OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS VS. BENJAMIN MORGAN MUIR, M.D., BME CASE NO. 23-36616-1

Mr. Cumings stated a formal Complaint had been filed against Dr. Muir alleging one violation of the Nevada Medical Practice Act and outlined the terms of the proposed Settlement Agreement.

Mr. Duxbury moved that the Board approve the proposed Settlement Agreement. Mr. Kelesis seconded the motion and it passed, with all adjudicating Board members voting in favor of the motion.

Agenda Item 5

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Spirtos asked whether there was anyone in attendance who would like to present public comment. No public comment was received.

Mr. Cousineau said he wanted to thank the Board members, and the special Board member appointees in particular, for their time and participation with respect to this meeting. Dr. Spirtos said he echoed Mr. Cousineau's sentiments.

Agenda Item 6

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kelesis moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Duxbury seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Dr. Spirtos adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

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