

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF MEDICAL AND OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS (BMOE)

September 10, 2026

[Unapproved Draft Minutes](#)

9:00 AM (Central Time)

Public Regular Board Meeting

101 N. Phillips Ave., Suite 201

Sioux Falls, SD 57104

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Board members present: Brittany Azure Bearstail MD, Scott Blachard DO; Maurice Chessmore MD, Christopher Diedrich MD, Cartney Gilkerson GC, Natalie Holt MD, Julie Kalahar OTR/L, Kathryn Kassin PA-C, Gary Langerock NRP, Tryg Odney ATC, Lisa Stark RD/LN, Jennifer Tegethoff MD, Clay Pavlis MD, Heather Spies MD, Marissa Trosen RRT

Board members absent: Richard Hainje, Rachel Sunne MD

Board staff present: Executive Director Ms. Margaret Hansen, Ms. Randi Sterling, Ms. Karli LaBrie

Counsel present: General Counsel to the Board: Assistant AG David McVey, Counsel to the Staff and Prosecutor: Assistant AG Alexis Tracy

Other parties may have been in attendance for this public meeting.

President Dietrich called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM (Central time). Roll was called, and a quorum was confirmed. A motion to approve the draft agenda was ratified by voice vote (Pavlis/Spies/unanimous).

A call for public comment pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1 was made and there was no public comment. President Dietrich called attention to the following documents: The Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policy for Use by State Authority, Board, Commission, and Committee Members, and the BMOE member specific administrative rules: 20:78:05:09 Conflict of Interest and 20:78:05:10 Potential Conflict of Interest. A motion for unanimous approval of the consent agenda was ratified by voice vote (Tegethoff/Holt/unanimous).

An Advisory Committee Business report was given by Management Analyst LaBrie. Advisory Council minutes from meetings held since the last Board meeting were made available to the Board. Polly Rames was presented to the Board for reappointment to a third term on the Occupational Therapist Advisory Council and a motion to approve the reappointment was ratified by roll call vote (Kassin/Chessmore/unanimous).

Executive Director Hansen gave a report for information regarding the noticeable increase in scams using licensing board contact information such as spoofing the actual phone number and impersonating board staff.

A motion to enter executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) and 19-19-502 to consult with legal counsel was ratified by voice vote (Trosen/Tegethoff/unanimous). The Board entered executive session at 9:15 am and exited at 9:18 am. The Board took no action after executive session and the public meeting resumed.

The Board conducted a confidential physician contested case hearing which was closed pursuant to SDCL 36-4-31.5. Members of the public, visitors, and anyone not involved were excluded from the hearing. A quorum for physician matters of at least six members was established with eight members present. At the conclusion of the physician hearing, the Board exited the closed physician session, and the public meeting resumed for final Board action on the confidential hearing. A motion to accept the stipulated agreement with reprimand for Dr. Feras Hamdan was ratified by voice vote (Bearstail/Blanchard/Holt abstained/7 Ayes, 0 Nays).

President Dietrich mentioned that future board meeting dates are available on the Board's website under Board Info. With no further business, President Dietrich called the public meeting ended and adjourned at 9:41 am Central time.

¹ 1-27-1.17. Draft minutes of public meeting to be available--Exceptions--Violation as misdemeanor. The unapproved, draft minutes of any public meeting held pursuant to § 1-25-1 that are required to be kept by law shall be available for inspection by any person within ten business days after the meeting. However, this section does not apply if an audio or video recording of the meeting is available to the public on the governing body's website within five business days after the meeting. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor. However, the provisions of this section do not apply to draft minutes of contested case proceedings held in accordance with the provisions of chapter 1-26.