

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

MINUTES OF MARCH 28, 2019

John Strobel, M.D., President, called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m. A quorum was declared in accordance with IC 25-22.5.

Members Present: John Strobel, M.D., President
Kirk Masten, D.O., Vice President
Bharat Barai, M.D., Member
Michael Busk, M.D., Member
Scott Green, M.D., Member

Members Absent: Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Member
Victoria McCann, J.D., Secretary

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
Brian Park, 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., M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

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

The Board voted to adopt the minutes of the February 14, 2019 meeting.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

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

DISCUSSION

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Citations

Ujor Eko – 01065548A – Death certificate issue

Decedent died on January 28, 2019.

Per complainant, the death certificate was sent to Dr. Eko on January 30, 2019 but was not signed until February 18, 2019.

After discussion, the Board moved to IMPOSE a PENALTY of TWO HUNDRED and FIFTY (\$250.00) DOLLARS.

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

Retirement/Surrender Requests

Fred Moss, M.D. – 01059042A – Surrender

Israel Rosales, M.D., 01029116A – Retirement

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Moss's SURRENDER of his LICENSE and Dr. Rosales' request for RETIREMENT of her LICENSE.

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

Pedro Velsaco, M.D., 01035610A – surrender (currently on probation)

Dr. Velasco's license was placed on probation in 2017 related to probation in Kentucky. The terms and conditions of his probation in Indiana were to comply with the Kentucky order and to keep the Board apprised of any employment.

Dr. Velasco let his Kentucky license expire in 2018 and is requesting that the Board to allow him to surrender his license in Indiana.

After discussion the Board moved to ACCEPT Dr. Velasco's request to SURRENDER his LICENSE, with terms and conditions.

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

The Board Director provided an update on the status of the following rules.

Acupuncture referral rule update

Telehealth rule update

High breast density "consult" definition rule update

Physician Assistant rule updates regarding supervision

FULL BOARD APPEARANCES

Kimberly Chernoby, M.D., Indiana State Medical Association, Trustee

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Dr. Chernoby appeared before the Board regarding the rule requiring a six (6) month waiting period after graduation that physicians currently have to wait until taking step 3 of the USMLE examination and the one (1) year waiting period from graduation that osteopathic physicians must wait before taking step 3 of the COMLEX examination.

Dr. Chernoby stated that many Indiana physicians will travel to other states that allow the USMLE or COMLEX step 3 to be taken immediately after graduation in order to get licensed as soon as possible.

Dr. Chernoby asks that the Board review this rule and hopes that the rule may be amended to allow physicians to complete the USMLE or COMLEX examination without a waiting period after graduation.

FULL BOARD APPLICATION REVIEW

Sean Ewing, M.D. – Unapproved foreign medical school

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Dr. Ewing is requesting that the Board waive the approved medical school rule for his application. Dr. Ewing received his medical degree from the University of Medicine and Health Sciences in St. Kitts, which is neither listed on the approved foreign medical school list or the disapproved foreign medical school list for Indiana or California.

Dr. Ewing is currently completing his residency at Union Hospital in Terre Haute, Indiana and has accepted work as a primary care physician in Rockville, Indiana.

After reviewing Dr. Ewing's application, request for a waiver and supportive documentation, the Board agreed that more information was needed in order for them to effectively review his waiver request, and has requested that Dr. Ewing submit a letter from his current program director, a copy of his employment contract or documentation from his future employer in Rockville, Indiana, to be reviewed at the April 18, 2019 Board meeting.

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

Ambreen Ghori, M.D. - Unapproved foreign medical school

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Dr. Ghori is requesting that the Board waive the approved medical school rule for her application. Dr. Ghori received her medical degree from Windsor University, which is neither listed on the approved foreign medical school list or the disapproved foreign medical school list for Indiana or California.

Dr. Ghori completed her Adult Psychiatry residency at the Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland Ohio and her Child and Adolescent Psychiatry fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic. Dr. Ghori has accepted a position with the Otis R Bowen Center for Human Services in Fort Wayne, IN.

Dr. Ghori also submitted a letter of reference from Kurt Carlson, President and CEO of the Otis R Bowen Center for Human Services in Fort Wayne, IN.

After discussion, the Board moved to GRANT Dr. Ghori's request for a WAIVER of the approved medical school rule.

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

Rick Gill, M.D. – Unapproved foreign medical school

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Dr. Gill is requesting that the Board waive the approved medical school rule for his application. Dr. Gill received his medical degree from Saint James School of Medicine in the Netherland, Antilles, which is neither listed on the approved foreign medical school list or the disapproved foreign medical school list for Indiana or California.

Dr. Gill completed four (4) years of post-graduate training in Neurology at Loyola University Medical Center and was also employed as an Assistant Professor at the Stritch School of Medicine, where tele-stroke medicine is provided.

Dr. Gill submitted a letter of recommendation from José Biller, M.D., F.A.C.P., F.A.A.N., F.A.N.A., F.A.H.A., Professor and Chair, Department of Neurology, Loyola University Medical Center.

After discussion, the Board moved to GRANT Dr. Gill's request for a WAIVER of the approved medical school rule.

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

Gagandeep Kaur, M.D. – Unapproved foreign medical school

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Dr. Kaur is requesting that the Board waive the approved medical school rule for her application. Dr. Kaur received her medical degree from the Windsor University School of Medicine in St. Kitts, which is neither listed on the approved foreign medical school list or the disapproved foreign medical school list for Indiana or California.

Dr. Kaur is completing her residency at United Hospital Center in Bridgeport, West Virginia and has accepted work with Community Care Network, Inc. (CCNI) in August of 2019.

After reviewing Dr. Kaur's application and request for a waiver, the Board agreed that more information was needed in order for them to effectively review her waiver request,

and has requested that Dr. Kaur submit a letter from her current program director, a copy of her employment contract or documentation from her future employer CCNI, to be reviewed at the April 18, 2019 Board meeting.

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

Thalia Kamel, M.D. – Unapproved foreign medical school

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Dr. Kamel is requesting that the Board waive the approved medical school rule for her application. Dr. Kamel received her medical degree from the Saint James School of Medicine in Netherland, Antilles, which is neither listed on the approved foreign medical school list or the disapproved foreign medical school list for Indiana or California.

Dr. Kamel completed her residency at Mercy Hospital & Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois and has been working as a hospitalist for Team Health. She recently signed a contract with Schumacher Clinical Partners to work at Porter Regional Hospital.

After reviewing Dr. Kamel's application and request for a waiver, the Board agreed that more information was needed in order for them to effectively review her waiver request, and has requested that Dr. Kamel submit a letter from her current program director, letters of recommendation and any other supportive documentation, to be reviewed at the April 18, 2019 Board meeting.

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

Gal Marcan, M.D. – Unapproved foreign medical school

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Dr. Marcan is requesting that the Board waive the approved medical school rule for her application. Dr. Marcan received her medical degree from the American University of Integrative Sciences, St. Maarten School of Medicine in Cole Bay, St. Maarten, which is neither listed on the approved foreign medical school list or the disapproved foreign medical school list for Indiana or California.

Dr. Marcan is currently completing her third year of residency in Indiana University Methodist Family Medicine program and is board eligible. She has signed a contract

with Indiana University Health Physicians to practice primary care in obstetrics at Indiana University-West hospital starting in August of 2019.

Dr. Marcan submitted letters of recommendation from the following:

Brock D. McMillen, M.D., Associate Program Director, Indiana University-Methodist Family Medicine Residency, Assistant Professor of Clinical Family Medicine, Indiana University School of Medicine

J. Brent Sneed, M.D., Assistant Professor of Clinical Family Medicine, Indiana University School of Medicine

Jacqueline M. Nonweiler-Parr, M.D., Program Director, Indiana University-Methodist Family Medicine Residency, Assistant Professor of Clinical Family Medicine, Indiana University School of Medicine

Shivani Bhatia Martin, M.D., Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine, Indiana University School of Medicine, IUHP Palliative Care and Geriatric Medicine

Dr. Marcan also submitted her employment contract with Indiana University Health Care Associates, Inc. d/b/a Indiana University health Physicians

After discussion, the Board moved to GRANT Dr. Marcan's request for a WAIVER of the approved medical school rule.

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

Rohit Praful Shah, M.D.– Unapproved foreign medical school

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Dr. Shah is requesting that the Board waive the approved medical school rule for his application. Dr. Shah received his medical degree from the University of Medicine and Health Sciences in St. Kitts, which is neither listed on the approved foreign medical school list or the disapproved foreign medical school list for Indiana or California.

Dr. Shah is currently completing his residency at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Illinois. He holds a full license in Illinois.

After reviewing Dr. Shah's application and request for a waiver, the Board agreed that more information was needed in order for them to effectively review his waiver request, and has requested that Dr. Shah submit a letter from his current program director,

letters of recommendation and any other supportive documentation, to be reviewed at the April 18, 2019 Board meeting.

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

Hingwan Yu, M.D.– ECFMG waiver request

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Dr. Yu is requesting that the Board waive the ECFMG requirement for foreign medical school graduates. Dr. Yu received his degree from Tian Jin Medical University-Nanjing University of Chinese Medicine in Nanjing, Jiangsu, China.

Dr. Yu does not currently have an ECFMG certificate due to not completing or passing all steps of the USMLE.

After discussion, the Board moved to DENY Dr. Yu's request for a WAIVER of the ECFMG requirement for Licensure.

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

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Reza Kanani, M.D. – Positive response

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Dr. Kanani answered yes to the following questions on his application:

1. Has disciplinary action ever been taken regarding any health license, certificate, registration or permit you hold or have held?

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?
 - E) Have you ever pled nolo contendere 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?

On December 9, 2009 Dr. Kanani was involved in an accident on the freeway in the Los Angeles area. Dr. Kanani pled no contest to a misdemeanor of exhibition of speed and was placed on three (3) years summary probation.

Due to the summary probation still being active when Dr. Kanani applied for a temporary medical license with the State of Illinois, during his residency program, the Illinois Medical Board issued the temporary medical permit with a letter of reprimand.

In 2010, Dr. Kanani was placed on probation during his medical residency program at the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles for allegedly communicating with the Emergency Room Director at the University of Southern California Medical Hospital, where Dr. Kanani was completing a rotation, regarding the procedures and protocols of their paramedics at the scene of traumas, as it related to gun shot victims.

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

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

Michael S. McDonnell, D.O.. – Positive response

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Dr. McDonnell answered yes to the following question on his application.

8. Have you ever had a malpractice judgment against you or settled any malpractice action?

Dr. McDonnell had the following multiple malpractice settlements.

Patient case involving a forceps delivery for fetal bradycardia where patient's episiotomy later broke down and needed surgical repair. Date of delivery was December 25, 2005 and suit was filed on March 13, 2008. Settlement for thirty thousand (\$30,000.00) dollars.

Patient case involving bowel injury after removal of fallopian tube and ovary. Surgery date was October 10, 2008 and suit was filed on July 17, 2009. Settlement for two hundred and forty thousand (\$240,000.00) dollars.

Patient case involving damage to the bladder and ureter from large fibroid situated low in the pelvis. Patient required ureters to be re-implanted and later claimed to have a fistula. Surgery date was December 3, 2010 and the suit was filed December 3, 2012. Settlement for one hundred and fifty thousand (\$150,000.00) dollars.

Patient case involving damage to the rectum from uterine manipulator. Patient later has a colostomy and reversal. Surgery date was February 5, 2010 and the suit was filed on January 3, 2012. Settlement for three hundred and seventy-five thousand (\$375,000.00) dollars.

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

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

Muhammad Puri, M.D., – Positive response

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Dr. Puri answered yes to the following question on his application.

12. Were any limitations or special requirements imposed on you because of academic performance, incompetence, disciplinary problems or any other reason during your medical education or post graduate training / residency program?

Dr. Puri was placed on academic probation in October of 2006, due to poor performance in several competency areas which culminated in the failure of his obstetrics rotation. In December of 2006 the probation was extended due to insufficient progress and a decision was made not to offer a 2007-2008 Post-Grad Training 2 year residency contract. In February of 2007 Dr. Puri's residency appointment was revoked due to subsequent failure of the same rotation.

In July 2009, the National Residency Match Program (NRMP) barred Dr. Puri from accepting a position in the NRMP match-participating program for one year, barred him permanently from participation in future NRMP matches and permanently identified him as a match violator in NRMP's Registration/Ranking/Results System file on the basis of failing to disclose required information.

Dr. Puri successfully completed three (3) years of post-graduate training at the Bergen Regional Medical Center in Paramus, New Jersey in the specialty of Psychiatry and currently works for Virtual Medical Staff, LLC in Alpharetta, Georgia as a Telemedicine Psychiatrist.

Dr. Puri currently has active licenses in Texas and California and is Board certified in psychiatry from the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

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

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

Walter Turkowski, M.D. – Positive response

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Dr. Turkowski answered yes to the following questions on his application:

1. Has disciplinary action ever been taken regarding any health license, certificate, registration or permit you hold or have held?
5. Except for minor violations of traffic laws resulting in fines, and arrests or convictions that have been expunged by a court,
 - 1) Have you ever been arrested?
 - 2) Have you ever entered into a prosecutorial diversion or deferment agreement regarding any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state?
 - 3) Have you ever been convicted of any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state?
 - 4) Have you ever pled guilty to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state?
 - 5) Have you ever pled nolo contendere to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state?
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?
8. Have you ever had a malpractice judgment against you or settled any malpractice action?
10. Have you ever been terminated or disciplined by your employer while practicing as a physician or resigned in lieu of discipline?

Dr. Turkowski's license was under restriction from 1999 to 2003 in response to a driving arrest that happened on November 6, 1998 for driving under the influence, speeding, and child endangerment due to minors in the vehicle at the time of the arrest.

On November 8, 1998 Dr. Turkowski's hospital privileges were suspended due the arrest.

On May 19, 2000, the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners ordered a restricted license for five years and required 50 hours of CME, with one course in conflict management. The Texas Medical State Board terminated the restrictive order on December 12, 2003 due to compliance.

On August 7, 2000 Dr. Turkowski's hospital privileges were reinstated.

On October 22, 2001, the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts followed suit with a public censure to include the same order as Texas for CME for a period of 90 days.

Dr. Turtowski complied with all board orders and since 2004 has held unrestricted licenses in Texas and Kansas.

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

Barai/Green, 5/0/0

Aye's: Strobel, Masten, Busk, Barai, Green

Motion carries

Edwin E. Ekong, D.O. – Positive response

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Dr. Ekong answered yes to the following question on his reinstatement application:

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

On August 15, 2015 Dr. Ekong's Illinois medical license received a letter or reprimand for not disclosing a repayment plan he had with the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (IDHFS), due to an audit that determined an overpayment on the part of IDHFS.

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

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

Guangyuan Li, M.D. – USMLE 3 Attempt rule waiver request

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Dr. Li is requesting a waiver from the Board of the USMLE three (3) attempt rule.

Dr. Li appeared before the Board with Dr. Brenda Eriksen, Assistant Medical Director at Northwest Indiana Pathology Consultants, P.C.

Dr. Li will be working for Northwest Indiana Pathology Consultants, P.C. for three years in the specialty of molecular genetic pathology, a specialty which is in great demand in Indiana. Dr. Li provided a copy of her employment contract to the Board.

Dr. Li also provided three (3) letters of recommendation from the following people.

Bruce Petersen, M.D., Program Director, Molecular Genetic Pathology Fellowship, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai.

Ximing J. Yang, M.D., PhD., Marie A. Fleming professor of Pathology and Chief of Urological Pathology, Director of Genitourinary Pathology Fellowship, Department of Pathology, Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine

Jenny Ross, M.D., F.C.A.P., F.A.S.C.P., Surgical Pathologist, Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine

Dr. Li has full licenses in Pennsylvania and Illinois and is Board certified in Pathology – Molecular Genetic and Anatomic/Pathology-Clinical by the American Board of Pathology.

Dr. Li's employer, Northwest Pathology Consultants, P.C. agreed to report to the Board annually on Dr. Li's employments status and responsibilities.

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

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

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Bhaktavatsala Apuri, M.D., License No. 01054665A, Cause No. 2018 MLB 00392

Respondent failed to appear in person or with counsel, regarding a State's Motion to Dismiss Complaint scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Melinda Pickett, Deputy Attorney General and Laura Josue, Supervising Deputy General. The court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherry Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

The State filed an Administrative Complaint against the Respondent on November 30, 2018 regarding peer reviews that alleged that Respondent failed to keep adequate patient records and exercise reasonable care and diligence in the treatment of patients.

After filing the complaint the State discovered that the evidence to prove the complaint may not be admissible at trial due to the nature in which the information was received. The State requests that the Board dismiss the complaint.

After discussion, the Board moved to DISMISS the COMPLAINT.

Green/Barai, 5/0/0
Ayes: Busk, Barai, Strobel, Masten, Green
Motion carries

Mohamad Arar, M.D., License No. 01044190A, Cause No. 2014 MLB 0035

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

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

On March 21, 2013, Respondent was indicted in Jefferson County, Kentucky Circuit Court, with six (6) counts of sexual abuse in the Third Degree and two (2) counts of Sexual abuse in the First Degree.

On April 22, 2015, Respondent was convicted on all eight (8) counts. Respondent was sentenced to three (3) years of incarceration.

On August 18, 2017, on appeal, a conviction of one (1) count of sexual abuse in the First Degree was reversed and remanded by the Kentucky Court of Appeals for failure

to provide proper jury instructions for the lesser included offense of sexual abuse in the Third Degree. The remaining convictions were affirmed.

The Kentucky Board of Medicine revoked Respondent's license and imposed a fine of six hundred and fifty-six dollars (\$656.25) and twenty-five cents on September 21, 2015.

The State admitted the following exhibits into evidence:

- Exhibit A: Kentucky Medical Board, Respondent's Emergency Order of Restriction
- Exhibit B: Kentucky Medical Board, Complaint
- Exhibit C: Kentucky Medical Board Amended Complaint
- Exhibit D: Certified copy of Order of Revocation
- Exhibit E: Certified copy of Jefferson Circuit Court criminal file of Respondent
- Exhibit F: Certified copy of Jefferson Circuit Court Judgement of Conviction and Sentence
- Exhibit G: Kentucky appellate case
- Exhibit H: Supreme Court of Kentucky Case file on Respondent
- Exhibit I: Indiana and Kentucky laws

Respondent admitted the following exhibits into evidence:

- Exhibit 1: Certificate of Attendance: Maintaining Proper Boundaries from the Vanderbilt School of Medicine.
- Exhibit 11: Respondent's letters of recommendation and screen shots of comments on social media from supposed patients
- Exhibit 12: Respondent's letters of recommendation and screen shots of comments on social media from supposed patients

Respondent currently works at Midwest Infectious Disease, in Kentucky, as a practice manager/consultant. He has not clinically practiced medicine or seen a patient since 2015.

After discussion, the Board moved to find Respondent in violation of all 7 counts listed in the State's Amended Administrative Complaint.

Barai/Green, 5/0/0
Ayes: Busk, Barai, Strobel, Masten, Green
Motion carries

After final discussion, the Board moved to REVOKE Respondents' LICENSE and IMPOSE a seven thousand (\$7,000.00) FINE.

Masten/Busk, 5/0/0
Ayes: Busk, Barai, Strobel, Masten, Green
Motion carries

Nabila Babar, M.D., License No. 01042848A, Cause No. 2016 MLB 0008

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

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Respondent was placed on probation in Indiana due to Ohio Board discipline of probation due to prescribing controlled substances to a family member.

Respondent is requesting to withdraw probation since, as of February 18, 2019, the Ohio has withdrawn her probation and has a free and clear license in Ohio.

Respondent currently practices in Ohio and Kentucky.

Respondent admitted the following exhibit into evidence:

Exhibit 1: Respondent's consent agreement and order of probation from Ohio, Letter from State Board of Ohio releasing her probation.

After discussion the Board moved to WITHDRAW PROBATION.

Barai/Masten, 5/0/0
Ayes: Busk, Barai, Strobel, Masten, Green
Motion carries

Jonathon Cavins, M.D., License No. 01064975A, Cause No. 2019 MLB 0008

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

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

On February 22, 2019, Respondent was charged with one count of Child Molesting, a level 4 felony, 2 counts of Sexual Misconduct with a Minor, a level 5 felony, one count of Vicarious Sexual Gratification, a level 5 felony in Boone County Circuit Court.

The criminal matter is set for a pretrial conference on April 24, 2019 and a jury trial on July 8, 2019.

Both parties have agreed to a settlement agreement that would summarily suspend Respondent's license for 90 days

The State requests that the Board Summarily Suspend the Respondent's license for 90 days.

After discussion, the Board moved to SUMMARILY SUSPEND Respondent's LICENSE for NINETY (90) DAYS.

Barai/Green, 5/0/0
Ayes: Busk, Barai, Strobel, Masten, Green
Motion carries

Asad Cheema, M.D., License No. 01080747A, Cause No. 2018 MLB 0038

Respondent failed to appear in person or by counsel regarding a Final Hearing 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 Sherry Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D.

Respondent was charged criminally in Adams County, Indiana with three (3) counts of Unlawful Possession or Use of a Legend Drug, level 6 Felony. These charges are still pending.

The State received correspondence from Respondent on November 27, 2018 stating that he declared himself guilty of the charges levied against him and he agreed to the suspension of his Indiana medical license. He stated that he had left the U.S. and had returned to Pakistan, his country of origin, due to the termination of his employment causing his qualified alien visa to be terminated.

The State requests that the Board issue a notice of proposed default.

After final discussion, the Board moved to ISSUE a NOTICE of PROPOSED DEFAULT.

Masten/Busk, 4/0/0
Ayes: Busk, Barai, Strobel, Masten
Motion carries

Timothy P. Deutscher, D.O., License No. 02003859A, Cause No. 2012 MLB 0055

Respondent failed to appear in person or by counsel regarding a Petition for Reinstatement 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 Sherry Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Respondent requested a continuance at the February 14, 2019 meeting to retain counsel.

The State is requesting a Notice of Proposed Dismissal be issued by the Board due to Respondent not replying to the State's emails regarding this hearing date and Respondent's phone number in IPLA system has been disconnected. The State has not been able to reach Respondent.

After discussion, the Board moved to ISSUE a NOTICE OF PROPOSED DISMISSAL.

Masten/Busk, 5/0/0
Ayes: Barai, Masten, Busk, Strobel, Green
Motion carries

Mukesh Garg, M.D., License No. 01078752A, Cause No. 2017 MLB 0020

Respondent appeared in person and with counsel, Phil Zimmerly, regarding a Petition to Withdraw Probation scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Melinda Pickett, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherry Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Respondent is requesting that the Board withdraw his probation. Respondent stated that he has complied with all terms and conditions of his probation.

On November of 2018, Nebraska withdrew Respondent's probation. Respondent is still on a 10 year ISMA contract and is in compliance. Respondent also attends three (3) AA meetings a week and uses Soberlink.

Respondent currently works in private practice in the field of Non-interventional cardiology in South Bend, Indiana and also plans to practice in Illinois.

Respondent admitted the following exhibit into evidence:

Exhibit 1-5: Medical Licensing Board of Indiana's decision on license application; Letter from Nebraska Monitoring Program stating Respondent has completed program; Nebraska Medical Board withdrawal of probation and restoration of active license; Therapeutic agreement from Respondent; Warren JK. Reiss, MD – Letter regarding compliance.

Respondent called the following witness:
Candace Backer, Case Manager ISMA PAP

After discussion, the Board moved to WITHDRAW PROBATION.

Green/Barai, 5/0/0
Ayes: Barai, Masten, Busk, Strobel, Green
Motion carries

Matthew Grothaus, M.D., License No. 01061897A, Cause No. 2018 MLB 0032

Respondent appeared in person and with counsel, Michael Gaerte, regarding a Petition to Withdraw Probation scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Roxanne Hilton, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherry Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

On September of 2018, Respondent was placed on probation due to pre-signing prescription pads.

Respondent is requesting that the Board withdraw his probation due to Respondent completing all of the terms and conditions of his probation.

Respondent currently works in Ohio. Ohio has a pending action due to his disclosure of his Indiana discipline on his Ohio renewal.

Respondent's admitted the following exhibit into evidence:

Exhibit 1: Respondent's Prescription log

After discussion, the Board moved to WITHDRAW PROBATION.

Green/Barai, 5/0/0
Ayes: Barai, Masten, Busk, Strobel, Green
Motion carries

Terrence Haffner, M.D., License No. 01049031A, Cause No. 2015 MLB 0030

Respondent failed to appear in person or by counsel regarding an Order to Show Cause scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Melinda Pickett, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherry Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

State stated that Respondent is currently in the Allen County jail.

State requests that the Board issue a notice of proposed default.

After discussion the Board moved to ISSUE a NOTICE of PROPOSED DEFAULT.

Masten/Busk, 5/0/0
Ayes: Barai, Masten, Busk, Strobel, Green
Motion carries

Ralf Hatch, M.D., License No. 01064924A, Cause No. 2018 MLB 0035

Respondent failed to appear in person or by counsel regarding a Notice of Proposed Default scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Patricia Gibson, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherry Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

The State sent the hearing notice to Respondent via mail. Respondent replied to the State and stated he would not attend the hearing.

State requests that the Board hold Respondent in default.

After discussion, the Board moved to HOLD Respondent in DEFAULT.

Masten/Busk, 5/0/0
Ayes: Barai, Masten, Busk, Strobel, Green
Motion carries

The State admitted the following exhibits into evidence:

Exhibit A: Respondent's Medical Records from Eastern Maine Medical Center

Exhibit A1: Emergency department admitting records of Respondent.

After discussion, the Board moved to INDEFINITELY SUSPEND Respondent's LICENSE.

Barai/Masten, 5/0/0
Ayes: Barai, Masten, Busk, Strobel, Green
Motion carries

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

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

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Respondent's criminal hearing is scheduled for April 3rd, 2019.

Per agreement, the State requested that the Board extend Respondent's Summary Suspension for an additional 56 days.

After discussion, the Board moved to EXTEND Respondent's SUMMARY SUSPENSION for an ADDITIONAL FIFTY-SIX (56) DAYS.

Barai/Green, 5/0/0
Ayes: Barai, Masten, Busk, Strobel, Green
Motion carries

Michael Rogan, M.D., License No. 01065087A, Cause No. 2008 MLB 0018

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

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Respondent is currently on probation. He is requesting the Board allow him to retire his Indiana license instead of continuing the probation and completing the terms and conditions of the probation.

After discussion, the Board moved to MODIFY PROBATION and PLACE Respondent's LICENSE in RETIRED STATUS with terms and conditions.

Masten/Busk, 5/0/0

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

John A. Ross, M.D., License No. 01040780A, Cause No. 2016 MLB 0009

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

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Respondent is requesting the withdrawal of his probation due to complying with all of the terms and conditions of his probationary license.

Respondent was placed on probation by the Board in 2013 due to Board probation in Ohio stemming from pre-signed prescription pads. Ohio released probation on December 12, 2018.

Respondent was also placed on probation in Alabama due to Ohio probation. Alabama withdrew probation last month.

Respondent currently practices in private practice in OBGYN/Weightloss Medicine in Orestia, Ohio.

Respondent is currently licensed in Alabama, Michigan and Ohio without restrictions.

After discussion, the Board moved to WITHDRAW PROBATION.

Masten/Busk, 5/0/0
Ayes: Barai, Masten, Busk, Strobel, Green
Motion carries

Jeffrey Seizys, M.D., License No. 01043925A, Cause No. 2018 MLB 0034

Respondent appeared in person and with counsel, John Tompkins, regarding a Final 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 Sherry Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

ISMA PAP closed Respondent's monitoring agreement on August 16th due to non-compliance as a result of a positive test on his Soberlink device on August 15, 2018.

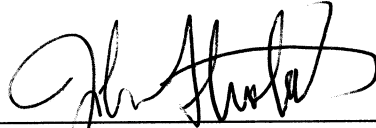
Respondent is now being monitored through both his regional Employee Assistance Program and Hazeldon Betty Ford in Chicago, IL.

Both parties agreed to a settlement agreement which places Respondent's license on indefinite probation for five (5) years, with terms and conditions.

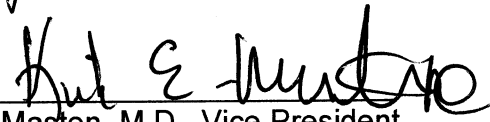
After discussion the Board moved to accept settlement agreement and PLACE Respondent's LICENSE on INDEFINITE PROBATION with terms and conditions, with the ability to petition for withdrawal of probation after five (5) years.

Green/Masten, 5/0/0
Ayes: Barai, Masten, Busk, Strobel, Green
Motion carries

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.



John Strobel, M.D., President



Kirk Masten, M.D., Vice President