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State of Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses Board of Medicine Committee on Professional Discipline

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Committee Meeting Minutes of 10/16/2025

Committee Michele Ebbers, MD, Chair Division Tabitha Edwards, Board Services Program

Members Kathleen Sutherland, MD Staff: Manager

Present: Larry Curtis, MD Russ Spencer, General Counsel

Amy Cooper, MD Skip Liddle, Investigations Program Manager

Mike Celeste, Investigations Supervisor

Committee Heidi Bird, Public Member Candace Villarreal, Board Support Specialist

Members

Absent: Joan Callahan, Board Prosecutor

Present:

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 AM by Dr. Michele Ebbers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 07/31/2025 minutes. The motion carried.

COPD Role in Investigations:

Mr. Spencer discussed the Committee's role in investigations. He explained that, for some time past, the investigators were providing to the Committee informal recommendations for disposition on the complaints received by DOPL staff. With the recent statutory review required by the Idaho Code Cleanup Act, it was determined that this process was not in full alignment with Idaho Code § 54-1806A. Under that statute, the Committee on Professional Discipline is meant to be an investigatory meeting and is meant to make recommendations on discipline in the first instance. Internal processes have therefore been modified so that the Committee no longer receives informal recommendations from staff; instead, the Committee is responsible for evaluating all jurisdictional complaints and making recommendations directly to the Board of Medicine. All jurisdictional complaints should be presented to the Committee for its original review and recommendations to the Board of Medicine.

Committee Training-Open Meeting Law: Mr. Spencer presented training on open meeting law requirements.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made and seconded to enter Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) to consider records related to a licensee's ability to retain a license, which is exempt from public disclosure. The vote was Dr. Sutherland, aye; Dr. Curtis, aye; Dr. Cooper, aye; and Dr. Ebbers, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to exit Executive Session. The motion carried.

DISCIPLINE:

A motion was made and seconded to recommend that the Board of Medicine close case numbers: 1374095;1557049;1634279;1648351;1683943;1698195;1699043;1699479;1731555;1743527;1746 763;1757644; 1783612; 1809277; and 1837529. The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend that the Board of Medicine close with a Letter of Concern case numbers: 1518861; 1767178; and 1787807. The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend that the Board of Medicine enter a Stipulation and Order with the terms discussed in executive session regarding case numbers: 1762062; and 1769863. The motion carried.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:02 AM.

The next meeting is on 01/16/2026.