

**MEDICAL LICENSING BOARD OF INDIANA
INDIANA GOVERNMENT CENTER SOUTH
402 WEST WASHINGTON STREET
ROOM W064
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204**

MINUTES OF JANUARY 25, 2018

Kirk Masten, D.O., President, called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m. A quorum was declared in accordance with IC 25-22.5.

Members Present: John Strobel, M.D., President
Kirk Masten, M.D., Vice President
Victoria McCann, J.D., Secretary
Bharat Barai, M.D., Member
Scott Green, M.D., Member

Members Absent: Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Member
Michael Busk, M.D., Member

Staff Present: Darren R. Covington, J.D., Board Director
Professional Licensing Agency
Kimberly A. Letko, Assistant Board Director
Professional Licensing Agency
James Schmidt, Deputy Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General

The Board voted to adopt the agenda.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Strobel/Barai, 5/0/0
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Barai
Motion carries

The Board voted to adopt the minutes of the December 7, 2017 meeting.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Green/Strobel, 5/0/0
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Barai
Motion carries

DISCUSSION

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Election of Officers for 2017

John Strobel, M.D. was nominated to be President of the Medical Licensing Board by Board Member, Kirk Masten, M.D. and seconded by Scott Green, M.D.

The Board voted and elected John Strobel, M.D. to be the new President of the Medical Licensing Board

Consensus, 5/0/0

Ayes: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Barai
Motion carries

Kirk Masten, M.D. was nominated to be Vice President of the Medical Licensing Board by Board Member, Scott Green, M.D. and seconded by Bharat Barai, M.D.

The Board voted and elected Kirk Masten, M.D. to be the new Vice President of the Medical Licensing Board

Consensus, 5/0/0

Ayes: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Barai
Motion carries

Victoria McCann, J.D. was nominated to be Secretary of the Medical Licensing Board by Board Member, Bharat Barai, M.D. and seconded by John Strobel, M.D.

The Board voted and elected Victoria McCann, J.D. to be the new Secretary of the Medical Licensing Board

Consensus, 5/0/0

Ayes: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Barai
Motion carries

Federation of State Medical Boards 106th Annual Meeting Delegate

The Board discussed which Board members would like to attend the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) Conference at the Sheraton-Le Meridien Charlotte Complex in Charlotte, North Carolina, on April 26 through April 28, 2018, as the Board's delegates.

The Board discussed John Strobel, M.D. attending as a Board delegate. The Board also discussed contacting Rebecca Mueller, M.D. and Michael Busk, M.D. to see if either of them would like to attend. Darren Covington stated he would reach out to them.

April 2018 Board meeting date change

The Board discussed that the FSMB annual meeting date would start on April 26, 2018, which is the same date as the April Medical Board meeting. The Board decided to change the April Board meeting date from April 26, 2018 to April 19, 2018 to accommodate Board members who might be attending the FSMB annual meeting.

Licensure Application Review

Cecilia Choi, M.D. – Unapproved Foreign Medical School

Dr. Choi received her medical degree from the University of Sint Eustatius, located in the Netherlands Antilles.

Dr. Choi completed her internship, residency and fellowship post-graduate training at MetroHealth Medical Center/Case Western Reserve University internal medicine program in Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Choi was an attending physician in Ohio for the past seven years and in 2015 became the medical director for ProMedica Health System in Toledo Ohio.

Dr. Choi has now transitioned to the medical director for palliative care and hospice services for ProMedica Health Systems and is Board certified in Medical Oncology by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

After discussion the Board moved to GRANT Dr. Choi's WAIVER and GRANT her LICENSURE in the State of Indiana.

Green/Barai, 5/0/0
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Barai
Motion carries

Kansky J. Delisma, M.D. – Positive response

Dr. Delisma answered yes to the following questions on his application for licensure:

1. Has disciplinary action ever been taken regarding any health license, certificate, registration or permit you hold or have held?
4. Have you ever been the subject of an investigation by a regulatory agency concerning your license?

5. Except for minor violations of traffic laws resulting in fines, and arrests or convictions that have been expunged by a court,
 - A. Have you ever been arrested?
 - C. Have you ever been convicted of any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state?
 - D. Have you ever pled guilty to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state?
7. Have you ever been admonished, censured, reprimanded or requested to withdraw, resign or retire from any hospital or health care facility in which you have trained, held staff membership or privileges or acted as a consultant?
11. Have you ever been excluded from being a Medicare / Medicaid provider?

Dr. Delisma's application file was reviewed by a Board member on January 4, 2018. After review, the Board member recommended denial of licensure due to the applicant's prior criminal conviction, house arrest, disciplinary action by another Board and exclusion from Medicare/Medicaid.

The applicant's file was presented to the Full Board for review.

After discussion, the Board moved to DENY Dr. Delisma's APPLICATION for LICENSURE in the State of Indiana.

Masten/McCann, 5/0/0
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Barai
Motion carries

Waseem Ghannam, M.D. – Positive response

Dr. Ghannam received his medical degree from St. Matthew's University in Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands. St. Matthew's University has been on the Indiana Disapproved Foreign Medical School list since December 5, 2002.

Dr. Ghannam completed his post-graduate training at Carolinas Healthcare System North East program from 2009 through 2012, and is Board certified in Family Medicine from the American Board of Family Medicine.

Dr. Ghannam planned to offer telemedicine coverage for skilled nursing home facilities in Indiana through his telemedicine company, which is located outside of the State of Indiana.

After discussion, the Board moved to DENY Dr. Ghannam's application for LICENSURE in the State of Indiana.

Masten/McCann, 5/0/0
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Barai
Motion Carries

Yassin Khattab, M.D. – Waiver request for Transcripts

Dr. Khattab received his medical degree from the University of Aleppo in Syria. Dr. Khattab contacted the Board and requested a waiver of the transcript requirement due to his inability to communicate with anyone at the University of Aleppo because of the ongoing war in Syria.

Dr. Khattab mentioned that he has been licensed in Kentucky since 1995.

After review, the Board requested that Dr. Khattab contact the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure and request that they send a copy of his transcripts directly to the Board. The Board tabled Dr. Khattab's licensure application review until we have received those transcripts.

Chunyen Liu, M.D. – Unapproved Foreign Medical School

Dr. Liu received his degree from University of Sint Eustatius in Barbados, which is an unapproved foreign medical school.

Dr. Liu completed his post-graduate training at the William Beaumont Army Medical Center from 2014 to 2017 and holds active licenses in Minnesota and Alabama.

Dr. Liu was offered a two (2) year Emergency Medicine Fellowship with Professional Emergency Physicians at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne Indiana.

Dr. Liu stated he foresees a career path in serving Indiana's critical access hospitals.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Liu's application for LICENSURE in the State of Indiana.

Masten/Strobel, 5/0/0
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Barai
Motion carries

Rudo Mashindi, M.D. – Unapproved Foreign Medical School

Dr. Mashindi received her medical degree from the University of Sint Eustatius School of Medicine/DBA: American University of Integrative Sciences in Koolbaai, Sint Maarten, which is an unapproved foreign medical school.

Dr. Mashindi completed her post-graduate training at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Kentucky from 2013 through 2016. Dr. Mashindi is Board certified in Family

Medicine by the American Board of Family Medicine and holds an active license in Illinois.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Mashindi's application for LICENSURE in the State of Indiana.

Barai/Masten, 5/0/0
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Barai
Motion carries

Harsha G. Nagaraja, M.D. – Disapproved foreign medical school

Dr. Nagaraja received his medical degree from St. Matthew's University in Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands. St. Matthew's University has been on the Indiana Disapproved Foreign Medical School list since December 5, 2002.

Dr. Nagaraja completed his post-graduate training at the Albany Medical Center Hospital in Albany, New York from 2009 through 2013 and the University of Virginia Health System in Charlottesville, Virginia from 2013 to 2014.

Dr. Nagaraja is Board certified in Neurology by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and holds an active license in North Carolina.

Dr. Nagaraja planned to provide telemedicine services to Indiana residents from Fort Meyers, Florida.

After discussion, the Board moved to DENY Dr. Nagaraja's application for LICENSURE in the State of Indiana.

Masten/McCann, 5/0/0
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Barai
Motion carries

William A. Pennant, M.D. – Waiver of non-ACGME accredited program

Dr. Pennant received his medical degree from the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and completed his first year of post-graduate training at Lehigh Valley Health Network in Allentown, Pennsylvania from 2016 through 2017.

Dr. Pennant planned to start his second year of post-graduate training in the Department of Neurosurgery at the McGaw Center of Northwestern University on June 23, 2017, but since the program was not ACGME accredited, the Illinois Medical Licensing Board disapproved the program and decided not to continue processing Dr. Pennant's application for licensure.

Dr. Pennant currently resides in the Chicagoland area and is participating in the 2018 post-graduate training match and in the interim is requesting an Indiana license so that he may serve as a general medicine locum tenens physician.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Pennant's application for LICENSURE in the State of Indiana.

Masten/Green, 5/0/0
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Barai
Motion carries

Retirement Requests

After discussion, the Board approve the following physician's requests to have their licenses placed in retirement status.

Richard Wiethoff, M.D., 01024324A – Retired

Richard DuBou, M.D., 01065446A – Retired

Steven Cohn, M.D., 01079467A – Retired

Steven Schonfeld, M.D., 01072027A – Retired

McCann/Green, 5/0/0
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Barai
Motion carries

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Mohamed Asgar, M.D., 01068370A, Cause No. 2016 MLB 0044 – Approval of Practice Monitor

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Dr. Asgar contacted the Board Director, Darren Covington, by letter, on October 6, 2017, with a request that the Board would grant him permission to join MD Emergent Care Medical Inc., in Hammond, Indiana, to start work on November 1, 2017 under a Physician, Dr. Muhammad Atif, Director of MD Emergent Care Medical Inc., who has agreed to be Dr. Asgar's practice monitor. Dr. Asgar's probation stipulations state that in order for him to work he must do so under a practice monitor.

At the December Board meeting, the Board requested that Dr. Asgar appear before them with Dr. Atif regarding his request.

Dr. Asgar appeared before the Board with Dr. Muhammad Atif regarding his request to join MD Emergent Care Medical Inc. in Hammond, IN, with Dr. Atif as his new practice monitor.

Dr. Atif stated that the practice is a walk-in clinic and they are relocating from Hammond, Indiana to Gary Indiana. Dr. Atif also stated that Dr. Asgar will not be doing any client billing and that he will be employed by Dr. Atif.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Asgar's new PRACTICE LOCATION and PRACTICE MONITOR.

Barai/Green, 5/0/0
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Barai
Motion carries

Satyanarayana Raju, M.D., 02002114A, Cause No. 2016 MLB 0043 – Approval of Practice Location

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Dr. Raju appeared before the Board requesting a change in his practice location from the VA Medical Center in Danville, Illinois to HealthSouth Deaconess Rehabilitation Hospital in Evansville, Indiana.

According to the terms of his probation, Dr. Raju was restricted to only working at the VA Medical Center in Danville, Illinois. His position at the VA Medical Center was terminated due to the prescribing restrictions placed on him as part of the terms and conditions of his probationary license in Indiana.

Dr. Raju presented a letter from Blake Bunner, CEO of HealthSouth Deaconess Rehabilitation Hospital in Evansville, IN which stated that they had interest in Dr. Raju working with their hospital.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Raju's new PRACTICE LOCATION.

Barai/Green, 5/0/0
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Barai
Motion carries

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

The following personal appearances were rescheduled for the next Board meeting:

David E. Anderson, M.D. – Positive response
Sameh S. Barayan, M.D. – Invalid social security number
Van Evanoff, Jr., M.D. – 01053652A – Positive response on renewal
Andrew N. Felman, D.O. – Failure to disclose
Munesh S. Kalsi, M.D. – 01069196A – Failure to disclose on renewal
John Kencos, M.D. - 01027285A – Positive Response on renewal

Elizabeth Bates, M.D. – 01050089A – Failed to disclose – Renewal

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Dr. Bates failed to answer yes to the following question:

1. Since you last renewed, has any professional license, certificate, registration, or permit you hold or have held been disciplined or are formal charges pending in any state?

Dr. Bates stated that when she applied to renew her license in July of 2017 there had been no discipline against her license and therefore she answered "no" to question number one (1) on the Indiana medical renewal online application.

Dr. Bates Kentucky license was placed on an Emergency Order of Restriction on August 10, 2017, due to a complaint and investigation into her hormone replacement therapy practices.

Dr. Bates filed a motion to stay the Emergency Order of Restriction on September 25, 2017. The Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure granted Dr. Bates' motion to stay.

After discussion, the Board moved to RENEW Dr. Bates LICENSE and to FILE a COMPLAINT with the Attorney General's Office.

Masten/Green, 5/0/0
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Barai
Motion carries

Tapas Dasgupta, M.D. – 01047887A – Positive response - Renewal

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Dr. Dasgupta answered yes to the following questions on his application for license renewal:

1. Since you last renewed, has any professional license, certificate, registration, or permit you hold or have held been disciplined or are formal charges pending in any state?
5. Since you last renewed, have you been denied staff membership or privileges in any hospital or health care facility or have staff membership or privileges been revoked, suspended, or subject to any restriction, probation, or other type of discipline -- or have you resigned in lieu of discipline or termination?
7. Since you last renewed, have you surrendered your DEA registration at any time or had any limitations or discipline placed on your DEA registration?

Dr. Dasgupta's Illinois medical license was placed on indefinite probation for a minimum of three (3) years and his Controlled substance registration was indefinitely suspended with terms and conditions for inappropriately prescribing controlled substances to multiple patients of his private practice without following appropriate protocols.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Dasgupta's LICENSE ON INDEFINITE PROBATION with terms and conditions and cannot petition to remove probation or apply for a controlled substance registration until he has complied with the Illinois Board probation order and his Illinois license and controlled substance registration are unrestricted.

Green/Barai, 5/0/0
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Barai
Motion carries

Earnest S. DuPre, M.D. – 01028949A – Positive response - Renewal

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Dr. DuPre answered yes to the following question on his application for license renewal:

7. Since you last renewed, have you surrendered your DEA registration at any time or had any limitations or discipline placed on your DEA registration?

Dr. DuPre surrendered his DEA registration at the request of the Drug Enforcement Agency due to potential over-prescribing.

Dr. DuPre stated he plans not to renew his Controlled Substance Registration or his DEA registration and instead provide care for nursing home patients.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. DuPre's RENEWAL of LICENSURE in the State of Indiana.

McCann/Masten, 5/0/0
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Barai
Motion carries

Kurt J. Giricz, D.O. – 02000356A – Positive response – Renewal

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Dr. Giricz answered yes to the following question on his renewal application:

7. Since you last renewed, have you surrendered your DEA registration at any time or had any limitations or discipline placed on your DEA registration?

Dr. Giricz stated that he purposefully let his DEA registration expire.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Giricz's RENEWAL of his LICENSE.

McCann/Green, 5/0/0
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Barai
Motion carries

Patrick R. Henderson, M.D. – Initial Application – Positive response

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Dr. Henderson answered yes to the following questions on his application for medical licensure:

6. Have you ever been denied staff membership or privileges in any hospital or health care facility or had such membership or privileges revoked, suspended or subjected to any restrictions, probation or other type of discipline or limitations?
7. Have you ever been admonished, censured, reprimanded or requested to withdraw, resign or retire from any hospital or health care facility in which

you have trained, held staff membership or privileges or acted as a consultant?

Dr. Henderson left his private practice in June of 2017 due to a violation of his health group's social media policy. To prevent a possible breach of contract between his group and the health care center, it was agreed upon that he should part ways with his group.

Dr. Henderson voluntarily resigned from Hamilton Medical Center in good standing and has not lost his privileges with the affiliated hospital.

After discussion, the Board moved to GRANT Dr. Henderson LICENSURE in the State of Indiana.

McCann/Green, 5/0/0
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Barai
Motion carries

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

The following hearing was continued:

Mohammad Kamal Shah, M.D., License No. 01073709A, Cause No. 2014 MLB 0004

Navneet Adya, M.D., License No. 01050213A, Cause No. 2011 MLB 0006

Respondent appeared in person but without counsel regarding a Petition to Withdraw Probation scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Stacy Oliver, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Respondent has requested the withdrawal of his probation.

Respondent surrendered his Arizona license and New Mexico license in order to avoid disciplinary action.

Respondent's California and Illinois licenses have been fully restored.

Respondent has no plans to work in Indiana.

Respondent admitted the following exhibits:

Exhibit A: California Board Order following completion of probation.

Exhibit B: Board of California letter restoring license.

Exhibit C: Board of Illinois Consent Order restoring Respondent's license in unencumbered inactive status.

After discussion, the Board moved to WITHDRAW PROBATION.

Green/Barai, 5/0/0
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Barai
Motion carries

David Barinholtz, M.D., License No. 01068418A, Cause No. 2016 MLB 0004

Respondent appeared in person and was represented by counsel, John Ittenbach, regarding a Disciplinary Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Ryan Eldridge, Deputy Attorney General and Laura Iosue, Supervising Deputy Attorney General. The court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Both parties agreed to a Settlement Agreement that issues a Reprimand to the Respondent and a fine of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars.

After discussion, the Board moved to ACCEPT the SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT and the FINE of FIVE HUNDRED (\$500.00) DOLLARS to be PAID within NINETY (90) DAYS.

Barai/Masten, 5/0/0
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Barai
Motion carries

Robert Allen Brewer, M.D., License No. 01017401A, Cause No. 2017 MLB 0044

Respondent appeared in person but without counsel regarding a Citation Appeal Hearing scheduled before the Board. The court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Respondent filed an appeal with the Board regarding the five hundred (\$500.00) dollar Citation that was issued to him for failing to disclose a malpractice settlement in 2017 on his medical license renewal application.

After discussion, the Board moved to UPHOLD the CITATION of FIVE HUNDRED (\$500.00) DOLLARS given to Respondent.

Barai/Masten, 5/0/0
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Barai
Motion carries

Neal Kishor Gajera, M.D., License No. 11018922A, Cause No. 2017 MLB 0040

Respondent appeared in person and with counsel, J. Richard Moore, regarding a Disciplinary Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Timothy Weber, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Respondent submitted an application for a medical residency permit on May 31, 2016. On this application, Respondent indicated that he had graduated from Nova Southeastern on May 20, 2016.

As of October 1, 2017, Respondent had not graduated from Nova Southeastern.

Both the matching program and the residency program which Respondent attended thought that Respondent had graduated.

The State presented a settlement agreement that had terms and conditions which included Respondent completing nine (9) hours of community service within ninety (90) days of the date of the order and a fine of one thousand (\$1000.00) dollars.

After discussion, the Board moved to DENY the SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

Barai/McCann, 5/0/0
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Barai
Motion carries

After further discussion, the Board moved to not find Respondent in violation of IC 25-1-9-4(a)(1)(A).

Barai/McCann, 5/0/0
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Barai
Motion carries

James Edwin Goris, M.D., License No. 01045459A, Cause No. 2017 MLB 0042

Respondent appeared in person and with counsel, Stephanie Eckerle, regarding a Disciplinary Hearing and Proposed Settlement Agreement scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Whitney Cooper, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Respondent failed to disclose on his 2013 medical renewal application that he had been arrested, charged and convicted on September 11, 2012 with Operating a Vehicle with an Alcohol concentration Equivalent Between 0.08 and 0.15, a Class C Misdemeanor, and Failure to Obey a Stop Sign at a Through Highway, a Class C infraction, stemming from a traffic stop that occurred on June 19, 2011. Respondent was sentenced to sixty (60) days imprisonment, all time suspended, and one year of probation. Respondent completed requirements of probation.

The State and Respondent agreed to a settlement agreement which includes a letter of reprimand and a fine of one thousand (\$1000.00).

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE the SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT and ISSUE a FINE of ONE THOUSAND (\$1000.00) DOLLARS PAYABLE within NINETY (90) DAYS of the date of the ORDER.

Barai/Masten, 5/0/0
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Barai
Motion carries

Christi J. Houtz, D.C.L.Ac., License No. 81000118A, Cause No. 2017 MLB 0010

Respondent appeared in person and was represented by counsel, Michael Sacopulos, regarding an Order to Show Cause scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Timothy Weber, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

At the Board meeting on April 27, 2017, the State presented that Ms. Houtz provided acupuncture at her place of business without a license. The State entered into a Settlement Agreement which included Ms. Houtz completing eight (8) hours of community service, six (6) hours of continuing education in practice management, and within ninety (90) days Respondent needed to develop policies and procedures regarding proper vetting of new employees and employee training.

The Chiropractic Board agreed to oversee and monitor the Respondent's compliance with the terms of the settlement agreement.

At the December 7, 2017 Board meeting the Board moved to issue an Order to Show Cause due to the Respondent's lack of compliance.

The State requested to table the hearing until the Chiropractic Board is able to issue an order to show cause.

The State called the following witness:

Cindy Vaught, Board Director, Indiana Board of Chiropractic Examiners

After discussion the Board moved to TABLE Respondent's HEARING until the Indiana Board of Chiropractic Examiners has issued their Order to Show Cause.

Green/Masten, 5/0/0
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Barai
Motion carries

Jay K. Joshi, M.D., License No. 01074818A, Cause No. 2018 MLB 0005

Respondent failed to appear in person or with counsel regarding a Petition for Summary Suspension scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Zanna Dyer, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

On January 22, 2018, respondent was charged with four (4) counts of violating Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) by knowingly and intentionally dispensing a quantity of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of Hydrocodone, a schedule II controlled substance, outside the scope of practice and not for legitimate medical purpose in the United States District Court, Northern District of Indiana, Hammond Division.

The State presented a summary suspension agreement which Respondent has agreed to, while denying the allegations in the indictment, that would summarily suspend Respondent's Indiana medical license for a period of ninety-one (91) days.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE the SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

Green/McCann, 5/0/0
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Barai
Motion carries

Raul Nakamatsu, M.D., License No. 01057914A, Cause No. 2017 MLB 0038

Respondent appeared in person but without counsel regarding a Disciplinary Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Ryan Eldridge, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

The State initially presented a proposed settlement agreement which would include a letter of reprimand and a fine of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars, but then requested to withdraw the settlement and dismiss the case after learning that the Respondent previously appeared regarding the same issue on his renewal.

After discussion, the Board moved to DISMISS the CASE.

Masten/Barai, 5/0/0
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Barai
Motion carries

After further discussion, the Board moved to RENEW Respondent's LICENSE.

Barai/Green, 5/0/0
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Barai
Motion carries

Daniel Palmer, M.D., License No. 01067021A, Cause No. 2016 MLB 0016

Respondent appeared in person but without counsel regarding a Petition for Reinstatement scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Jessica Krug, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Respondent was placed on indefinite suspension for allowing his physician assistants under his supervision to write controlled substance prescriptions on pre-signed prescription pads.

Respondent presented that he has complied with all terms and conditions of his order of suspension and requests that his license be reinstated.

The Board stipulated in the order of suspension that upon completion of the terms and conditions of the suspension, and if the Board is satisfied that he can safely return to the

practice of medicine, Respondent's license shall be placed on indefinite probation for not less than four (4) years or for the length of his criminal probation, whichever is completed first with terms and conditions.

After discussion, the Board moved to WITHDRAW Respondent's SUSPENSION and REINSTATE Respondent's LICENSE on PROBATION with terms and conditions outlined in the Order.

Green/Barai, 5/0/0
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Barai
Motion carries

David N. Ringel, D.O., License No. 02002578A, Cause No. 2017 MLB 0003

Respondent appeared in person and with counsel, Samuel Bolinger, regarding a Petition for Reinstatement scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Jessica Krug, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Respondent's license was placed in indefinite suspension on March 31, 2017 for allowing a physician assistant, whom he was supervising, to prescribe controlled substances using pre-signed prescription pads.

On June 17, 2016, Respondent pled guilty in Fayette Circuit Court of Forgery, a Class C Felony, and was sentenced to 8 years, 4 years executed on community corrections with the remaining time suspended on probation. Respondent was fined five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars and required to complete two thousand and eighty (2,080) hours of community service.

Respondent's license was placed on indefinite suspension with terms and conditions that he was required to complete before he could petition to have the suspension withdrawn from his license.

Respondent presented to the Board that he has complied with all terms and conditions imposed by the Board and requests that the Suspension be withdrawn from his license.

The Respondent admitted the following exhibits:

Exhibit 1: Petition to Withdraw Suspension and Return to Practice

Exhibit 2: Final Order accepting proposed findings of facts, conclusions of Law and Order

Exhibit 3: Proposed settlement agreement

Exhibit 4: CPEP Assessment results

Exhibit 5: Letter from Naveen Lal, M.D., Interventional Cardiologist at Allen County Cardiology agreeing to monitor Respondent's EKG report
Exhibit 6: Certificate of Completion, American Society of Addiction Medicine
Exhibit 7: American Academy of physicians CME activity
Exhibit 8: Letter from Rick Hawks, Pastor, The Chapel

The Board stipulated in the order of suspension that upon completion of the terms and conditions of the suspension, and if the Board is satisfied that he can safely return to the practice of medicine, Respondent's license shall be placed on indefinite probation for not less than four (4) years or for the length of his criminal probation, whichever is completed first, with terms and conditions.

After discussion, the Board moved to WITHDRAW SUSPENSION and REINSTATE Respondent's LICENSE on PROBATION with terms and conditions.

Green/Barai, 5/0/0
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Barai
Motion carries

Yvon J. Nazon, M.D., License No. 01021678A, Cause No. 2017 MLB 0014

Respondent was issued a notice of proposed default order on January 8, 2018.

Both parties agreed to a settlement agreement which states that the Respondent voluntarily surrenders, and cannot apply to reinstate, his license in the State of Indiana. This agreement was signed by both parties on January 24, 2018.

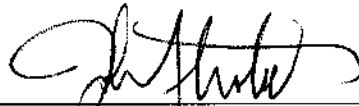
After discussion, the Board moved to not hold Respondent in Default.

Masten/McCann, 5/0/0
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Barai
Motion carries

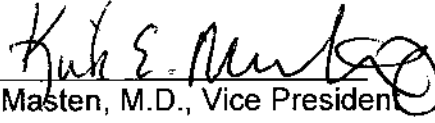
After further discussion, the Board moved to ACCEPT the SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

Green/Masten, 5/0/0
Aye's: McCann, Masten, Strobel, Green, Barai
Motion carries

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.



John Strobel, M.D., President



Kirk Masten, M.D., Vice President