



## Agenda Item 8

### Osteopathic Medical Board of California

**DATE REPORT ISSUED:** January 22, 2026  
**ATTENTION:** Members, Osteopathic Medical Board of California  
**SUBJECT:** Executive Report  
**STAFF CONTACT:** Erika Calderon, Executive Director

#### **REQUESTED ACTION:**

This report is intended to provide the Members of the Osteopathic Medical Board of California (OMBC) with an update on personnel, and other administrative functions/projects occurring at the OMBC.

No action is needed.

#### **Board Member Reappointment and DCA Leadership Update**

The OMBC is pleased to announce the reappointment of Madame Board President Denise Pines. President Pines has served the OMBC since April of 2021 as a public member and for the past two years as our president.

As previously reported the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) prior Director Kimberly Kirchmeyer retired at the end of the year. The OMBC is pleased to announce that the department's Deputy Director Ms. Christine Lally who had been in that position since April 2020 has officially taken on the role of Acting Director effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Director Lally previously served at the Medical Board of California as Deputy Director in 2017 until she became the Interim Executive Director in 2019. Director Lally was Deputy Director of Board and Bureau Relations at the DCA from 2013 to 2017, and prior to that was Assistant Secretary of Communications and Legislation at the California Technology Agency from 2011 to 2013 and Deputy Secretary of Legislative Affairs at the State and Consumer Services Agency in 2011.

Kathleen Nicholls who served as the chief of DCA's Division of Investigation also retired at the end of this year. Ms. Nicholls had nearly 30 years of enforcement and investigations experience. Prior to her role as Chief, she has served as the Deputy Chief of the Health Quality Investigation Unit.

## **Personnel:**

The OMBC continues to have 15.9 authorized positions.

On August 11, 2025, the State Personnel Board (SPB) approved the California Department of Human Resources' (CalHR) proposal to consolidate multiple service-wide and department-specific classifications into one streamlined "generalist" classification series. The classification changes were implemented in January 2026.

The approved proposal includes:

- Revise, retitle, and amend current service-wide staff services classifications as follows:

<b>Class Code</b>	<b>Current Class Title</b>	<b>Proposed Class Title</b>	<b>Current Probationary Period</b>	<b>Proposed Probationary Period</b>
4802	Staff Services Manager III	Manager II	12 Months	12 Months
4969	Staff Services Manager II (Managerial)	Manager I	12 Months	12 Months
4801	Staff Services Manager II (Supervisory)	Supervisor II	12 Months	12 Months
4800	Staff Services Manager I	Supervisor I	12 Months	12 Months
5393	Associate Governmental Program Analyst	Analyst II	6 Months	12 Months
5157	Staff Services Analyst (General)	Analyst I	12 Months	12 Months

- Establish two new rank-and-file analyst levels as follows:

<b>Class Code</b>	<b>Class Title</b>	<b>Probationary Period</b>
5402	Analyst III	12 Months
5403	Analyst IV	12 Months

- Update Alternate Range Criteria (ARC) 069.

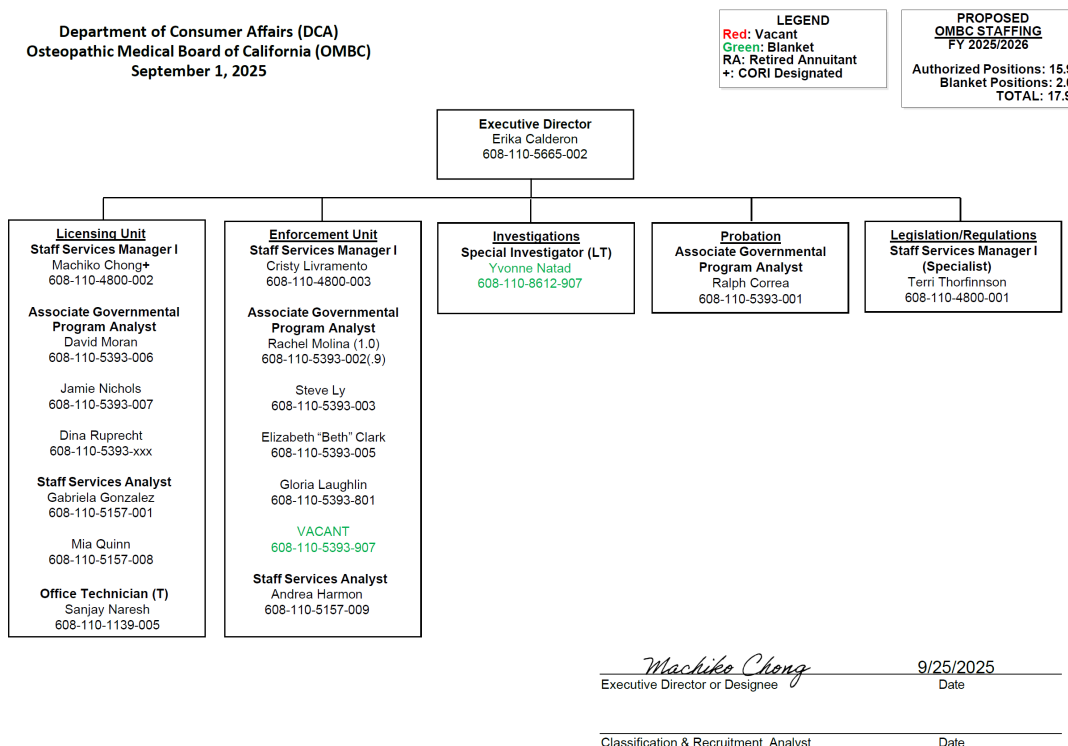
It is anticipated that employees in the classifications listed above will be reallocated to the newly revised classifications in January 2026. The new classifications of Analyst III and Analyst IV were created based on existing non-DCA department-specific concepts

and will be available for DCA use, with OHR approval, in January 2026. Once all affected employees have been successfully reallocated to the appropriate new classifications, the old classifications will be abolished. This process will not negatively impact employees, as salaries and assigned day-to-day tasks will remain unchanged.

Additionally, CalHR is maintaining the existing examinations for the current generalist classifications and is working to create the examinations for the two new Analyst III and Analyst IV classifications.

The only other staff update that the OMBC has this quarter is the internal promotion from the classification Analyst I to Analyst II of Ms. Dina Ruprecht. In addition to handling all post graduate applications Dina will be processing all Fictitious Name Permits and issuing administrative citations and fines to those businesses who fail to renew their permits on an annual basis and continue to operate.

Please refer to the Board's Organizational Chart



### State Budget/ OMBC Budget and Travel Restrictions:

OMBC is still operating under the Department of Finances issued budget letters. OMBC must monitor overall expenses and limit out of state travel to essential operational needs. All out of state travel requests must be approved by the governor's office and approval will be limited to mission critical only. Discretionary trips will not be considered this year.

In terms of OMBC's Budget, the Board continues to work closely with DCA's Budget office to monitor the Board's expenditures and request budget augmentations in areas where these

have been needed, such as enforcement. Later today during our regulation update you will hear more about Board's staff efforts to help increase OMBC revenue through application fee increases and the petition fees.

### **Communication**

Director Calderon represents the prescribing Boards as part of the CURES Executive Stakeholder Committee and continues to meet regularly with DCA's leadership staff and the Department of Justice (DOJ).

Director Calderon had calls and email exchanges with Board President Denise Pines to discuss pending and ongoing projects and meeting agendas.

Director Calderon continues to meet periodically with the Board's Attorney General Liaison Ms. Karolyn Westfall and communicates frequently with Senior Assistant Attorney General Ms. Gloria Castro.

Director Calderon continues to meet periodically with members of the Consumer Watchdog group to gather their input on improving enforcement practices and procedures.

Enforcement staff continue to meet monthly with the DCA's Division of Investigations HQIU office to discuss progress of pending investigations.

Lastly for communications, our committee meetings have started, and Board leadership will continue to meet frequently with our designated committee members, additionally staff participated in meetings with other local, state, and national organizations in discussing and deciding regulatory measures common to OMBC and others. These organizations include but are not limited to; Office of Attorney General (AGO), Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), other healing art Boards such as (MBC, BRN, BOP, PAC, PTBC), California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), the Federation of State Medical Board (FSMB), the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME), International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities (IAMRA), Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California (OPSC), American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians of California (ACOFPCA), and lastly Premier Health who is now handling the Board's diversion program.

### **Outreach Update:**

The OMBC continues to post Board content regularly on all of its social media platforms such as Facebook, LinkedIn, and X. The Board continues to keep its website current which includes positing relevant legislation, frequently ask questions, publications, and enforcement actions.

This past quarter OMBC did not attend any outreach events, as previously mentioned due to concerns with the overall state budget travel has been limited to mission critical.

This concludes the Executive Director's update.