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Federation of State Medical Boards Elects New Officers and Board Members

Cheryl Walker-McGill, MD, MBA assumes position as Chair; Kenneth B. Simons, MD elected as Chair-elect

WASHINGTON, D.C. (May 6, 2020) – The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) House of Delegates elected new officers and board members during its first-ever virtual annual business meeting on Saturday. The following individuals were elected to the FSMB Board of Directors:

Cheryl L. Walker-McGill, MD, MBA, assumed the position as Chair of the FSMB Board of Directors for a one-year term. Dr. Walker-McGill has been an FSMB board member since 2016. She served on the North Carolina Medical Board for six years, chairing many committees during her tenure and serving as President of the Board from 2015-2016. Dr. Walker-McGill is a board-certified allergist, immunologist, and internist and serves as Medical Director at Carolina Complete Health in Charlotte, North Carolina. To learn more about Dr. Walker-McGill and preview her year ahead as Chair, click here.

Kenneth B. Simons, MD was elected to serve as Chair-elect. Dr. Simons has been a member of the FSMB Board since 2017 and previously served as Chair of FSMB’s Workgroup on Board Education Service and Training (BEST). He has been a member of the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board since 2011 and served as its Chair from 2013- May of 2020. Dr. Simons, a board-certified ophthalmologist, is a professor and Senior Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education and Accreditation at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
Jeffrey D. Carter, MD was re-elected to a three-year term on the FSMB Board of Directors. Dr. Carter has been a member of the FSMB Board since 2017 and previously served on FSMB’s Nominating Committee and various other committees and workgroups. Dr. Carter currently serves on the Missouri Board of Healing Arts and was twice elected as its President. He is a board-certified anesthesiologist practicing in St. Louis, Missouri.

Melanie C. de Leon, JD, MPA was elected in February to a three-year term on the FSMB Board of Directors. Since 2014, Ms. de Leon has served as Executive Director for the Washington State Medical Commission. Prior to her time on the Commission, Ms. de Leon was Executive Director of the Washington State Executive Ethics Board and served as a United States Air Force officer for 13 years.

Katie L. Templeton, JD was elected to a three-year term on the FSMB Board of Directors. Ms. Templeton has been a Public Member on the Oklahoma State Board of Osteopathic Examiners for six years and was appointed to serve on the Oklahoma Opioid Task Force to combat the opioid crisis in Oklahoma. Ms. Templeton has been involved with a number of FSMB committees, including serving as Chair of the FSMB Bylaws Committee.

Barbara E. Walker, DO was elected to a three-year term on the FSMB Board of Directors. Dr. Walker served six years on the North Carolina Medical Board, including one term as its President. Dr. Walker has more than 30 years of experience as an osteopathic family physician, serving initially in the United States Army Medical Corps until 2006 when she retired as a Colonel. Dr. Walker has most recently served as a part-time consultant/preceptor for the Family Medicine Residency at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Additionally, the following individuals were elected to two-year terms on the FSMB Nominating Committee:

- Alexander S. Gross, MD – Georgia Composite Medical Board
- John “Jake” M. Manahan, JD – Minnesota Board of Medical Practice
- J. Michael Wieting, DO – Tennessee Board of Osteopathic Examination
For more information about FSMB Leadership and the full list of 2020-2021 FSMB Board of Directors, please click here.

**About the Federation of State Medical Boards**
The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) is a national non-profit organization representing the 71 medical boards within the United States and its territories that license and discipline allopathic and osteopathic physicians and, in some jurisdictions, other health care professionals. The FSMB serves as the voice for state medical boards, supporting them through education, assessment, research and advocacy while providing services and initiatives that promote patient safety, quality health care and regulatory best practices. The FSMB serves the public through Docinfo.org, a free physician search tool which provides background information on the nearly 1 million doctors in the United States. To learn more about FSMB, visit www.fsmb.org, and follow FSMB on Twitter (@theFSMB).

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