

**West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine
Board of Governors – Regular Meeting
Friday, May 7, 2021
Location: President’s Conference Room (Conference Call)**

ONLY ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL WERE ALLOWED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING IN PERSON AND COVID PROTOCOLS WERE ENFORCED. BOARD MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC WERE INVITED TO ATTEND VIA TELECONFERENCE.

I. Call to Order, Roll Call/Quorum, and Mission Statement

Meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by Board Vice Chair, Dr. Robert Holstein, since Chair Sarver was unable to attend the meeting. Roll call was taken by Board Secretary, Fred Earley. A quorum was present. The WVSOM mission statement was read by Mr. Earley.

Members Present via teleconference:

Robert Holstein, D.O., Vice Chair	John Garlitz, D.O.
J. Fred Earley, II, J.D., Secretary	Sherri Miller
Randall Belt, D.O.	Gary Poling, D.O.
Gregory Burton	Todd Smith, D.O.
Aaron Byczynski	

Members Absent:

Steven Sarver, Chair	David Ramsey
Frederick Morgan, D.O.	

Others in Attendance:

James W. Nemitz, Ph.D., President	Debbie Green, Scribe/Board Liaison
Jeffrey Shawver, J.D., General Counsel	

II. Introductions

There were no introductions.

III. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

IV. Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded (Earley/Burton) to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2021 regular meeting as presented. Motion Carried

V. Rules

A. Institutional Policy ST-06: Proof of Inoculations/Health Form (revised). Vice Chair Holstein asked Jeffrey Shawver to present the revisions to this policy. Mr. Shawver stated the policy was tabled at the last meeting in order to allow for time to rewrite the policy. After the policy was revised, it was posted for an additional 30 days to allow for public comment. The revised policy states that students must comply with any current vaccination and testing policies of any affiliated hospitals or other healthcare facilities/providers with which the student may participate. Questions and discussion followed.

It was moved and seconded (Garlitz/Burton) to adopt Institutional Policy ST-06: Proof of Inoculations/Health Form as revised. Motion Carried

VI. Reports

A. Chair of the Board of Governors. No report.

B. President of WVSOM. President Nemitz provided the following updates:

- WVSOM will host an in-house White Coat Ceremony for the Class of 2024 on May 21, 2021.
- President Nemitz stated the in-person Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2021 will be held on campus on May 29, 2021. The event will be voluntary and two thirds of the class is scheduled to participate. The Class of 2020 was also invited to participate since the ceremony in 2020 was virtual. A few students from the Class of 2020 will also participate in the May 29, 2021 ceremony.
- Board of Governors birthdays celebrated: Sherri Miller and David Ramsey.

VII. Board Items

A. Approval of Graduates. Dr. Craig Boisvert, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean, presented the roster of students for the current academic year qualified to graduate and receive the degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine.

It was moved and seconded (Burton/Byczynski) to approve the candidates for the Class of 2021 as submitted. Motion Carried

Vice Chair Holstein expressed his appreciation on behalf of the Board of Governors to Dr. Boisvert for his lifelong service to the osteopathic profession and WVSOM.

VIII. Information Gathering

No items were brought forth.

IX. Next Meeting Date

The next scheduled Board meeting will be held on Friday, June 18, 2021, at 10:00 am in the John Manchin, II, D.O., Conference Center, Room #1, located in the Clinical Evaluation Center on the campus of WVSOM.

X. Adjournment

It was moved and seconded (Earley/Burton) to adjourn. The motion carried and the Board meeting adjourned at 10:14 am.

Approved on June 18, 2021



J. Fred Earley, II

Secretary

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