

**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**

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## **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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**