

Division Investigative Staff:

Greg Francois, Chief Investigator
Sonia Lipker, Senior Investigator
Billy Homestead, Investigator

Visitors Present:

Shannon Laree St. Clair, M.D.
Megyn Weigand
Howard A. Lazar (*attended remotely*)
Brian J. Iutzi, M.D.
Christopher Jonathan Jensen, M.D.
David Newman, Department of Administration
Rob Roys, DCCED (*attended remotely*)
Sher Zinn, DCCED (*attended remotely*)

Agenda Item 17. Full Board Interviews

Upon a motion duly made by Mrs. Carlson, seconded by Dr. Neyhart and approved unanimously, the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) for the purpose of discussing applicant interviews; with the Executive Administrator remaining during the session.

The board entered executive session at 9:03 a.m. The board came back on the record at 9:09a.m.

Shannon Laree St. Clair, M.D.

Dr. St. Clair was present to discuss her license application with the board.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Neyhart, seconded by Dr. Clift and approved unanimously, the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) and Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of discussing applicant interviews; with the executive administrator remaining during the session.

The board entered executive session at 9:10 a.m. The board came back on the record at 9:18 a.m.

Upon a motion duly made by Clift, seconded by Olson and approved unanimously, the board granted a full unrestricted physician assistant license to Dr. Shannon Laree St. Clair, M.D.

Due to an unanticipated gap in the agenda, Ms. Jones asked the Chair for permission to circle back on yesterday's discussion regarding the transfer of paramedics to DHSS. The Chair approved Ms. Jones' request.

Agenda Item 9. DHSS Topics

Mrs. Jones reported that she had received additional information from DHSS related to Mr. Mertz' request for an independent study to help determine whether transfer of paramedic oversight from DCCED/ Medical Board to DHSS was advisable.

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Ms. Jones directed the members of the board to the *State of Alaska Reassessment of Emergency Medical Services*, a comprehensive review completed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Technical Assistance Team in May 2014.

Ms. Jones explained that the study involved two parts: (1) interviews with state staff members and (2) interviews with medical system stakeholders. Ms. Jones confirmed that no State of Alaska staff members authored the report. Ms. Jones read the following excerpts of the report to the board:

Page 11: *“The Alaska State Medical Board has the responsibility for licensing Paramedics while the Unit handles certification of all other levels of EMTs and other regulatory functions in the EMS system. This split in the state oversight of EMS personnel represents an inconsistency in the State’s protection of the public served by EMS.”*

Page 12, recommendation 4: *“The Alaska Legislature should transfer the licensing of paramedics from the State Medical Board to the Department of Health and Social Services.”*

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Dr. Clift and approved unanimously, the Board approved the licensing and supervision of paramedics shall be transferred to DHSS EMS services.

The board returned to Agenda Item 17.

In the Matter of Case Nos. 2017-000878 & 2018-000178

Chief Investigator Greg Francois introduced himself to the Board. Investigators Sonia Lipker and Billy Homestead joined the meeting.

Upon a motion duly made by Mrs. Carlson, seconded by Dr. Neyhart and approved unanimously, the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) and Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of discussing Case Nos. 2017-000878 and 2018-000178; with the executive administrator and investigators remaining during the session.

The board entered into executive session at 9:28. The board came back on the record at 9:55 a.m.

Dr. Iutzi, Mr. Lazar and Mrs. Weigand were present to discuss Case Nos. 2017-000878 & 2018-000178.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Neyhart, seconded by Dr. Clift and approved unanimously, the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) and Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of discussing Case Nos. 2017-000878 and 2018-000178; with Dr. Iutzi, Mr. Lazar, Mrs. Weigand, the executive administrator, and investigators remaining during the session.

The board entered into executive session at 9:57 a.m. The board came back on the record at 10:35 a.m.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Neyhart, seconded by Dr. Clift, and approved by a majority vote, the board adopted the current amendment to the consent agreement for

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