



# MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE</b>	April 23, 2026
<b>TO</b>	OMBC Board Members, Osteopathic Medical Board of California
<b>FROM</b>	Terri Thorfinnson, J.D. Legislative and Regulatory Specialist
<b>RE:</b>	Agenda Item 16-Rulemaking Update

## Rulemaking Update Summary

The Board has (3) three regulatory packages moving along in the rulemaking process.

### The Retired License, Petitions, and Fees:

This regulatory package remains a Board priority. This proposal would: (1) add new renewal and application requirements and requirements for payment of associated fees that include fee increases, (2) adopt a new application process and fees for placing a license in retired status and restoring a retired license to active status, and, (3) adopt new requirements for filing petitions for reinstatement and modification of penalty (petitions for penalty relief) and set the associated application and adjudication fees for each type of petition. The Board approved the proposed regulatory language at the November 13, 2025, Board meeting.

Staff first submitted preliminary drafts of the required rulemaking documents to the Budget and Legal Offices on December 22, 2025, as part of the review process required by the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs (Director) in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 313.1. Section 313.1 requires that any regulation or fee change proposed by departmental boards (except those about licensing exams/qualifications) must be submitted to the Director for review before it can be filed with the Office of Administrative Law (OAL). The Director must receive all required rulemaking documents and has 30 days to disapprove a proposal if it would harm public health, safety, or welfare.

Over the next two months, the Budget Office staff and Regulations Counsel worked with staff to complete the package. Regulations Counsel completed her review on February 6, 2026, and the Budget Office completed their review and approval on February 27, 2026. On March 3, 2026, this package (currently totaling over one hundred pages) was submitted to the Acting Director for review and possible approval. This package was split off from the earlier Licensing Updates package, whose multiple revisions extended the timeline for getting these changes implemented.

**Licensing Updates:**

This regulatory package is currently on hold pending completion of the Disciplinary Guidelines. The licensing provisions were previously included within the Retired License, Petitions, and Fees package but were later separated into a standalone rulemaking action.

**Disciplinary Guidelines:**

The Disciplinary Guidelines rulemaking package is in the early stages of development. Regulations Counsel provided staff with a preliminary draft in July 2025, which has been undergoing continuous revisions in meetings between management, staff, and Regulations Counsel. While progress has taken longer than anticipated due to the age of the Board's Guidelines (last updated in 1996) and other regulations priorities, staff are working to address as many issues as possible before the package is presented for Enforcement Committee and Board review in the coming months.

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	Board/Bureau	Rulemaking Title and File No.	Status / Location	Concept Date	Reg Text Approved Date	Production Docs Submitted Date	GENERAL NOTES	INITIAL to/from Attorneys	INITIAL To/From Budget	INITIAL To/From Exec	INITIAL To/From Agency	INITIAL To/From OAL Publication Date	FINAL Package Submission	FINAL To/From Attorney	FINAL To/From Budget	FINAL To/From Exec	FINAL To/From Agency	FINAL to OAL for review (DOF) OAL Due Date (Decision)	OAL One-Year Filing Deadline GC § 11346.4 CRITICAL DATES	EFFECTIVE DATE Upon Filing with SOS	
1	Osteopathic Medical Board	Disciplinary Guidelines • 16 CCR 1663	Concept • Board /KS	1.31.2020			9.19-29.23 Board locating 1997 version of reg in order to amend• 10.9.23 Board text to KS• 11.16.23 KS examples to Board• 3.8.24 Board & KS• 4.16.24 pending fees text approval & CME pkg submission to Exec• 1.9.25 Board past pkg to KS• 3.5-6.25 KS to Board• 7.4.25 KS to Board• 7.16-17.25 Board & KS•9.12.25 KS to Board•9.22.25 KS to Board for 9.24.25 mtg•9.24.25 KS to Board for 9.29.25 mtg• 10.3.25 KS to Board• 10.7.25 KS to Board for 10.13.25 mtg														
141	Osteopathic Medical Board	Licensing Updates (fka "Applications, Fees and Processing Times", and "Application Fees, Retired License and Processing Times") (Merged - Includes License Renewal & Retired License & Mod of Penalty Fee above)• 16 CCR 1609, 1610,1611, 1612, 1613, 1615, 1628, 1630, 1637, 1646, 1647, 1648, 1650, 1651, 1656, 1658, 1678, 1690, 1691	<b>ON HOLD (2.24.26)</b> until DGs completed• Concept• /KS	1.1.2024	8.14.25 Board approved revised text•	5.8.2025•	2.1.24 kick-off set for 2.15.24 including Board, KS & Budgets• 2.16.24 per kick-off Board to conduct desk audit & confer w/ KS in April• 2.28.24 Board to KS• 4.12.17.24 KS & Board for 8.15.24 Board mtg• 6.5.24 Board drafts to KS• 7.16.24 missing docs to KS• 7.22.24 KS & Board• 7.26.24 KS to Board• 8.2-12.24 Board & KS• 1.21-22.25 KS & Board• 5.8.25 Board to KS• 7.8-10.25 KS & Board• 7.23.25 KS & Board• 7.29.25 KS to Board• 8.14.25 Board approved revised text•		2.27-28.2024 Budgets & Board• 6.5.2024 & 7.10.2024 to Budgets• 7.16-18.2024 Budgets & Board• 1.10-22.2025 Board & Budgets• 5.8.2025 to Budgets• 6.19-20.2025 Budgets & Board• 7.8-23.2025 Budgets, KS & Board• 10.28.25 Board & Budgets mtg• 2.4.26 Board to Budgets•												
142	Osteopathic Medical Board	Retired License, Petitions & Fees • 16 CCR 1630, 1637, 1646, 1647, 1648, 1656, 1658, 1690	Production• Exec /KS	9.10.25	11.13.25 Board approved text		9.10.25 mtg. with Board, Budgets & KS• 10.13.25 KS revised text to Board• 10.14.25 Board to KS• 10.15.25 Board & KS for 10.17.25 mtg• 10.17.25 KS to Board for 10.21.25 mtg• 10.21.25 Board & KS • 10.23.25 KS to Board• 10.24.25 KS to Board for mtg with Budget office 10.28.25• 11.4.25 KS to Board• 11.6.25 Board & KS• 11.19.25 Board to KS• 11.20.25 KS to Board• 12.1.25 Board to KS, KS to Board• 12.22.25 Board to KS• 1.26.26 KS to Board for additional docs• 1.28.26 KS to Board for underlying data• 2.3.26 Board to KS• 2.6.26 KS to Board• 2.12.26 Board to KS• 2.20.26 KS to Board• 2.23.26 Board to KS• 2.27.26 Board & KS & Budgets, Board to KS final prod package• 2.27.26-3.3.26 KS & Board•	2.6.26 KS to Board (full re-write)• 2.20.26 KS to Board•	10.27.25 Initial to Budgets• 10.28.25 mtg with Budgets• 10.29.25 Budgets to Board• 11.4.25 Budgets tables to Board• 12.22.25 Board to Budgets• 2.12.26 Board initial review to Budgets• 2.18.26 Budgets to Board, Board to Budgets• 2.19.26 Budgets to Board• 2.20.26 Board to Budgets• 2.24.26 Budgets to Board and KS• 2.27.26 Budgets approved 399•	3.3.26 to Exec•											
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