

**Minutes from the Meeting of the
Medical Licensing Board of Indiana**

Thursday, June 22, 2023

**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 meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m.

Board Members Present:

John Strobel, MD
Kirk Masten, DO
Frank Messina, MD
Heidi Dunniway, MD
Victoria McCann, JD

Board Members Absent:

Bharat Barai, MD
Rebecca Mueller, MD

PLA Staff:

Evan Bartel, JD
Kiko Dixon
Christine Cowdin

Advisory Counsel:

Adam Harvey, JD

II. Adoption of the Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda.
McCann/Masten 4-0-0.

III. Adoption of the Minutes

1. May 25, 2023

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes from May 25, 2023.
McCann/Masten 3-1-0. Messina abstained.

IV. Personal Appearances

1. Pooria Bakheshi, M.D.

Dr. Bakheshi did not appear and will be rescheduled.

2. Ehteshamul Haque, M.D.

RE: Reinstatement of license 01043738A

Dr. Haque appeared without counsel. He explained that he does not have an active medical license; the last active license he held was in Virginia in 2008. His license was suspended eventually revoked in Virginia. NC, OH, PA followed VA and revoked his licenses. Dr. Haque attempted to reinstate his Virginia license and was denied. He is looking to reinstate his Indiana license because has family here. Dr. Haque withdrew his reinstatement application.

3. Bhavan Shah, MD

Dr. Shah requested withdrawal of his application prior to his appearance.

4. Mohammed Ali, M.D.

Dr. Ali did not appear and will be rescheduled.

5. Lucas Hoang, MD

Dr. Hoang appeared on behalf of this matter without counsel to explain his positive response on his initial physician application. He was dismissed from a residency program in California. Dr. Hoang applied for full licensure in California and was denied. He does not currently hold a medical license in any state. He has a locums job opportunity in Indiana. He has a termination letter from residency program, is afraid to submit it. Dr. Hoang has been doing online CE for the last four years all he can do without a license. A motion was made and seconded to DENY the application. Masten/Messina 5-0-0.

6. Lesley Scholl, MD

Dr. Scholl is requesting to reapply after his license was revoked. He spent last 13 years in Federal prison on gun charges. A motion was made and seconded to deny his request for re-application after previous revocation. Strobel/Masten 5-0-0.

7. Rajat Prakash, MD
Dr. Prakash appeared with counsel, Elliot Pinkie. His license was previously revoked. A motion was made and seconded to table the application. Masten/Strobel 5-0-0.
8. Savvas Andronikou, MD
Dr. Andronikou appeared on a waiver request. A motion was made and seconded to approve the waiver and issue the license pending receipt of a three-year employment contract, information concerning his specialty being needed in the area, and an NPDB report. Strobel/Masten 4-0-0. Duniway recused.

V. Discussion Items

1. OAG Report
The OAG Report was presented Amy Osborne, Section Chief of Medical Licensing.
2. Director's Report
The Director's Report was presented by General Counsel Evan Bartel.
3. Physician Assistant Rules
A motion was made and seconded to adopt the rules adopted by the Physician Assistant Committee. Duniway/Masten 5-0-0

VI. Administrative Hearings

9:00 a.m.

A. Petitions for Reinstatement

1. **Michael Wilford French, M.D., 01029459A**
Cause No.: 2022 MLB 0030
DAG: Ryan Eldridge, Emily McNally
Respondent: Present with counsel, Robert Turner
Witness(es): Michael French, M.D.
Exhibit(s): None
A motion was made and seconded to deny the license reinstatement.
McCann/Messina 5-0-0.

B. Final Hearings

1. Luyen Van Cao, M.D., 01047877A

Cause No.: 2023 MLB 0004

Re: Motion to Dismiss

DAG: Alex James

Respondent: Present through counsel, Colleen Davis.

Witness(es): None

Exhibit(s): None

A motion was made and seconded to dismiss the matter without prejudice.

McCann/Dunniway 5-0-0.

2. Cristovao Francisco Vieira, M.D., 01068700A- CONTINUED

Cause No.: 2023 MLB 0007

3. Alton Brooks Parker, III, M.D., 01065486A

Cause No.: 2022 MLB 0008

Re: Probation Withdrawal

C. Default Hearings

1. Rugvedita Parakh, M.D., 01082449A

Cause No.: 2021 MLB 0028

DAG: Carah Rochester

Respondent: Not Present

Witness(es): Jennifer Jackson-Harr, ISMA-PAP coordinator

Exhibit(s): None

A motion was made and seconded to hold Respondent in Default

Masten/McCann 5-0-0.

A motion was made and seconded to place the license on indefinite

suspension. Strobel/Masten 5-0-0.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.