

**MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE  
MEDICAL LICENSING BOARD OF INDIANA**

**Thursday, February 23, 2023  
8:30 a.m.**

**Indiana Professional Licensing Agency  
Room W064  
402 West Washington Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204**

**I. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum 8:30 a.m.**

The Board was called to order at 8:36 a.m.

**Board Members Present in Person:**

John Strobel, MD  
Victoria McCann, JD  
Heidi Dunningway, MD  
Frank Messina, MD

**Board Members Present via Webex:**

Kirk Masten, DO  
Bharat Barai, MD

**Board Members Absent:**

Rebecca Mueller, MD

**PLA Staff:**

Alyssa Servies, JD, MPH  
Zharia Collins

**Advisory Counsel:**

Adam Harvey, JD

**II. Adoption of the Agenda**

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda.  
Dunningway/Messina 6-0-0.

**III. Adoption of the Minutes**

1. January 26, 2023
2. July 28, 2022
3. August 25, 2022
4. September 22, 2022
5. February 23, 2023

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes from January 26, 2023.  
McCann/Dunniway 6-0-0.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes from July 28, 2022, August 25, 2022, and September 22, 2022.  
McCann/Dunniway 5-0-1.  
Messina abstained.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes from February 23, 2023.  
McCann/Dunniway 6-0-0.

#### **IV. Personal Appearances**

1. Hussam Almasri M.D.

Dr. Almasri appeared requesting a waiver of the examination requirements. He took thirteen years to pass all three steps of the USMLE. His physician group is looking to expand into services into Northwest Indiana. He is licensed in Illinois and Michigan. The Board determined he did not meet the waiver requirements. Dr. Almasri withdrew his wavier request.

2. Shweta Patel M.D. – **CONTINUED**

3. Ana Bhattacharyya M.D.

Bhattacharyya appeared requesting a state to allow a sixth attempt to take the USMLE Part 1. She explained what steps led her here and why she is requesting the allowance. USMLE allows applicants to have a total of six attempts if their application was submitted before July 2021. A motion was made and seconded to deny the allowance. McCann/Messina 6-0-0.

#### **V. Discussion Items**

1. Proposed Orders in Cause Number 2023 MLB 0001

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the State's Proposed Order.  
Strobel/Dunniway 6-0-0.

2. OAG Report

The report was presented by Assistant Section Chief, Amy Osborne.

3. Board Director's Report

The report was presented by Board Director, Alyssa Servies.

4. Scheduling of Prehearing Settlement Conferences

**VI. Administrative Hearings**

**9:30 a.m.**

**A. ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

1. **RUGVEDITA PARAKH, M.D., 01082449A - CONTINUED**

Cause No.: 2021 MLB 0028

Re: Non-Compliance with Probationary Terms

**B. FINAL HEARINGS**

1. **CAITLIN BERNARD, M.D., 01078719A - CONTINUED**

Cause No.: 2022 MLB 0024

2. **IJAZ MAHMOOD, M.D., 01069312A - CONTINUED**

Cause No.: 2022 MLB 0019

3. **ASHLEE M. WARREN, M.D., 01065545A - CONTINUED**

Cause No.: 2022 MLB 0023

**VII. Adjournment**

The Board adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

**Upcoming Board Meeting Dates**

**March 23, 2023**

**April 27, 2023**

**May 25, 2023**

**June 22, 2023**

**July 27, 2023**

**August 24, 2023**

**September 28, 2023**

**October 26, 2023**

**December 7, 2023**