

**Medical Licensing Board of Indiana
Indiana Government Center - South Building
Room W064
402 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204**

**Minutes from the Meeting of
January 23, 2025**

John Strobel, MD, President, called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. and declared a quorum in accordance with IC 25-26-13-3(d), pursuant to public notice posted at the principal office for the Board, online at the board's website and on the state calendar at least forty-eight (48) hours before the time of the meeting.

Board Members Present:

John Strobel, MD
Kirk Masten, DO
Heidi Dunniway, MD
Bharat Barai, MD - Virtual via Zoom
Michael Busk, MD
Rebecca Mueller, MD

Board Members Absent:

Victoria McCann, JD

PLA Staff:

Christine Maslan, Board Director
Kiko Dixon, Assistant Board Director

Advisory Counsel:

Adam Harvey, JD

Court Reporter:

Accurate Reporting – Margie Addington

Election of Officers

John Strobel, MD – Board President
Kirk Masten, DO – Vice President and Board Liaison
Victoria McCann, JD – Secretary

A motion was made and seconded to re-elect officers with all continuing in current roles.
Barai/Mueller – 6-0-0

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda.
Barai/Busk 6-0-0.

Adoption of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the amended minutes from December 5, 2024.
Busk/Masten 6-0-0

Rulemaking

LSA 24-435: Regular Rulemaking - Physician Assistants

A motion was made and seconded to ACCEPT rulemaking decision.
6-0-0. Motion carries.

LSA 24-437: Regular Rulemaking - Behavior Analysts

A motion was made and seconded to ACCEPT rulemaking decision.
6-0-0. Motion carries.

Discussion Items

1. OAG Report - presented by Amy Osborne
2. Director's Report – presented by Christine Maslan

Administrative Hearings

Probation Modification

Alexander N. Chaikin, M.D., 01067044A Cause No.: 2019 MLB 0007

DAG: Ryan Eldridge

Respondent: Appeared with counsel, Mike Gaerte

Exhibit(s): Petitioners Exhibit A – Board's Final Order Accepting Settlement Agreement
Petitioners Exhibit B – Letter from Illinois Professionals Health Program dated November 19, 2024
Petitioners Exhibit C – Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation's Consent Order
Petitioners Exhibit D – Letter from Illinois Professionals Health Program dated January 2, 2025
Petitioners Exhibit E – Letter from Positive Sobriety Institute dated January 16, 2025
Petitioners Exhibit F – Letter from Melissa Allen dated January 9, 2025
Petitioners Exhibit G – Letter from Doctors and Friends dated January 16, 2025
Petitioners Exhibit H – Letter from Joseph Dole dated January 16, 2025

Witness(es): Dr. Chaiken

A motion was made and seconded to ACCEPT probation withdrawal.
Barai/Mueller 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Proposed Settlement Agreement

Rudolph A. Altergott, M.D., 01048009A Cause No.: 202411 MED 0024

DAG: Rebekah Hammond
Respondent: Appeared with counsel, David Meehan
Exhibit(s): None
Witness(es): None

A motion was made and seconded to ACCEPT Proposed Settlement Agreement that includes Letter of Reprimand and fine of two-hundred fifty dollar (\$250).
Masten/Busk 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Christine K. Watson, M.D., 01055140A Cause No.: 2023 MLB 0015 CONTINUED

Reinstatement Hearings

Joseph A. DeJoan, M.D., 01046269A Cause No.: 2023 MLB 0026

DAG: Whitney Cooper
Respondent: Appeared virtually via Zoom, counsel Mary Feldhake is present in person
Exhibit(s): Petitioner's Exhibit A – Continuing Education Certificate from Case Western Reserve for Intensive Courses in Medical Ethics, Boundaries and Professionalism
Petitioner's Exhibit B – Letter from Steve Koehler dated January 22, 2024
Petitioner's Exhibit C – ISMA PAP contract (unsigned)
Petitioner's Exhibit D – Phase I Discharge Record from Acumen Institute
Petitioner's Exhibit E – Medical Records from November 6, 2023
Petitioner's Exhibit F – Medical Records from October 27, 2023
Petitioner's Exhibit G – Boundary and Ethical Behavior Protection Plan from Acumen Institute
Witness(es): Dr. Michael Frampton, Dr. Joseph DeJoan, Dr. Alex Latham from Acumen Institute, Jennifer Jackson-Harr of ISMA PAP.

Dr. DeJoan, was placed on administrative leave in Sept 2024, after administrative complaint filed with OAG. Has completed Case Western program. Currently attending the second session of the Acumen longitudinal program in Kansas. Successfully completed the first phase of the program. Has not practiced in more than a year. Currently in a program where an active license would be beneficial.

Dr. Frampton, treating physician/psychologist. Has no concerns about Dr. DeJoan seeing patients, he is no longer on medication, cannot make a determination on whether he should continue seeing a psychologist.

Dr. Latham, forensic psychologist at Acumen Institute – Sept 2024 1st participated in the program, completed first part of program. License is not required but does allow the provider to execute the skills he is working on.

Jennifer Jackson-Harr, ISMA – Physician is in compliance with current contract.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE reinstatement of this license on indefinite PROBATION with terms and conditions.

Strobel/Masten 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Summary Judgement

John E. Humiston, M.D., 01081516A Cause No.: 2022 MLB 0018

DAG: Carah Rochester

Respondent: Appeared in person with counsel, John Richardson

Exhibit(s): State's Exhibit 1 – Wisconsin Board Order dated April 21, 2022

Witness(es): Dr. Humiston

A motion was made and seconded to place license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION with terms and conditions

Masten/Dunniway 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Default Hearings

Ijaz Mahmood, M.D., 01069312A Cause No.: 2022 MLB 0019

DAG: Kyle Sprunger and Amanda Cassidy

Respondent: Failed to appear

Exhibit(s): State's Exhibits 1 – US District Court Charges file stamped April 3, 2019

State's Exhibits 2 – US District Court Plea Agreement file stamped August 26, 2021

State's Exhibits 3 – US District Court Judgment

State's Exhibits 4 – KY Medical Board Order of Revocation file stamped April 22, 2022

State's Exhibits 5 – INSPECT Report dated September 16, 2022

Witness(es): None

A motion was made and seconded to hold the license in DEFAULT.

Busk/Masten 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

KY revoked license.

Convicted of health care fraud

A motion was made and seconded to REVOKE the Indiana physician license of Ijaz Mahmood, M.D.

Masten/Busk 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Carey M. Vigor, M.D., 01069925A Cause No.: 2018 MLB 0025

DAG: Jessica Krug

Respondent: Failed to appear

Exhibit(s): State's Exhibits 1 – Consumer Complaint filed by Dimitri Arbuck

State's Exhibits 2 – Communications between Dr. Arbuck and Respondent

State's Exhibits 3 – Consumer Complaint filed by Patient A

State's Exhibits 4 – Emails from Respondent regarding Patient A and other concerns

State's Exhibits 5 – Consumer Complaint filed by Father of Patient B

State's Exhibits 6 – Text messages between Respondent and Parents of Patient B provided by Respondent

State's Exhibits 7 – Letters from Respondent to Ms Davis, IN Dept of Child Services

State's Exhibits 8 – Patient Records from Respondent for Patients A & B
State's Exhibits 9 – Hamilton County DCS Contact Information
State's Exhibits 10 – Letter from Respondent to Medical Board of California, including Affidavit from Respondent
State's Exhibits 11 – Medical Board of California Decision Revoking Respondent's License
State's Exhibits 12 – Respondent's Licensed Professional Information with the Michigan Medical Licensing Board
State's Demonstrative Exhibit (PowerPoint)

Witness(es): None

A motion was made and seconded to hold the license in DEFAULT.
Masten/Busk 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

A motion was made and seconded to REVOKE the Indiana physician license of Carey M. Vigor, M.D.
Strobel/Dunniway 6-0-0.
Motion carries

Order to Show Cause

Leonard D. Guyer, M.D., 01040481A Cause No.: 2021 MLB 0020

DAG: Ryan Eldridge
Respondent: Appeared with counsel, Justin Sorrell
Exhibit(s):
Witness(es):

Pharmacy Board already ruled on their OTSC, violated probation on CSR. Added two (2) years onto original probation status with additional terms and conditions.

A motion was made and seconded to ACCEPT the revised probationary order, with an additional fine of \$1,000 (one thousand dollars).
Strobel/Masten 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Volunteer Healthcare Location

Cultivating Life Clinic

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE the issuance of the license.
Masten/Busk 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Personal Appearances

Initial Application

Ahmad Ahmad, M.D. [via Zoom]

Appeared via Zoom.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE the issuance of this license.
Barai/Masten 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Alexis Troncoso II, M.D. [via Zoom]

Appeared via Zoom.

Current employment Metabolic health company works with diabetes patients. All via telemedicine.
Board certified in Emerg Med

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE the issuance of this license.
Strobel/Dunniway 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Charles Fennie, D.O. [via Zoom]

Appeared virtually with counsel Hannah McCarthy

Terminated without cause
Last practiced as a general surgeon in February 2024.
Has potential Indiana job lined up in Lafayette.

Applicant has requested his application be withdrawn.

Elizabeth Wilson, M.D.

Appeared in person with counsel, Andrew Dettmer

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE the issuance of this license.
Dunniway/Busk 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Ikshvanku Barot, M.D.[via Zoom]

Appeared via Zoom.

Practicing for 20+ years, neurologist, sleep specialist.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE the issuance of this license.
Strobel/Busk 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Jacob Steins, M.D. [via Zoom]

Appeared via Zoom

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE issuance of this license.
Masten/Busk 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Jonathan Hendrzak, D.O.

Appeared in person.

Has only had 13 months of residency training

Last saw patient in November 2023.

Is currently an assistant professor in NC.

Applicant has requested his application be withdrawn.

Justin Di Rezze, M.D. [via Zoom]

Appeared in person.

MI license on probation for one (1) day.

Also licensed in MI, NC, GA, KS, PA, CO

No other states have taken action on license

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE issuance of this license.

Dunniway/Barai 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Michelle Alexandre, M.D.

Appeared in person with counsel Amanda Gray

Board requests letters of recommendation, proof of employment

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE issuance of this license pending receipt of employment verification (contract), three (3) letters of recommendation (2024 or more recent), letter from IL stating they are aware of the criminal issues and are not taking action on her IL license.

Mueller/Masten 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Robyn Anne Jackson, M.D.

Appeared in person.

Has had IL license since 1997, 2007 license suspended due to substance abuse issues, 2012 received license back on probation. Surrendered DEA license for cause, IL suspended license again. 2019 IL license reinstated on probation.

Has not practiced medicine in 4 years, last saw patient April 2019 or 2020.

Applicant has requested his application be withdrawn.

Renewal

Zachary Ventress, PGT, 11022304A

Reason: Tabled from December 5, 2024, DUI (May 2024), IL PHP

Relapsed January 5, 2025

Board recommends he contact Indiana PAP at least six (6) months of sobriety then renew license.

A motion was made and seconded to DENY the renewal of this license.

Strobel/Masten 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Reinstatement

James Pucka, D.C., 81000009A

Reason: Chiropractor license on probation.

RESCHEDULED AS A HEARING

Gregory Hardin, M.D., 01036081A

Reason: Requested to retire August 2024

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE reinstatement of this license.

Dunniway/Mueller 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Patricia Anne Session, M.D., 37002104A

Reason: Violation of statute

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Adjournment 3:55p