

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

**MINUTES OF APRIL 24, 2008**

Stephen Huddleston, J.D., President called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and declared a quorum in accordance with IC 25-22.5.

Members Present: Stephen Huddleston, J.D., Consumer  
Member, President  
Navin Barot, M.D., Vice -President  
Bharat Barai, M.D.  
Thomas Akre, D.O., Secretary  
Worthe Holt, Jr., M.D.  
Donald Vennekotter, M.D.

Staff Present: Michael Rinebold, Board Director  
Professional Licensing Agency  
Jody Edens, Assistant Board Director  
Professional Licensing Agency  
James Schmidt, Deputy Attorney General  
Office of the Attorney General

The Board voted to adopt the agenda and addendum as amended.

Participating Board Members: Stephen Huddleston, J.D., Worthe Holt, Jr., M.D., Thomas Akre, D.O., Navin Barot, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Donald Vennekotter, M.D.

Holt/Barai, 6/0/0

The Board voted to adopt the minutes of the March 27, 2008 meeting.

Participating Board Members: Stephen Huddleston, J.D., Worthe Holt, Jr., M.D., Thomas Akre, D.O., Navin Barot, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Donald Vennekotter, M.D.

Barot/Holt, 6/0/0

## **PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

### **INITIAL/RENEWAL APPLICANTS**

The following appeared before the full Board for their scheduled personal appearance.

**Jinka Subramanya, M.D.** – Dr. Subramanya appeared before the Board to discuss his work history with the Board and was not represented by counsel.

Participating Board Members: Stephen Huddleston, J.D., Navin Barot, M.D., Donald Vennekotter, M.D., Thomas Akre, D.O., Worthe Holt, Jr., M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D.

After discussion the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Subramanya's application for licensure.

Barai/Barot, 6/0/0  
Motion carries

**Leon Butler, M.D.** – Dr. Butler appeared before the Board concerning positive responses on his initial application and was not represented by counsel.

Participating Board Members: Stephen Huddleston, J.D., Navin Barot, M.D., Donald Vennekotter, M.D., Thomas Akre, D.O., Worthe Holt, Jr., M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D.

After discussion the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Butler's license on INDEFINITE PROBATION pending receipt and approval of a letter from his current Residency Program Director.

Akre/Vennekotter, 6/0/0  
Motion carries

**Arthur Greenberg, M.D.** – Dr. Greenberg appeared before the Board concerning positive responses on his initial application and was not represented by counsel.

Participating Board Members: Navin Barot, M.D., Donald Vennekotter, M.D., Thomas Akre, D.O., Bharat Barai, M.D.

After discussion the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Greenberg's application for licensure.

Barai/Barot, 4/0/0  
Motion carries

## **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

### **Arthur Mercado, M.D., License No. 01048074A, Cause No. 2008 MLB 0004**

Respondent did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Final Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Thomas McGee, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge, with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: Stephen Huddleston, J.D., Navin Barot, M.D., Donald Vennekotter, M.D., Thomas Akre, D.O., Bharat Barai, M.D.

An agreement between the Respondent and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board. The agreement included INDEFINITE SUSPENSION with terms and conditions.

After having reviewed the agreement and taking its file into consideration the Board moved to APPROVE the agreement as amended.

Barot/Akre, 4/0/1, with Dr. Barai abstaining  
Motion carries

### **Shashi Puttaswamy, M.D., License No. 01041820A, Cause No. 2006 MLB 0023**

Respondent did appear in person and was represented by James Bauer regarding a Final Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Mark Mader, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge, with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: Stephen Huddleston, J.D., Navin Barot, M.D., Donald Vennekotter, M.D., Thomas Akre, D.O., Worthe Holt, Jr., M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D.

A proposed stipulation of findings between the Respondent, her counsel and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board.

After reviewing the proposed stipulation of findings and taking its file into consideration the Board moved to ACCEPT the stipulation of findings and found that the Respondent was in violation as stated in the findings.

The Board further moved to order the Respondent to pay the costs of the court reporter and transcript fee. The Board moved that they would take no further action.

Barai/Barot, 5/0/1 with Dr. Akre abstaining  
Motion carries

**Paul Joseph Brownson, M.D., License No. 01039083A, Cause No. 2007 MLB 0020**

Respondent did appear in person and was represented by James Voyles regarding a Final Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Elizabeth Kiefner, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: Stephen Huddleston, J.D., Navin Barot, M.D., Donald Vennekotter, M.D., Thomas Akre, D.O., Worthe Holt, Jr., M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D.

An agreement between the Respondent, his counsel and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board. The agreement included INDEFINITE PROBATION with terms and conditions.

After having reviewed the agreement and taking its file into consideration, the Board moved to APPROVE the agreement as amended

Barai/Huddleston, 6/0/0  
Motion carries

**Stephanie Colson Sharpe, M.D., License No. 01051569A, Cause No. 2007 MLB 0017**

Respondent did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a License Renewal Application scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Thomas McGee and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: Stephen Huddleston, J.D., Navin Barot, M.D., Donald Vennekotter, M.D., Thomas Akre, D.O., Worthe Holt, Jr., M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D.

Fred Fricke, M.D., ISMA and Michael Rinebold, Board Director were sworn in as witnesses for the Respondent.

After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to ALLOW Dr. Sharpe to practice with an AMENDED PROBATIONARY ORDER.

Barai/Akre, 5/0/1 with Dr. Holt abstaining  
Motion carries

**Anton Crepinsek, M.D., License No. 01036253A, Cause No. 2008 MLB 0006**

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Final Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Elizabeth Kiefner, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge, with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: Stephen Huddleston, J.D., Navin Barot, M.D., Donald Vennekotter, M.D., Thomas Akre, D.O., Bharat Barai, M.D.

An agreement between the Respondent and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board. The agreement included a \$250 fine and the cost of the transcripts for the hearing.

After reviewing the agreement the Board moved to TABLE this matter until the Respondent appears in person.

Huddleston/Barai, 5/0/0  
Motion carries

**John Allen Heidingsfelder, M.D., License No. 01037311A, Cause No. 2006 MLB 0037**

Respondent did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Final Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Michael Minglin, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: Stephen Huddleston, J.D., Navin Barot, M.D., Donald Vennekotter, M.D., Thomas Akre, D.O., Bharat Barai, M.D., Worthe Holt, Jr., M.D.

An agreement between the Respondent and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board. The agreement included INDEFINITE SUSPENSION for a period of sixty (60) days from the date of the order and then automatic INDEFINITE PROBATION with terms and conditions.

After reviewing the agreement and taking its file into consideration the Board moved to ACCEPT the agreement.

Barai/Barot, 6/0/0  
Motion carries

**Leonard J. Green, M.D., License No. 01027059A, Cause No. 2003 MLB 0032**

Respondent did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a petition to Modify Probationary Order scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Thomas McGee, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: Stephen Huddleston, J.D., Navin Barot, M.D., Donald Vennekotter, M.D., Thomas Akre, D.O., Bharat Barai, M.D., Worthe Holt, Jr., M.D.

Michael Rinebold, Board Director was sworn in as a witness for the Respondent.

After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to MODIFY Dr. Green's Probationary Order to reduce the personal appearances to once yearly.

Akre/Holt, 6/0/0  
Motion carries

**Elmer Manalo, M.D., License No. 01040595A, Cause No. 2007 MLB 0025**

Respondent did not appear in person and was represented by Mary Ann Wunder regarding a Final Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Elizabeth Kiefner, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: Stephen Huddleston, J.D., Navin Barot, M.D., Donald Vennekotter, M.D., Thomas Akre, D.O., Bharat Barai, M.D., Worthe Holt, Jr., M.D.

After taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board took each motion individually into consideration.

Motion for Continuance

After discussion the Board moved to APPROVE the continuance request in this matter

Barai/Barot, 6/0/0  
Motion carries

Motion for Extension of Summary Suspension until Final Hearing

After discussion the Board moved to APPROVE the extension of the Summary Suspension until the Final Hearing.

Akre/Barai, 6/0/0  
Motion carries

Motion for Limitation of Broadcast

After discussion the Board moved to take this motion under advisement to research and to give time for all Media to comment on the motion. This motion will be reset for the May 22, 2008 meeting.

Akre/Vennekotter, 6/0/0  
Motion carries

The Board ordered all Discovery must be completed within ten (10) days prior to the hearing and any objections must be filed within five (5) days prior to the hearing.

**Jihad Ibrahim Kasim, M.D., License No. 01043459A, Cause No. 2007 MLB 0003**

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Notice of Proposed Default scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Mark Mader, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Sherri Rutledge with Rutledge Independent Reporting.

Participating Board Members: Stephen Huddleston, J.D., Navin Barot, M.D., Donald Vennekotter, M.D., Thomas Akre, D.O., Bharat Barai, M.D.

After having considered the evidence presented and taking official notice of its file in this matter the Board moved to hold the Respondent's license in DEFAULT.

Barai/Akre, 5/0/0  
Motion carries

After further discussion the Board moved to find the Respondent in violation as charged by the State in Counts 1 and 2.

Barai/Akre, 5/0/0  
Motion carries

The Board further moved to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION with terms and conditions.

Barai/Vennekotter, 5/0/0  
Motion carries

### **ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**

**Chad E. Deerberg, 2008 MLB 0005** – Appeal of denial of initial licensure as a Hearing Aid Dealer. Mr. Deerberg failed on part of the examination. The ALJ proposed to uphold the denial.

Participating Board Members: Stephen Huddleston, J.D., Navin Barot, M.D., Donald Vennekotter, M.D., Thomas Akre, D.O., Bharat Barai, M.D.

After discussion, a motion was made to AFFIRM the ALJ proposed order.

Huddleston/Akre, 4/0/1 with Dr. Barai abstaining  
Motion carries

### **DISCUSSION**

**Jeffrey Seizys, M.D.** – Dr. Seizys requests the Board to review a letter from his employer to see if this new job opportunity would violate the terms of his probationary order.

Participating Board Members: Stephen Huddleston, J.D., Navin Barot, M.D., Donald Vennekotter, M.D., Thomas Akre, D.O., Bharat Barai, M.D.,

After reviewing the letter and Dr. Seizys' probationary order the Board determined that the new job opportunity would violate the terms of his probation and instructed staff to respond to the employer of the decision.

### **CONSENSUS**

**Glenn Ballengee, M.D.** – Dr. Ballengee submitted a new supervisory agreement that takes Dr. Kenzie out as Dr. Kenzie has left the practice. He has placed in several other physicians. After reviewing the supervisory agreement the Board moved to APPROVE the new agreement for Dr. Ballengee.

Participating Board Members: Stephen Huddleston, J.D., Navin Barot, M.D., Donald Vennekotter, M.D., Thomas Akre, D.O., Bharat Barai, M.D.

## CONSENSUS

### REVIEW OF INITIAL APPLICATIONS

Participating Board Members: Worthe Holt, Jr., M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Thomas Akre, D.O., Stephen Huddleston, J.D., Navin Barot, M.D., Donald Vennekotter, M.D.

The Board reviewed the positive response information on the following applicants and approved them for issuance: Barai/Huddleston, 6/0/0

Jose Abreau, M.D.	Alex Argotte, M.D.
Alan Auerbach, M.D.	Jessica Bell, M.D.
Alfred Chiang, M.D.	Henry Childers, M.D.
Steven Diamond, D.O.	Lance Edwards, M.D.
Gregory Haynes, M.D.	Kelly Hiatt, M.D.
Steven Hilburn, M.D.	Andrea Moore, M.D.
Mark Neilson, M.D.	Steven Parkes, M.D.
Randolph Szlabick, M.D.	

The Board reviewed the positive response information on the following applicants and requested that they personally appear before the Board: Holt/Akre, 6/0/0

Shadi Ayyas, M.D.	Theodore Hall, M.D.
Abdul Subhan, M.D.	

The Board reviewed the request for a waiver of the 7 year rule for the following three (3) applicants and based upon the fact they went past the 7 years was to obtain their PhD, the Board moved to grant all three (3) waivers of the 7 year rule. Barai/Akre, 6/0/0

Shyam Srinivas, M.D.	John Schlitz, M.D.	Jey-Hsin Chen, M.D.
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The Board reviewed the following Physician Assistant Prescriptive Authority applications and approved for issuance of prescriptive authority: Holt/Huddleston, 6/0/0

Edward Aguilar, 10000357A	Bradley Boyle, 10000289A
Juanita Bryan, 10000231A	Tonya Evanoff, 10000703A
Jeff Ferryman, 10000902A	Jeanna Francis, 10000886A
Jodi Hettermann, 10000571A	Melinda Hight, 10000982A

Douglas Ladika, 10000987A  
Lisa Morley, 10000711A  
Jennifer Turner, 10000868A  
Sherry Grace, 10000895A

Patricia March, 10000073A  
Rachael Rogers, 10000440A  
Swathi Rao, 10000636A  
Tara Abdul-Aziz, 10000989A

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

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Stephen Huddleston, J.D., President

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Thomas Akre, D.O., Secretary