

# CLEAR President-Elect Nomination

My name is Micah Matthews and submitting my nomination for President-Elect of CLEAR.

I have been active in CLEAR since 2014 and served on numerous committees and in various capacities. I participated in the effort to launch the CLEAR membership profile tool and served as a co-reviewer for the 3rd edition of “Questions a Legislator Should Ask.” I have chaired the the Regulatory Agency Administration Committee and the Administration, Legislation, and Policy subcommittee (now the Regulatory, Administration, and Governance subcommittee). Additionally, I was the program chair for the Annual Educational Conferences in Philadelphia (2018) and Seattle/virtual experience (2020).



I participated in numerous committees with Federation of State Medical Boards to include the Medical Marijuana Advisory Group, the Audit Committee, and the Board Executive Advisory Committee. Most recently I have been appointed to the Digital Credentialing and Technology Innovations Committee. This committee was a direct result of a resolution I envisioned, put forward through my organization, and it was adopted by the House of Delegates.

In my day job, I am the Deputy Executive and Legislative Director for the Washington Medical Commission (WMC), the independent regulatory authority for physicians and physician assistants in Washington state. In this role I am responsible generally for the staff and operations of the organization and set the legislative agenda with input from the Commissioners. I am a significant contributor to numerous policies and guidelines that range from Telemedicine and Continuity of Care, Practitioner Health, Opioid Prescribing Exemptions, Newsletter Approval, Remote Work, and Physician Assistant practice issues. My leadership philosophy can be summarized in three words: Respect, Excellence, and Fun.

My three goals during my term as president will be to continue support in diversifying CLEAR’s offerings in a hybrid world, expand our international reach and participation, and solidify our diversity, equity, and inclusion principles within the Board and the organization at large.

In my time on the Board, I have had the good fortune to work with and observe some incredible individuals displaying high-quality leadership. I believe my key learning from them is the president needs to be the steady hand that can guide consistent decision making and bring out creativity and ideas from a diverse board. Both in my personal and professional life I have shown the ability to be the steady and competent hand. I am asking for your support to bring those skills and my experience to the position of CLEAR Board President. Thank you for reading and for your consideration of my candidacy.