

NORTH DAKOTA BOARD OF MEDICINE

January 26, 2024

Regular Meeting

Call to Order:

Catherine Houle, MD, chair, called the virtual meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. In attendance:

Catherine Houle, MD – Chair
Michael Quast, MD – Vice Chair
Misty Anderson, DO
Barbara Andrist
Lacey Armstrong, MD
Bree Dewing, MD
Zena Homan, MD
Justin Horner, MD
Robert Kemp, MD
Grant Lannoye, PA
Jay Metzger, PA
Troy Pierce, MD
Lezlie Scott, ND
Stephanie Sievert

Absent: Mandi Johnson, MD

Also present: Sandra DePountis, Executive Director; Lynette McDonald, Deputy Executive Director; Stacy Moldenhauer, Litigation Counsel; and Allyson Hicks and Austin Lafferty, General Counsel.

NDPHP representatives present: Brittany Hanson, Executive Director; Dr. Missy Henke, Medical Director; and Thomasine Heitkamp, PHP Chair.

Courtney Koebele, NDMA.

Carolyn Laird, research assistant with ND Department of Labor.

The following were present for their respective interviews/cases: Harnek Singh, MD; Sachin Moonat, MD; Wendell Sumner, DO; Michael Dallolio, MD; Mark Brewster, MD; Keith Ryan, MD.

Minutes

Dr. Kemp moved to approve the October 27, 2023, regular meeting minutes, and the December 18, 2023, special meeting minutes, seconded by PA Metzger, motion passed unanimously (Dr. Anderson not available for this vote).

Physician Approval of Licenses

Dr. Kemp moved to approve the eighty-five (85) licenses and waiver of interviews for physician applicants as presented, seconded by PA Lannoye, motion passed unanimously by roll call vote (Dr. Anderson not available for this vote).

Resident Approval of Licenses

Ms. Andrist moved to approve the two (2) licenses and waiver of interviews for resident applicants, as presented, seconded by Dr. Dewing, motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Physician Assistant Approval of Licenses

PA Metzger moved to approve the twenty-two (22) licenses and waiver of interviews for physician assistants, as presented, seconded by Dr. Pierce, motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Genetic Counselor Approval of Licenses

Dr. Dewing moved to approve the eight (8) licenses and waiver of interviews for genetic counselors, as presented, seconded by Dr. Homan, motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Naturopathic Doctors

No applications received however the Board did receive one application for IV therapy endorsement from Dr. Marlana Kennedy. Attorney Lafferty provided input that currently, the IV Therapy endorsement is in Administrative Code chapter 112-02 which can only be enforced

by the Board of Integrative Health. With the passage of SB 2221, moving the Naturopaths under NDBOM jurisdiction, the Board needs to wait until the Administrative Rules are approved, transferring this authority to the Board of Medicine, before it can issue the endorsement. The rules are currently set to be heard by the Legislative Administrative Rules Committee in March, with the proposed rules therefore to take effect, if approved, on April 1, 2024. Dr. Kemp moved to grant conditional approval of the endorsement to be issued when the rules take effect, seconded by Ms. Sievert, motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

IMLC License Granted

Twelve (12) Letters of Qualification for State of Principal Licensure and one hundred and seventy-two (172) non-principal licenses were issued under the Compact. Deputy Director McDonald provided updated statistics on licenses issued via the compact since its adoption in 2017 which included a total of one-hundred and sixty-eight (168) Letters of Qualification issued, and two thousand one hundred and seventy-four (2,174) non-state of principal licenses issued.

Interview for Licensure – Harnek Singh, MD

Dr. Singh was required to interview due to Board policy requiring any malpractice settlement of over \$750,000 in the past five years to interview before the Board. Dr. Singh's application reported a malpractice payout of \$950,000 on July 25, 2019, due to an alleged delay in diagnosis of a spinal epidural abscess leading to neurological compromise. PA Lannoye led the interview of this applicant.

Dr. Singh answered questions regarding the case with an explanation that they did not have the ability to do an MRI with contrast over the weekend so he had to utilize a CT scan that failed to identify the abscess. The diagnosis was made the following Monday after the patient transferred to a higher level of care.

PA Metzger made a motion to grant the license, seconded by PA Lannoye, motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Interview for Licensure – Sachin Moonat, MD

Dr. Moonat was required to interview due to Board policy requiring any malpractice settlement of over \$750,000 in the past five years to interview before the Board. Dr. Moonat's application reported a malpractice payout of \$968,339 on October 8, 2021, due to performance of an unnecessary procedure by placing a chest tube in a patient that perforated the patient's liver. The Florida Board of Medicine issued a Letter of Concern in the case via final Order on October 23, 2023, requiring five CME hours in the areas of indication and insertion of a chest tube and two CME hours in the area of laws, rules, and ethics. Dr. Dewing led the interview for this applicant.

Dr. Moonat answered questions regarding his care of the patient, the procedure, and reflections upon the case, including amendments to practice moving forward.

Dr. Quast made a motion to issue the license, seconded by Dr. Anderson, motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Interview for Licensure – Michael Dallolio, MD

Dr. Dallolio was previously disciplined by the North Dakota Board of Medicine due to a relapse with a controlled substance resulting in an Order, dated January 27, 2023, for indefinite suspension. The Order and Stipulation signed by Dr. Dallolio provides that Dr. Dallolio "has the ability to re-apply for licensure with the North Dakota Board of Medicine" and that "[a]ny application for licensure will be subject to the sole discretion of the Board." Dr. Quast led the interview for this applicant.

The Board moved into executive session at 8:32 to discuss substance abuse/treatment records, Physician Health Program records, and investigatory records, pursuant to 42 CFR Part 2 and North Dakota Century Code sections 43-17.3-07 and 43-17.1-08.

In attendance at the executive session: Dr. Dallolio and his attorney - Briana Rummel, all NDBOM Board members, NDBOM attorneys, Director DePountis, Deputy Director McDonald, and PHP members Dr. Henke, Medical Director, and Director Hanson.

The executive session concluded at 8:46.

Dr. Pierce made a motion to grant the license, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, motion passed by roll call vote with Dr. Quast voting no and all other Board members voting yes.

Interview for Licensure – Mark Brewster, MD

Dr. Brewster’s application for licensure discloses a 2018 felony conviction for obtaining controlled substances by writing prescriptions to close friends and family members that he then consumed for his own personal use. Dr. Brewster’s Michigan license was suspended in 2017 and his DEA license was suspended in 2018. The Office of Inspector General prohibited Dr. Brewster from participating in all Federal health care programs in any capacity for five years, a restriction that was lifted November 20, 2023. Michigan attempted to issue Dr. Brewster a restricted license on July 24, 2020, with conditions of direct supervision and enrollment in the state’s Professional Recovery Program on July 24, 2020, but due to the OIG restriction, Dr. Brewster was not able to work under his restricted license. Dr. Brewster presents with a re-entry to practice plan with a North Dakota licensed physician agreeing to be his proctor/supervisor. Dr. Armstrong led the interview for this applicant.

Dr. Brewster provided an outline of steps taken to move forward with his practice and life after the “poor decisions” leading to his felony conviction. He outlined how he would like to return to practice and hopefully sit for national Board examinations in 2026. He has a detailed return to practice plan ready to implement.

Dr. Quast made a motion to grant the license, seconded by Dr. Pierce, motion passed unanimously by roll call vote (Ms. Siefert not available to participate in this vote).

Interview for Licensure – Wendell Sumner, DO

Dr. Sumner’s application for licensure included disclosure of suspension of privileges “decades ago” at multiple hospitals for failure to timely complete patient charts, failure – by one point – of a recently taken SPEX exam that was required for licensure in Mississippi, and an investigation in New Mexico due to comments made by Dr. Sumner advising against the MRNA

vaccine for children. New Mexico confirmed that it is no longer pursuing the case. Dr. Horner led the interview for this applicant.

Dr. Sumner answered questions regarding his practice as a pediatrician which is not the focus area of the SPEX exam. Dr. Sumner explained his reasoning for advising against the vaccine that was still considered experimental at the time.

Dr. Quast made a motion to issue the license, seconded by Dr. Kemp, motion passed by roll call vote with Ms. Andrist voting no and all other Board members voting yes.

Petitions for Eligibility, Modification, and Completion

- Keith Ryan, MD

Dr. Ryan was issued a conditional license by the NDBOM on April 29, 2023, requiring participation in the NDPHP for a minimum of five years. Dr. Ryan is petitioning the Board for removal of the conditions due to “unintended consequences.” Dr. Ryan reports the conditional license has been misinterpreted as a restricted license and was a contributing factor in being denied participation in federal health care programs and for inability to obtain employment. Dr. Ryan’s South Dakota license was previously suspended, and since that time his Nebraska license was suspended, and he surrendered his Wisconsin license.

The Board moved into executive session at 9:32 a.m. to discuss substance abuse/treatment records and Physician Health Program records, pursuant to 42 CFR Part 2 and North Dakota Century Code section 43-17.3-07.

In attendance at the executive session: Dr. Ryan and his attorney - Brianna Rummel, all NDBOM Board members, NDBOM attorneys, Director DePountis, Deputy Director McDonald, and PHP members Dr. Henke, Medical Director, and Director Hanson.

The executive session concluded at 9:44 a.m.

Dr. Kemp made a motion to remove the conditions of licensure – issuing an unrestricted license, seconded by PA Metzger, motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- **Gary Wease, MD**

Dr. Wease was disciplined by the Board via Order issued on February 19, 2021, requiring participation in the NDPHP for five years due to two DUI convictions within a matter of days. Dr. Wease is seeking early release from participation in the PHP program. Dr. Wease is also licensed in Louisiana. The license is conditioned via Consent Order on Dr. Wease's participation with the Louisiana professional health program.

The Board discussed how the only reason Dr. Wease requested the early release was due to alleged financial hardship with the monitoring in two states. However, the NDPHP provided information that his fee will be decreased this year from \$1,200 to \$250.

Dr. Quast made a motion to deny the petition for early release from the NDPHP program participation, seconded by Dr. Armstrong, motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- **Olise Torske, PA**

PA Torske received a restricted license by the Board on August 3, 2021, after interviewing with the Board at its May 21, 2021, meeting, and disclosing she had not practiced clinically since 2013. The restricted license required PA Torske enter a written collaborative agreement with a North Dakota licensed physician for the initial four thousand hours of practice and that the collaborative physician perform 25 quarterly chart reviews each year. PA Torske also has a restricted license in MN that requires compliance with the North Dakota restrictions. PA Torske reports obtaining 2,185.5 hours thus far but is having difficulty in finding continued employment and a physician who would agree to the collaboration. PA Torske is therefore requesting either the restrictions be lifted or modified. PA Torske has maintained NCCPA certification which requires completion of CME hours.

Dr. Kemp made a motion to have Dr. Quast recuse himself from voting on the matter due to his previous involvement as PA Torske's supervising physician in 2012-2013 – pursuant to N.D.C.C. section 43-17-07.2, seconded by Ms. Andrist, motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

The Board discussed how PA Torske only had intermittent clinical experience between graduation in 2010 and leaving practice in 2013 – and therefore supported the continued work under collaboration. However, the Board recognized the hardship in finding a licensed physician to agree to mentorship and therefore discussed amending the order to allow a physician assistant to be the mentor/collaborator.

PA Metzger made a motion to amend the conditions of the license to also allow a licensed physician assistant with active practice and no discipline for five or more years, to be the approved collaborator for the remaining hours, seconded by Dr. Kemp, motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Note: Ms. Siefert was unavailable for the rest of the meeting except for otherwise designated and therefore did not participate in further voting or discussion.

- **Louis Aviles, MD**

Dr. Aviles is petitioning the Board to grant an exception to the three-attempt exam limit rule under North Dakota Administrative Code 50-02-11-03.1(2) as it took him four attempts to pass Part I of the NBME. Dr. Aviles is currently licensed in two other states, ABMS board certified in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology, and has been in practice for more than five years with no discipline.

Dr. Quast made a motion to approve granting an exception to the three-attempt limit rule, seconded by Dr. Anderson, the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- **Tracy Fitzhugh, MD**

Dr. Fitzhugh is petitioning the Board to grant an exception to the three-attempt exam limit rule under North Dakota Administrative Code 50-02-11-03.1(2) as it took her four attempts to pass Step 1 of the USMLE. Dr. Fitzhugh is currently licensed in two other states, ABMS board certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology, and has been in practice for more than five years with no discipline.

Dr. Anderson made a motion to approve granting an exception to the three-attempt limit rule, seconded by Dr. Quast, motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- **Mohammad Khaledy, MD**

Dr. Khaledy is petitioning the Board to grant an exception to the three-attempt exam limit rule under North Dakota Administrative Code 50-02-11-03.1(2) as it took four attempts to pass Step 2 CK of the USMLE. Dr. Khaledy is currently licensed in two other states, ABMS board certified in Internal Medicine, and has been in practice for over five years with no discipline.

Dr. Kemp made a motion to approve granting an exception to the three-attempt limit rule, seconded by Dr. Pierce, motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- **Mohammed Zalabani, MD**

Dr. Zalabani is petitioning the Board to grant an exception to the three-attempt exam limit rule under North Dakota Administrative Code 50-02-11-03.1(2) as it him took four attempts to pass Step 3 of the USMLE. Dr. Zalabani is currently licensed in two other states, ABMS board certified in Family Medicine, and has been in practice for over five years with no discipline.

Dr. Anderson made a motion to approve granting an exception to the three-attempt limit rule, seconded by Dr. Dewing, motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- **Giath Osman, MD**

Dr. Osman is petitioning the Board to grant an exception to the three-attempt exam limit rule under North Dakota Administrative Code 50-02-11-03.1(2) as it took him five attempts to pass Step 3 of the USMLE. Dr. Osman is currently licensed in 10 other states, ABMS board certified in General Surgery, and has been in practice for over five years with no discipline.

Dr. Anderson made a motion to approve granting an exception to the three-attempt limit rule, seconded by Dr. Dewing, motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

IPB v. Syed Naqvi, MD

Disciplinary action was sought against Dr. Naqvi for:

1. False statements on his 2021 renewal application for failure to disclose stalking arrest that resulted in protective order. Grounds for discipline: N.D.C.C. 43-17-31(1)(a)
2. Current United Kingdom and Irish law enforcement and Medical Council investigation for allegations of domestic violence relating to three of Dr. Naqvi's significant others, one of which was involved in the above stalking arrest. The UK Tribunal issued an interim order imposing conditions on Dr. Naqvi's medical license. Grounds for discipline: N.D.C.C 43-17-31(1)(f).
3. Failure to complete Panel Order fitness to practice evaluation. Grounds for discipline: N.D.C.C. 43-17-31(f) and (i).

Dr. Naqvi failed to respond to the Summons and Complaint, resulting in the Panel seeking a Default Order against Dr. Naqvi with the Office of Administrative Hearings. An Administrative Law Judge was assigned to the case and issued recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and a proposed Order for revocation of Dr. Naqvi's license.

Dr. Pierce made a motion to adopt the proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order, as presented, seconded by Dr. Dewing, motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of IPA members.

IPA v. Timothy Volk, DO

Disciplinary action was sought against Dr. Volk for after receiving notification that Dr. Volk's clinical privileges were revoked by his employer after concerns about Dr. Volk's patient outcomes, competency, and clinical judgement. An evaluation was ordered for Dr. Volk to undergo a clinical competency assessment and evaluation pursuant to N.D.C.C. 43-17.1-06(3). Dr. Volk requested to surrender his license stating he is unable to complete said evaluation. A formal Complaint was issued, and a settlement was reached in which Dr. Volk agreed to the indefinite suspension of his license with the ability to seek re-licensure after obtaining the

clinical competency assessment and evaluation showing safety to practice as previously ordered.

PA Metzger made a motion to approve the Order for indefinite suspension, as presented, seconded by Dr. Kemp, motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of IPB members.

Investigative Panel A report

Dr. Quast, Chair, reported that Investigative Panel A reviewed a total of sixteen (16) cases: one (1) disciplinary action and stipulation was approved, three (3) cases were tabled for further review, all other cases dismissed, or no action taken.

Investigative Panel B report

PA Metzger, Chair, reported that Investigative Panel B reviewed a total of eighteen (18) cases and five (5) malpractice cases: the Panel approved recommendations from an Administrative Law Judge in one (1) case, amendments to one (1) Complaint were approved, one (1) case was referred for formal disciplinary action with potential mitigating circumstances, one (1) confidential letter of concern was authorized, one (1) cases were tabled for further review, all other cases dismissed, or no action taken.

NDPHP Presentation and Report

Brittany Hanson, NDPHP's new Executive Director was introduced to the Board. The Board welcomed Director Hanson and looks forward to working with her.

Director Hanson reported thirty-one (31) active participants in the NDPHP – eight (8) are Board ordered with the PHP and twenty-three (23) are voluntary – three (3) are from other professions.

NDPHP Board of Director's ex-officio member Ms. Sievert provided an overview of the NDPHP's November 29, 2023, meeting. New PHP Board members were welcomed, and progress was made on updating accounting and fiscal policies.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee (Ms. Sievert [chair], Drs. Kemp and Pierce, and PA Metzger)

Ms. Sievert made a motion to approve the January 2, 2024, committee meeting minutes, seconded by Dr. Kemp, motion passed unanimously by committee members.

Chair Sievert provided an update on the NDBOM finances, 2022 clean audit, and proposed 2024 NDBOM budget. Dr. Kemp made a motion to approve the proposed budget as presented and approve the new printer lease, seconded by Dr. Quast, motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Ms. Sievert made a motion to designate \$2.5 million as a litigation reserve, seconded by Dr. Pierce, motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Chair Sievert discussed an option of diversification of the Board's portfolio by looking into moving money into CDs or Money Market accounts. The Board previously directed the office to move excess money above the \$250,000 threshold of FDIC insurance in the Board's bank account to its SIB account at the end of the year. Chair Sievert outlined the benefits of diversifying the money into CDs or Money Markets. Dr. Quast made a motion to authorize the Finance Committee to review the Board's bank statements mid-year and decide on whether to move the money at that time into either SIB, CDs, or MM – based on their review and expertise; seconded by Dr. Dewing, motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

PHP Committee (Dr. Armstrong [chair], Drs. Houle, Homan, and Johnson, PA Lannoye, and Ms. Sievert)

Dr. Homan made a motion to approve the November 17, 2023, and January 9, 2024, committee meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Sievert, motion passed unanimously by committee members.

Dr. Armstrong provided an update on past committee meetings in which it received updates from the NDPHP on progress to meet the deadlines and timelines outlined by the

current contract. The Committee acknowledged the progress made by the NDPHP and looks forward to further collaboration.

The NDBOM/NDPHP contract is set to expire February 29, 2024. The Committee reviewed the contract at its last meeting along with NDPHP representatives. NDPHP disclosed that it currently has three non-NDBOM licensees or students in the program. NDPHP provided that the participants are doing well in the program and thus would not like to change monitoring/participation at this time. The Committee expressed understanding but reiterated that, by law, NDBOM funds cannot be used for non-NDBOM licensees or students. After discussion, the Committee directed Attorneys Hicks and Lafferty to draft a renewal addendum to the contract with the following terms: (1) allow for the three participants to remain in the program but to reiterate no NDBOM funds may be used to pay for the expenses of the participants; (2) clarify that NDBOM funds may be used for the education and recruitment of NDBOM licensees and students; and (3) extend the terms and timelines of the contract until December 31, 2024. Attorney Lafferty presented the drafted addendum for review of the Board. Ms. Sievert made a motion to approve the addendum to the NDBOM/NDPHP contract under the terms provided, seconded by PA Lannoye, motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

PDMP Update

Dr. Horner is the Board's representative for the PDMP council. Dr. Horner provided an update of PDMP statistics discussed at the past PDMP meeting held on December 14, 2023.

Genetic Counselor Advisory Committee

North Dakota Century Code section 43-60-09 requires the Board to appoint a Genetic Counselor Advisory Committee, made up of at least two North Dakota licensed physicians and one Genetic Counselor. The Board discussed the changing practices and nature of genetic counseling as part of the health care system and that this is an important committee to now form. The Board generally discussed the purpose of the committee as set out by North Dakota Century Code section 43-60-09. Dr. Anderson and Dr. Horner agreed to be the two physician members on the committee. They, along with the Board office, will move forward with

recruiting additional members to the committee which must include at least one genetic counselor and potentially a public member, an insurance representative, and others who may have interest. Dr. Horner made a motion to create the committee to be between 5-7 members approved by Drs. Anderson and Horner, to meet at least twice a year, and receive reimbursement at the same rate as other NDBOM committees, seconded by Dr. Pierce, motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Draft Logo and License Certificate for Review

The Board previously approved a contract for a graphic design artist to draft logos, license certificates, and new letterhead for the Board of Medicine. Logos were provided for review of the Board. Once chosen, the logo would be incorporated into the license and letterhead. Upon review, Dr. Pierce made a motion to approve the updated originally chosen logo with an updated font for “Board of Medicine” as proposed by Dr. Homan, seconded by Dr. Kemp, motion passed with Dr. Armstrong, Ms. Andrist, and Dr. Quast voting no and all other Board members voting yes.

Various Policy Discussions

The Board office received a request from the North Dakota Physician Assistant Association for the email addresses of its licensees. Currently NDBOM policy in place provides that, in exercising its authority under North Dakota Century Code sections 44-04-18.1 and 44-04-18.21, personal information, including email addresses, would not be provided in response to open records requests and would only be utilized for Board purposes. The Board discussed how, if it provided the information to one group, it may open the door for numerous others to request such information. Dr. Kemp therefore made a motion to deny the request for emails in compliance with NDBOM policy and law, seconded by Dr. Scott, motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

The Board next reviewed reentry-to-practice packets for Naturopathic Doctors who have been out of clinical practice for over two years. The packet is intended to provide information on what a reentry plan should include and more information to help guide those

who are wanting to return to practice. Dr. Kemp made a motion to approve the reentry packet as presented, seconded by Dr. Dewing, motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

The Board next discussed how to proceed when it receives applications for IV Therapy and Prescribing Endorsements from Naturopathic Doctors as outlined in North Dakota Century Code chapter 43-58 and the newly proposed (but yet to be adopted) North Dakota Administrative Rule Article 50-06. Upon discussion and review of the laws and rules, Dr. Kemp made a motion that, similar to provisional license issuances, the chair of the Board can conditionally approve such endorsements between Board meetings, which will then be brought forward to the Board at its next available meeting to ratify the approval. Seconded by Dr. Pierce, motion approved unanimously by roll call vote.

The Federation of State Medical Boards provided draft guidance documents on re-entry to practice and board composition and authority. The Board received the information but took no action on the proposed guidance.

Albertson Contract Review

The Board reviewed a renewal of contract with Albertson Consulting/Big Picture Software which provides software and support services for the Board's website and database. Dr. Pierce made a motion to approve an amendment to the contract in which the Board exercises its renewal option for another two years, seconded by Dr. Anderson, the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Office Matters

Department of Labor Study. Pursuant to S.B. 2249, the North Dakota Department of Labor is moving forward with its study and review of Board licensure and continuing education requirements. A study questionnaire was received and responded to by Director DePountis. The Board reviewed the answers submitted and Ms. Andrist moved to ratify the information/answers provided, seconded by Dr. Pierce, motion approved unanimously by roll call vote. Commissioner Svihovec is requesting to meet with the Board's LRL committee in the next few months to discuss the study.

Child Support Data Matching Request. Under the authority granted under North Dakota Century Code chapter 50-09, the DOH Child Support Division is requiring all Boards to provide certain information to locate delinquent obligors to enforce child support obligations. Attorney Hicks provided input that the easiest and most cost-effective way to meet this requirement would be for the office to run a yearly report with the data requested and not sign the proposed MOU or make costly changes to the database. The Board office will comply with the requests for a report when received from the DOH.

FSMB Annual Meeting. FSMB will hold its annual meeting on April 18-20, 2024, in Nashville, TN. Board members who would like to attend should notify the office. The Board acknowledged the invitation could be extended to Board attorneys if allowed under budget.

NDBOM Administrative Rules. The Board's proposed updates to its administrative rules were approved by the Attorney General's Office and are therefore tentatively set to go before the Legislative Administrative Rules Committee on March 5, 2024. If approved, the rules will take effect April 1, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Sandra DePountis

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Executive Director