



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery
Regular Meeting Agenda**

March 25, 2024
9:00 a.m.

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9:00 AM

1. **Call to Order/Introductions—DISCUSSION/ACTION**
 - 1.1 Introduction of board, staff, guests, and audience
 - 1.2 Approval of agenda
 - 1.3 Approval of January 26, 2024 business meeting minutes

2. **Open Forum—DISCUSSION**

The purpose of the open forum is to provide the public an opportunity to address the board on issues of significance to or affecting osteopathic medical practice and that are not related to topics for which a rules hearing was or will be scheduled.

3. **Report from Office of Customer Service-Credentialing Unit—PRESENTATION**

Tanya Mills, credentialing supervisor, will provide the board with an update on osteopathic physician credentialing.

4. **Open Public Records Act (OPMA) Presentation—PRESENTATION**

Heather Carter, assistant attorney general, will provide her annual presentation on the OPMA.

5. **Health Care Enforcement and Licensing Management System (HELMS) Update—PRESENTATION**

Ratna Craig (HELMS Project Director) and Elizabeth Geisler (HELMS Deputy Business Project Manager), will present to the board on the status of the HELMS project implementation.

6. **Policies and Procedures—DISCUSSION/ACTION**

The board will review the current policies and procedures and determine whether any updates are needed.

7. **Bylaws—DISCUSSION/ACTION**

The board will review the current bylaw and determine whether any updates are needed.

8. **Business Plan—DISCUSSION/ACTION**

The board will review the current business plan and determine whether any updates are needed.

9. **Osteopathic Physician Application—DISCUSSION/ ACTION**

The board will consider updating the osteopathic physician application to reduce the time frame required to qualify as clean and sober.

10. **Substantial Equivalency Committee—DISCUSSION/ACTION**

The board will review licensing requirements in other states to determine if they are substantially equivalent to Washington licensing requirements in response to Second Substitute House Bill (SSHB) 1724.

11. **Rules Workshops—DISCUSSION/ACTION**

11.1 The board will consider rule language amendments to WAC 246-853-020, Osteopathic medicine and surgery examination

11.2 The board will consider rule amendments to WAC 246-853-080, Continuing education

- 11.3 The board will discuss WAC 246-853-661 Exclusions, WAC 246-853-730 Periodic review, and WAC 246-853-755 Tapering requirements to consider aligning with recent WMC rule language amendments regarding opioid prescribing.
12. **Five-Year Rule Review—DISCUSSION/ACTION**
The board will conduct a review of sections of the osteopathic physician and surgeon rule chapter, WAC 246-853, that have not been reviewed in the past five years as required by Substitute Senate Bill 5679 (Chapter 30, Laws of 2013).
13. **Correspondence—DISCUSSION/ACTION**
The board will review and discuss any correspondence received since the last meeting. This could include requests for lists and labels or any other general questions or requests.
14. **Program Reports—James Chaney, Executive Director; Becky McElhiney, Program Manager; Heather Carter, AAG Adviser**
 - 14.1 2024 Legislative Session
 - 14.2 Rules updates
 - 14.2.1 Substitute Senate Bill 5496 substance use disorder
15. **CONSENT AGENDA**
Items listed under the consent agenda (informational items) are considered routine matters and are approved without discussion upon approval of the agenda. If separate discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and placed on the regular business agenda for discussion.
 - 15.1 Budget report
16. **Future Business—DISCUSSION**
The board will discuss agenda items identified or suggested for future meetings.
17. **Adjournment of public meeting—ACTION**
18. **Discipline, Settlement Presentations and Licensing**
The board will attend to licensing, disciplinary matters, and settlement and/or agreed order presentations in closed session.

Next Scheduled Meeting

Date: June 7, 2024
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Hybrid Meeting

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