

# **NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**



## **ANNUAL REPORT 2024**

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners protects the public and serves the State of Nevada by ensuring that only well-qualified, competent physicians, physician assistants, practitioners of respiratory care, perfusionists and anesthesiologist assistants receive licenses to practice in Nevada. The Board responds with expediency to complaints against our licensees by conducting fair, complete investigations that result in appropriate action. In all Board activities, the Board shall place the interests of the public before the interests of the medical profession and encourage public input and involvement to help educate the public as we improve the quality of medical practice in Nevada.

## THE BOARD

The Board is the oldest occupational licensing board in the state, having recently celebrated 126 years of service to the patients of Nevada (March 15, 1899 – March 15, 2025). The Board is composed of eleven members, six of whom are actively practicing physicians, one of whom is a practicing physician assistant, one of whom is a practicing practitioner of respiratory care, and three of whom are public members. By statute, all members of the Board must be selected without regard to their individual political beliefs. All members are appointed by the Governor for a period of four years. Board members may also be appointed by the Governor to a second four-year term.

Pursuant to statute, the Board has three Investigative Committees. Each Committee is currently composed of two physician Board members and one non-physician Board member. The committees are charged with administering the investigative functions of the Board.

The Board's main office is located at 9600 Gateway Drive in Reno, and it has a satellite office located at 325 E. Warm Springs Road, Suite 225, in Las Vegas.

## BOARD MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES

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

Dr. Spirtos was appointed to the Board effective September 1, 2021. As the current President of the Board, he wants to emphasize that the current Board understands the importance of working together with the Board's executive staff to increase the number of licensed physicians and other providers in Nevada but also cautions that we cannot sacrifice quality in our effort to address the long-standing provider shortage. He is a first-generation American whose family immigrated from Greece, and he is proud to say that there are three generations of physicians in his family. Dr. Spirtos holds a medical degree from Northwestern University. While at Stanford University (Fellowship in Gynecologic Oncology and Faculty 1985-2004), he was elected Deputy Chief of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, served on the Executive Committee for Stanford University Hospital and had an Appointment as a Clinical Associate Professor. He established the Women's Cancer Center of Nevada, to bring specialized gynecologic oncologic services and make clinical trials available to the women of Nevada. The Center also has a Division of Urogynecology in addition to providing gynecologic oncology care. Dr. Spirtos has published over 100 peer-reviewed scientific articles, written multiple book chapters and reviews for multiple journals, and became the first American editor of Bonney's Textbook of Gynaecological Surgery. He led, as principal investigator, the Women's Cancer Center's research efforts, as one of approximately 50 primary research institutions (including world-renown cancer centers such as MD Anderson, Memorial Sloan-Kettering and Johns Hopkins) in the Gynecologic Oncology Group (GOG), a National Cancer Institute (NCI)-funded cooperative research group. The Women's Cancer Center was the first private practice ever admitted as a full member to the GOG. The GOG was the National Cancer Institute's only

cooperative group, conducting clinical trials dedicated to the study and cure of gynecologic cancers. Dr. Spirtos has served the GOG as a member of virtually every significant committee within that organization, including overseeing the Quality Assurance Committee as Co-Chair and Chair for over 15 years. He served as the Co-Chair of the Surgical Oncology Committee of the newly formed NCI-sponsored cooperative group, NRG Oncology, a combined group of gynecologic oncologists, radiation oncologists, surgical oncologists, colorectal and breast surgeons. Dr. Spirtos served as a member of the first University Medical Center Advisory Board, was Chair of the Quality Assurance Subcommittee, and served as a member of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Medicine Community Advisory Board. He was recognized as a Distinguished Nevadan by the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE). He is interested in advancing medical science through properly run clinical trials and providing patients in Nevada with the opportunity to safely receive novel, cutting-edge medical care in addition to high-quality routine medical care. Dr. Spirtos is the President of the Board and Chairman of one of the Board's three Investigative Committees.

### **Bret W. Frey, M.D., *Vice President***

Dr. Frey was appointed to the Board effective August 31, 2019, and was reappointed to a second term commencing September 1, 2023. He is a longtime Nevadan with a passion for emergency and aero-medical medicine. Earning a Bachelor of Science from the University of Nevada, Reno in 1989, he published numerous scientific articles during a seven-year research career thereafter. Dr. Frey holds a medical degree from the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, and is certified by the American Board of Emergency Medicine. He has served Nevadans in a multitude of capacities to improve statewide medical care and has practiced in many emergency departments statewide. Dr. Frey is the Chair of the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine Department of Emergency Medicine, is a member of the Government Affairs Commission of the Nevada State Medical Association, is the Nevada Medical Director for Reach Air Medical Services and is President of Western Emergency Physicians – the largest emergency physician group in Northern Nevada. Dr. Frey is the Vice President of the Board and Chairman of one of the Board's three Investigative Committees.

### **Maggie Arias-Petrel, *Public Member, Secretary-Treasurer***

Ms. Arias-Petrel is a public member of the Board. She was appointed to the Board effective August 1, 2019, and was reappointed to a second term commencing August 1, 2023. In a career spanning over 30 years in the medical field, Maggie Arias-Petrel, an experienced and accomplished healthcare industry executive and leader, has held positions of increasing scope and responsibility. Ms. Arias-Petrel currently serves as the President of Soran Health Nevada. In this role, she oversees daily company operations, business development, and growth for Value-Based Senior Primary Care Practices. Previously, Ms. Arias-Petrel was Regional Vice President at Cano Health, where she oversaw Medical Operations in Nevada, California, and New Mexico in all areas of daily business leadership, led a diverse team, and led many successful initiatives. She has also sat on many important boards and commissions. Throughout her career, Ms. Arias-Petrel has developed and refined her skills in all areas of healthcare leadership, has been involved in all areas of operational management, and has seen all entities to their maximum performance while meeting the highest in performance expectations. Ms. Arias-Petrel volunteers her time with Promoters of Health, a non-profit organization that focuses on access to healthcare for minorities and underserved communities. Ms. Arias-Petrel obtained her MBA from Central University in Quito, Ecuador. Ms. Arias-Petrel is the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board and a member of one of the Board's three Investigative Committees.

## Chowdhury H. Ahsan, M.D., Ph.D., FACC

Dr. Ahsan was appointed to the Board effective July 1, 2021. A native of Bangladesh, Dr. Ahsan received his medical degree from Dhaka Medical College and was awarded the Gold Medal in Medicine. He received the prestigious Commonwealth Scholarship and completed a Ph.D. in Clinical Pharmacology/General Medicine at the University of Southampton in the United Kingdom for his research on the ethnic variation of the pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of calcium channel blockers. Dr. Ahsan then received postgraduate training in Medicine and became a member of the Royal College of Physicians in London in 1992. He subsequently moved to the United States and completed postgraduate training in Internal Medicine and Cardiovascular Disease at the University of Pennsylvania and Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia, and did his Interventional Cardiology Fellowship at the Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York. He is Board Certified in Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Medicine, Nuclear Cardiology, and Interventional Cardiology. He was awarded the Young Investigators' Award by the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology in 2001, and American Society of Echocardiography in 2004. He was Associate Professor and the Director of Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at the University of California, Irvine Medical Center before joining Nevada Heart & Vascular Center. Dr. Ahsan is a Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Nevada School of Medicine (UNSOM) and is currently the Director of Cardiac Catheterization Laboratories and Cardiovascular Research at the University Medical Center (UMC). Under his leadership, the Cardiology Fellowship program of University of Nevada School of Medicine at University Medical Center, Nevada Heart and Vascular Center and VA Medical Center was established July 1, 2014. Dr. Ahsan is the Director of this Cardiology Fellowship Program. This is a significant achievement for the state of Nevada and the Las Vegas community to bring academia in Nevada and overall quality of care to a higher level as this is the only cardiology fellowship program in the state. Dr. Ahsan started work for the community when he was a student. He contributed significantly to the establishment of Shandhani, a voluntary organization of the medical and dental students of Bangladesh to promote blood donation and posthumous eye donation. He became the Secretary General of this organization. He did collaborative research work between Southampton University, UK and the local cardiovascular institute in Dhaka, Bangladesh when he was a student at Southampton. As a cardiologist, he started undertaking the mission of helping and growing a major teaching hospital in cardiovascular care in Bangladesh. Dr. Ahsan takes special interest in building Cardiovascular Interventional clinics and research programs in developing countries, and has led teams of U.S. Physicians, Technologists and Nurses to exchange work experiences there. He makes these trips on his vacation time and has taken cardiologists, nurses, cardiac cath lab technical personnel, and cardiovascular surgeons to do workshops, lectures, and hands-on training. Dr. Ahsan has championed the cause of treating acute coronary syndrome patients early and for a better outcome. He is on the editorial board of the journal of World Heart Federation, Global Heart. Dr. Ahsan has done several community programs to make people aware of cardiovascular care. He has done this in Orange County, California, when he was on the faculty at the University of California, and also in Las Vegas. In 2022, he volunteered to make the seniors aware of cardiovascular care in the initiative taken by the *Las Vegas Review Journal* for the first time. Dr. Ahsan was awarded the prestigious Las Vegas HEALS award for his services to the community. He is named in *Who's Who* and also is listed in *World Leaders in Medicine*. He is an Honoree of Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honors Society for his leadership and contribution in Cardiovascular Medicine. He served as the Governor of the American College of Cardiology Nevada Chapter from 2021-2023. Dr. Ahsan was the recipient of the honorary fellowship degree of FCPS by Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons in 2022. This is a prestigious institutional recognition by the College. Dr. Ahsan is the founder president of SureCare, an accountable healthcare initiative to bring healthcare expertise and services to remote areas of Bangladesh via technological apps, particularly in the area of emergency cardiovascular care. He is the co-chair of SCAI, USA. (SCAI is the organization of Interventional Cardiologists.) He represents World Heart Federation at the European Society of Cardiology. Dr. Ahsan is Chairman of one of the Board's three Investigative Committees.

### **Pamela J. Beal, *Public Member***

Ms. Beal is a public member of the Board, appointed to the Board effective July 1, 2021. She is the Managing Consultant for PB Diversified Company LLC. With over 30 years of experience in executive leadership healthcare, Ms. Beal is the former Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs for the Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), as a key executive instrumental in launching an \$86 million dollar UNLV School of Medicine clinical faculty practice plan, with over 365 employees and 300 providers and residents, including 13 multi-specialty clinic locations. She served as the Chief Operating Officer for FirstMed Health and Wellness, a Las Vegas-based Federal Qualified Health Center, after leading the non-profit Southern Nevada Immunization and Health Coalition through unprecedented memberships, partnerships and access to no-cost immunizations, vision screening, well-child check-ups, eyeglasses, and dental care for low-income populations. Ms. Beal has held positions as the Director of Business Development for Desert Winds Hospital; Universal Health Services- Spring Mountain Treatment and Sahara Psychiatric Hospitals. Ms. Beal has substantial healthcare experience in managing overall operations and taking complete responsibility for the effective and successful management of labor, productivity, quality control, and safety measures as established and set for the Operations Department. She has extensive experience in leading diverse teams and managing all aspects of projects and implementations by ensuring that the business deliverables are completely satisfied on time and within budget. Throughout her career, she has secured in excess of \$20 million dollars in federal, state, local, foundation and corporate grants to improve and increase access to healthcare for low-income populations in Louisiana and Nevada. Ms. Beal also has a long history of participating in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) programs in Louisiana and Texas. Ms. Beal has completed two fellowships, one as a New Mexico Governor's Fellow in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and the other as a Faculty Fellow for the Foundation for the Mid South in Jackson, Mississippi. She is the recipient of numerous awards in health care and has degrees in Accounting and Business from Western New Mexico University and Clarendon College, respectively. Ms. Beal serves on the USMLE Committee for Individual Review (CIR). Ms. Beal is a member of one of the Board's three Investigative Committees.

### **Col. Eric D. Wade, USAF (Ret.), *Public Member***

Mr. Wade is a public member of the Board, appointed to the Board effective July 1, 2021. He was born in Reno, Nevada and holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Nevada. Additionally, he holds a Master's in Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He is a retired Aviator and Intelligence Officer from the Nevada Air National Guard and Active-Duty Air Force. During his military career, Mr. Wade flew several aircraft, including the RF-4C, F-15E, and C-130H, and held several command positions until he retired as the 152nd Airlift Wing Commander in 2020 after 28 years of military service. Mr. Wade is a member of one of the Board's three Investigative Committees.

### **Carl N. Williams, Jr., M.D., FACS**

Dr. Williams was appointed to the Board effective September 1, 2021. He has been practicing medicine in Las Vegas for over 30 years. He holds a medical degree from Indiana University. He was the first African American Plastic Surgery Resident in Chicago (University of Illinois) and the first African American Plastic Surgeon in the State of Nevada. He brought the first laser center to Las Vegas and introduced a multitude of lasers and their functionality to the area. Dr. Williams is triple board certified in plastic surgery, surgery of the hand, and otolaryngology. He has served on the board of directors of many different hospitals as both a leader of surgery and advanced wound healing. He was a member of the plastic surgery faculty for two years in Chicago, at the University of Illinois, and continues to pass on his knowledge today by continuing as a clinical educator for both the University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Medicine and Touro University. Dr. Williams holds active memberships in many professional organizations, including the AMA, ASPS, ASSH, and ASA. He is a Fellow of the American College of

Surgeons and has volunteered for many medical missions to Mexico, Guatemala, Samoa, Costa Rica and the Philippines. He also participated in a medical exchange with China and Russia. Dr. Williams participated in a community outreach program that removed gang tattoos to give Las Vegas youth a chance to get out of that lifestyle. He has also contributed, as a reconstructive plastic surgeon, much needed assistance to victims of domestic violence. He established the Hand Surgery Department at University Medical Center hospital and continues to take hand trauma call for four Las Vegas hospitals today. Dr. Williams is a member of one of the Board's three Investigative Committees.

### **Irwin B. Simon, M.D., FACS**

Dr. Simon was appointed to the Board effective September 1, 2023. He is a general surgeon and has resided in southern Nevada since 1993. He is a graduate of Hahnemann University School of Medicine in Philadelphia, PA. Dr. Simon trained as a general surgeon at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio. He then completed a fellowship in Advanced Therapeutic Endoscopy and Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery, also at Mount Sinai Medical Center. Dr. Simon then entered the U.S. Army, where he served as the Director of the of the U.S. Army Surgical Endoscopy Training Program. In 1993 he was invited to Las Vegas to join Dr. Thomas Armour and Dr. Don Christensen. These Las Vegas surgeon pioneers sought out Dr. Simon specifically because of his fellowship training and minimally invasive approach to patients and disease processes. As a board-certified general surgeon, Dr. Simon continues to push the envelope of the latest technologies, offering minimally invasive techniques to the residents of Las Vegas and southern Nevada. He has served on the Board of Governors of the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons. He is the Founder and Principal of Vegas Valley Vein Institute. As a general surgeon, varicose vein disease has always been a part of Dr. Simon's practice. The technologies utilized include radiofrequency ablation, microfoam chemical vein ablation, injection sclerotherapy with medications like Asclera, and the use of VeinGogh ohmic therapy. Typical for Dr. Simon, these modalities are considered the latest, most minimally invasive techniques available for vein-related disorders. At the request of loyal patients, Dr. Simon expanded his general surgery practice to include minimally invasive techniques of hair restoration. With the founding of Vegas Valley Hair Restoration, Dr. Simon brought NEOGRAFT Follicle Unit Extraction (F.U.E.) to southern Nevada. Discriminating men and women from across the United States seek Dr. Simon's expertise to achieve the younger, more aesthetic look that a full head of hair brings to their lives. Dr. Simon is also a Nevada attorney. He matriculated in the inaugural class of the U.N.L.V. Boyd School of Law. He maintained his full general surgery practice throughout law school, graduated in 2002, and has been a member of the State Bar of Nevada since 2002. He is a founding partner in the law firm of Parker, Parker, and Simon. Dr. Simon has performed medico-legal consulting for several U.S. medical device manufacturers. He has lectured nationally and internationally. He has testified to members of the United States Congress on behalf of the Association of Medical Device Reprocessors. Dr. Simon is a member of one of the Board's three Investigative Committees.

### **Joseph Olivarez, P.A.-C**

Mr. Olivarez was appointed to the Board effective October 1, 2023, and is serving as the Board's first Physician Assistant Board Member. He has been with Swift Institute since September of 2004. He received his certificate in PA studies in 1995 from the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific, in Pomona, CA. Mr. Olivarez started his career in medicine in 1985 as a Navy corpsman. He spent four years in the Navy working as a surgical technologist. Upon his honorable discharge from the Navy, he continued work as a surgical technologist while pursuing his degree at Mount San Antonio College, in Walnut, California. Since becoming a PA, Mr. Olivarez has worked with both orthopedic and neurosurgical spine surgeons. He has assisted on thousands of spine surgeries throughout his career. Mr. Olivarez has remained active in the education of physician assistants. He is an associate clinical professor of Spinal Neurosurgery at the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine. He also serves on the Community Faculty Advisory Board for the University of Nevada School of Medicine. Previously, he served as a clinical preceptor for Western University, Samuel Merritt College Physician Assistant Program, and Touro University Primary



Care Physician Assistant Program. Mr. Olivarez has received special recognition for achievements and knowledge of surgery and is certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants. He is also a Fellow member of the Association of Neurosurgical Physician Assistants and the Nevada Academy of Physician Assistants. In his spare time Mr. Olivarez enjoys spending time with his wife and two sons. He is an avid cyclist as well.

### **Jason B. Farnsworth, RRT, MBA**

Mr. Farnsworth was appointed to the Board effective October 1, 2023, and is serving as the Board's first Practitioner of Respiratory Care Board Member. Mr. Farnsworth's primary employment from 2000 to the present has been with Renown Health, a not-for-profit integrated health care network, where he has served in a variety of capacities. Mr. Farnsworth is a board-certified respiratory care practitioner with specialties in emergency medicine, shock trauma resuscitation, and adult/pediatric/neonatal critical care. He has held significant leadership positions with the health network and is currently serving as the systemwide Director for the Respiratory Care Service Lines. From 2023 to present, Mr. Farnsworth has served as the Program Director for Great Basin Colleges Cardio-Respiratory Care Program. Launched in January 2025, this is the first respiratory therapy program supporting the Northern Nevada Urban Corridor. Chief Master Sergeant (Retired) Jason Farnsworth served as the Senior Enlisted Leader for the 152nd Mission Support Group and 152nd Medical Group, Nevada Air National Guard, Reno, Nevada. In these roles, he provided leadership and direction to over 500 full-time and traditional military personnel. Chief Farnsworth was responsible for advising commanders on enlisted-force matters, operations, and force development, and provided executive-level administrative oversight, prior to retiring with 25 years of service in November 2024.

### **Hugh L. Bassewitz, M.D., FAAOS**

Dr. Bassewitz is an Orthopedic Spine Surgeon and President of Desert Orthopaedic Center in Las Vegas, Nevada. Appointed to the Board effective September 1, 2024, he is also member of one of the Board's three Investigative Committees. Dr. Bassewitz graduated from Tufts University with a B.S. in Biology before earning his M.D. from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, Maryland. His postgraduate training included a General Surgery internship and Orthopaedic Surgery residency at UCLA, followed by a spinal surgery fellowship at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan. He earned board certification by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery in 2003 and recertified in 2013 and 2023. He has been a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons since 2005. Dr. Bassewitz is a member of the North American Spine Society (NASS), the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgery (AAOS), the Clark County Medical Society (CCMS), the Nevada State Medical Association (NSMA), and the Nevada Orthopaedic Society (NVOS). He is a current trustee for CCMS, has served on the AAOS Board of Councilors, is a past president of the Nevada Orthopaedic Society, and is a former chief of surgery at Desert Springs Hospital. Dr. Bassewitz specializes in cervical and lumbar surgery, robotic surgery, microsurgery, and minimally invasive surgery, with a focus on complex spine reconstruction via minimally invasive techniques. Dr. Bassewitz participated in clinical and surgical research projects and published peer-reviewed articles and book chapters during his training. He continues to lecture regionally and nationally on degenerative disorders of the spine and spinal reconstruction. He serves as a spine consultant for the Las Vegas Raiders and the Vegas Golden Knights. Dr. Bassewitz is the Director of the Desert Orthopaedic Center/Jewish Nevada/American Friends of the Rabin Medical Center Annual Visiting Fellowship, which hosts a visiting Israeli Orthopaedic Surgery resident for two weeks each year. He has taught internal and family medicine residents from UNLV, Orthopaedic surgery residents from Valley Hospital, and medical students from Touro University. He has participated in implant design and training in collaboration with the spinal implant industry. Dr. Bassewitz currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Council for a Better Nevada and the Board of Advisors for Nevada State Bank. He is a past Chairman of the Board of the Jewish Federation of Las Vegas.

## CURRENT BOARD STAFF

### *Executive Staff:*

Edward O. Cousineau, J.D., Executive Director  
Sarah A. Bradley, J.D., MBA, Deputy Executive Director  
Donya Jenkins, Chief of Finance and Human Resources

### *Administrative Staff:*

Laurie L. Munson, Chief of Administration and Information Systems  
Andy Graser, Information Technology Specialist  
Rachelle Sanders, Finance Assistant  
Hannah Nicolosi, Finance Assistant  
Angelica Aguilar-Cadena, Administrative Assistant

### *Legal Division Staff:*

Deonne E. Contine, J.D., General Counsel  
Donald K. White, J.D., Senior Deputy General Counsel  
Ian J. Cumings, J.D., Senior Deputy General Counsel  
William Shogren, J.D., Deputy General Counsel  
Alexander J. Hinman, J.D., Deputy General Counsel  
Mercedes Fuentes, Legal Assistant  
Meg Byrd, Legal Assistant  
Valerie Jenkins, Legal Assistant

### *Investigative Staff:*

Ernesto Diaz, Chief of Investigations  
George J. Tuioti, Deputy Chief of Investigations, Las Vegas office  
Johnna S. LaRue, CMBI, Deputy Chief of Investigations  
Trent S. Hiatt, CMBI, Senior Investigator  
Monica C. Gustafson, CMBI, Senior Investigator  
Libi Anders, Senior Investigator  
Alexis Kent, MPA, Investigator, Las Vegas office  
Dana C. Schmitt, Investigator, Las Vegas office  
Norma Perkins, Administrative Assistant  
Malia R. Kao, Administrative Assistant, Las Vegas office  
SueAnna Alshehry, Administrative Assistant  
Wayne Hardwick, M.D., Medical Reviewer  
Amir Nasser, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., Medical Reviewer

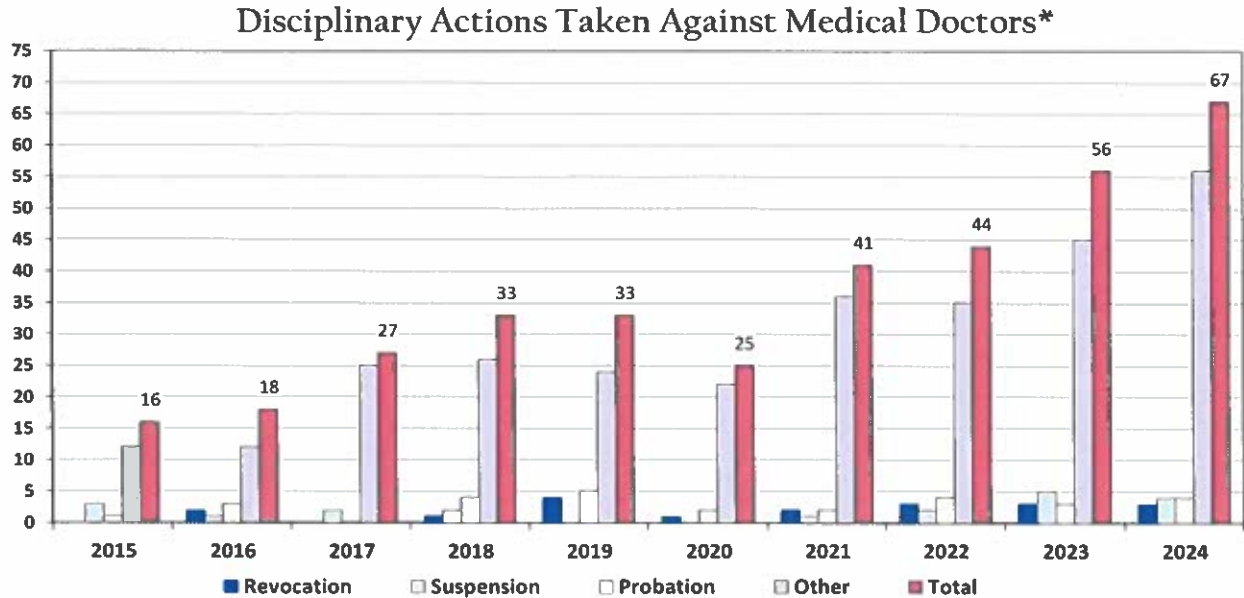
### *Licensing Staff:*

Kory Linn, Chief of Licensing  
Lisa Small, Deputy Chief of Licensing  
Christina Hall, Senior License Specialist  
Summer Jacobsen, Senior License Specialist  
Caitlin E. McClurg, B.A., Senior License Specialist  
Jennifer Krum, Senior License Specialist  
Elaina Aragona, B.S., License Specialist  
Leticia Brown-York, License Specialist  
Vanessa Young, License Specialist  
Jonathan Chang, License Specialist  
Claire Zybert, License Specialist  
Jenifer Godfrey, License Specialist  
Clarissa Kingsbury, License Specialist  
Hallie Petie, License Specialist  
Christabelle Morley, Licensing Administrative Assistant  
Celeste Garcia, Licensing Administrative Assistant



## COMPLAINTS, INVESTIGATIONS AND DISCIPLINE

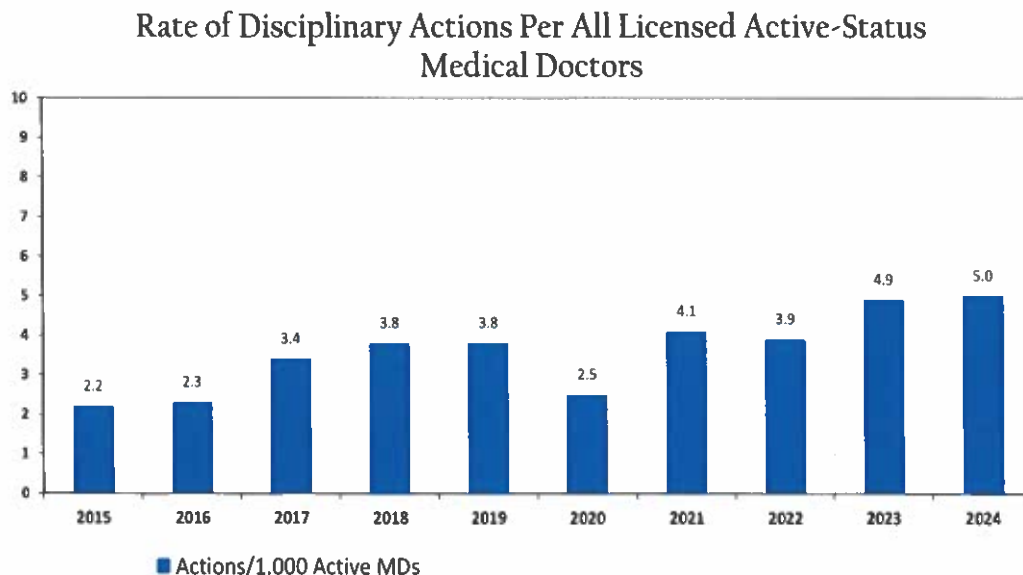
In 2024, the Board opened 442 investigations, closed 423 investigations (many of which, of course, originated in preceding years) and imposed 67 disciplinary actions against physicians. The graph below shows the number and types of discipline imposed by the Board regarding physicians for the last ten years.



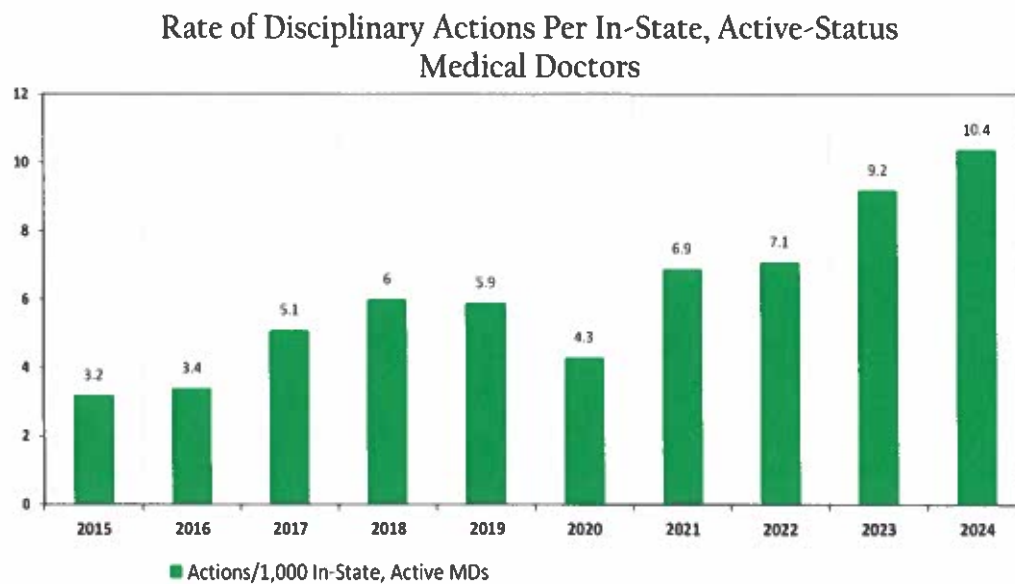
Note: "Other" actions include Voluntary Surrender of License While Under Investigation, License Restriction, Public Reprimand, Licensure Denial, CME Ordered, Fine, Drug or Alcohol Treatment Program Ordered, and Competency Exam Ordered.

\*Any discrepancy in these numbers from a report published by any other source is due to: (1) differences in verbiage or categorization; or (2) differences in the number of actions taken per practitioner.

The graph below shows the rate of disciplinary actions taken by the Board per 1,000 active-status licensed physicians for the last ten years.



The graph below shows the rate of disciplinary actions taken by the Board per 1,000 in-state, active-status licensed physicians for the last ten years.



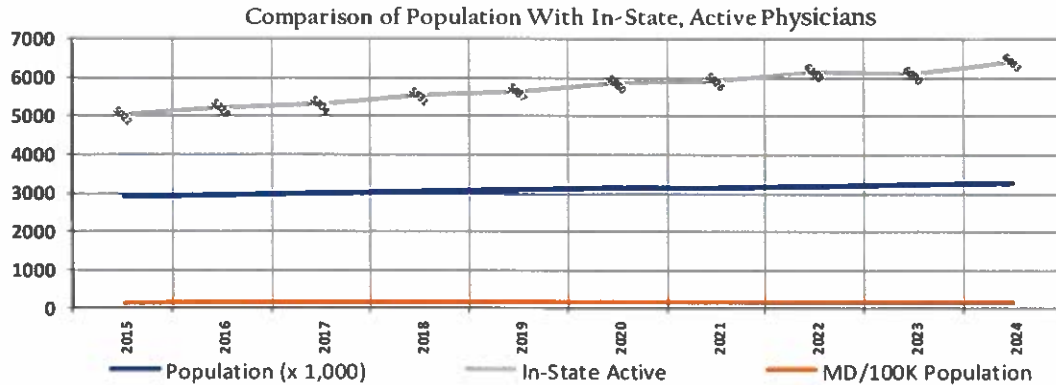
## LICENSING

The Board licenses physicians, physician assistants, practitioners of respiratory care, perfusionists, anesthesiologist assistants, and limited licenses for residency training. In 2024, the Board issued the following new licenses:

Practice	
Physicians*	2024
Physician Assistants	218
Practitioners of Respiratory Care	168
Perfusionists	8
Anesthesiologist Assistants	5
Residency Training Licenses	237

\*1037 of these physicians were licensed via the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC).

In 2024, the ratio of physicians to 100,000 population\* increased from the previous year. The following graph shows the growth of the state's population (measured in thousands so that the trend line will fit on the graph, and last reported at 3,282,911), the state's active, in-state physician population (in absolute numbers), and the ratio of physicians to population (measured as physicians per 100,000 population). From 2015 through 2017, the ratio averaged between 173 and 178. From 2018 through 2021, the ratio averaged between 181 and 188. In 2022, the ratio increased to 193, in 2023, the ratio decreased to 187, and in 2024, the ratio increased to 196.



\*Population statistics provided by the Nevada State Demographer, Nevada Department of Taxation.

The physician licensure for active, in-state physicians increased by 5.6% in 2024. The following table is a county-by-county breakdown of physician licenses for the last ten years. In 2024, Carson City, Clark, Douglas, Elko, Humboldt, Mineral and Washoe Counties showed growth in their physician populations; Nye County showed a decrease; and the remaining nine counties remained static in their physician populations.

**Physician Licensure Counts (2015-2024)**

County	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Carson City	171	177	173	173	155	157	178	164	173	191
Churchill	24	24	25	27	21	21	21	22	26	26
Clark	3460	3605	3674	3845	3943	4080	4099	4275	4239	4484
Douglas	79	79	85	87	97	101	86	109	99	103
Elko	43	42	39	39	42	42	41	44	37	41
Esmeralda	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
Eureka	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	11	12	9	9	9	10	10	11	13	14
Lander	3	2	2	2	4	5	5	5	3	3
Lincoln	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Lyon	12	13	14	13	11	9	15	16	14	14
Mineral	6	4	2	2	3	3	1	1	1	2
Nye	15	13	12	13	10	11	13	14	25	24
Pershing	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2
Storey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Washoe	1186	1246	1254	1306	1327	1407	1442	1488	1445	1516
White Pine	9	8	11	11	11	10	10	12	10	10
<b>In-State Active Status</b>	<b>5022</b>	<b>5228</b>	<b>5304</b>	<b>5531</b>	<b>5637</b>	<b>5860</b>	<b>5926</b>	<b>6168</b>	<b>6090</b>	<b>6433</b>
Out-of-State Active Status	2116	2561	2523	3229	3066	4030	3992	5210	5292	7015
<b>TOTAL ACTIVE STATUS</b>	<b>7138</b>	<b>7789</b>	<b>7827</b>	<b>8760</b>	<b>8703</b>	<b>9890</b>	<b>9918</b>	<b>11378</b>	<b>11382</b>	<b>13448</b>
Inactive Status	806	802	772	763	772	762	786	765	650	645
<b>TOTAL LICENSED (Active and Inactive Statuses)</b>	<b>7944</b>	<b>8591</b>	<b>8599</b>	<b>9523</b>	<b>9475</b>	<b>10652</b>	<b>10704</b>	<b>12143</b>	<b>12032</b>	<b>14093</b>

The number of physician assistants increased in 2024 by 9.7%. In 2024, there was growth in Carson City, Churchill, Clark, Douglas, Elko, Lyon, Mineral and Washoe Counties; Nye County showed a decrease; and the remaining eight counties remained static in their physician assistant populations.

### Physician Assistant Licensure Counts (2015-2024)

County	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Carson City	17	18	28	28	32	33	43	43	39	44
Churchill	9	10	7	6	5	5	8	8	6	10
Clark	479	533	559	618	655	709	719	795	786	865
Douglas	15	19	19	18	21	26	16	26	23	25
Elko	13	14	15	17	18	22	21	25	23	27
Esmeralda	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eureka	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	2	2
Lander	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Lincoln	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	5
Lyon	7	9	9	9	8	9	11	10	9	10
Mineral	3	3	2	4	5	5	3	4	3	4
Nye	5	4	3	5	4	3	4	4	7	6
Pershing	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
Storey	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1
Washoe	138	149	156	183	195	222	248	279	301	323
White Pine	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
<b>TOTAL IN-STATE ACTIVE STATUS</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>953</b>	<b>1046</b>	<b>1082</b>	<b>1204</b>	<b>1207</b>	<b>1324</b>

The number of practitioners of respiratory care increased by 6% in 2024. In 2024, there was growth in Churchill, Clark, Douglas, Humboldt, Nye and Washoe Counties; Carson City and Lyon Counties showed decreases; and the remaining nine counties remained static in their practitioner of respiratory care populations.

### Practitioner of Respiratory Care Licensure Counts (2015-2024)

County	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Carson City	11	14	12	14	12	12	14	14	17	16
Churchill	5	6	8	9	8	9	7	8	6	8
Clark	1079	1167	1158	1246	1231	1311	1278	1385	1341	1426
Douglas	13	13	14	16	15	15	16	15	13	14
Elko	9	10	12	13	9	9	7	8	7	7
Esmeralda	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eureka	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Humboldt	2	2	2	4	3	3	2	2	2	3
Lander	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lincoln	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lyon	15	14	14	17	15	15	13	15	19	18
Mineral	2	4	1	2	2	4	3	3	2	2
Nye	13	14	15	14	10	10	10	15	8	9
Pershing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Storey	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Washoe	191	207	193	199	180	194	188	197	193	201
White Pine	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	3
<b>TOTAL IN-STATE ACTIVE STATUS</b>	<b>1346</b>	<b>1457</b>	<b>1435</b>	<b>1539</b>	<b>1490</b>	<b>1587</b>	<b>1542</b>	<b>1668</b>	<b>1613</b>	<b>1709</b>

The number of perfusionists increased by 5.3% in 2024, with growth in Clark County and all other counties remaining static in their perfusionist populations.

### Perfusionist Licensure Counts (2015-2024)

County	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Carson City	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Churchill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Clark	20	24	19	24	25	27	30	32	31	33
Douglas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Elko	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Esmeralda	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Eureka	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Humboldt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Lander	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Lincoln	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Lyon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Mineral	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Nye	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Pershing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Storey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Washoe	4	4	6	5	4	4	5	6	6	6
White Pine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL IN-STATE ACTIVE STATUS</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>40</b>

### Anesthesiologist Assistant Licensure Count (2024)\*

County	2024
Carson City	0
Churchill	0
Clark	0
Douglas	0
Elko	0
Esmeralda	0
Eureka	0
Humboldt	0
Lander	0
Lincoln	0
Lyon	0
Mineral	0
Nye	0
Pershing	0
Storey	0
Washoe	1
White Pine	0
<b>TOTAL IN-STATE ACTIVE STATUS</b>	<b>1</b>

\*In 2023, the Nevada State Legislature passed legislation requiring that all anesthesiologist assistants must be licensed. As the law did not take effect until January 1, 2024, no anesthesiologist assistants were licensed by the Board prior to 2024.

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