

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

**Minutes from the Meeting of
February 27, 2025**

John Strobel, MD, President, called the meeting to order at 8:39 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
Michael Busk, MD
Rebecca Mueller, MD

Board Members Absent:

Bharat Barai, MD

PLA Staff:

Christine Maslan, Board Director
Kiko Dixon, Assistant Board Director

Advisory Counsel:

Adam Harvey, JD

Court Reporter:

Accurate Reporting – Margie Addington

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the Amended agenda. Masten / McCann 6-0-0

Adoption of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the amended minutes from January 23, 2025.
Strobel/Masten 5-0-0.
McCann abstained

- A. Occupational Therapy Committee Amended Rule 844 IAC 10-3-2 Masten / Dunniway 6-0-0
- B. Indiana Physician Assistant Committee LSA # 24-594 Mueller/Masten 6-0-0
- C. Medical Licensing Board LSA # 24-595 Strobel/Mueller – 6-0-0
- D. Behavior Analyst Committee LSA # 24-596 Dunniway/Mueller 6-0-0
- E. Committee of Hearing Aid Dealer Examiners LSA# 24-597 Strobel/Masten 6-0-0
- F. Occupational Therapy Committee LSA # 24-598 Strobel/Dunniway 6-0-0

- G. Respiratory Care Committee LSA # 24-599 Masten/Busk 6-0-0
- H. Certified Direct Entry Midwives Committee LSA # 24-600 Dunningway/Mueller 6-0-0

Discussion Items

- 1. OAG Report - presented by Ryan Eldridge
- 2. Director's Report – presented by Christine Maslan
- 3. CPEP – Dr. Strobel and Dr. Mueller

Administrative Hearings

Final Hearings

William P. Hedrick, M.D., 01053048A Cause No.: 2014 MLB 0050
CONTINUED

Francis F. Joseph, M.D., 01049736A Cause No.: 2024 MLB 0011

DAG: Carah Rochester
Respondent: Did not appear
Exhibit(s): None
Witness(es): None

OAG Requests NOPD

A motion was made and seconded to GRANT Notice of Proposed Default

Masten/McCann 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Probation Modification

Yancey Holmes, M.D., 01084814A Cause No.: 2020 MLB 0032

DAG: None
Respondent: Appeared in person without counsel
Exhibit(s):
Witness(es): Dr. Yancey

A motion was made and seconded to WITHDRAW probation Dr. Yancey's license
Strobel/McCann 6-0-0
Motion carries.

Proposed Settlement Agreement

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

DAG: Carah Rochester
Respondent: Appeared in person with counsel Laura Iosue
Exhibit(s): None

Witness(es): None

A motion was made and seconded to ACCEPT the proposed settlement agreement,
Strobel/Dunniway 6-0-0
Motion carries

Robert Davis, UNLICENSED Cause No.: 2025 01 MED 0002

DAG: Ryan Eldridge
Respondent: Did not appear
Exhibit(s): None
Witness(es): None

A motion was made and seconded to ACCEPT the agreed order.
Busk/Mueller 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Summary Suspension

Aman Patel, D.O., 02006207A Cause No.: 2025 02 MED 0009

DAG: Rebekah Hammond
Respondent: Appeared via Zoom without counsel
Exhibit(s): State's Exhibit 1 – Licensing Enforcement Complaint filed by PLA
State's Exhibit 2 – Maryland Board of Physicians Order dated 10/23/2024
State's Exhibit 3 – License Status Overview – Suspended status in nineteen (19) states
State's Exhibit 4 – Email Statement of Dr. Patel sent to OAG.
Witness(es): Dr. Patel and Brittany Urley, investigator from the OAG's office

Evidentiary motion made to exclude the Respondent's exhibits.

A motion was made and seconded to GRANT the motion to exclude the respondent's exhibits
Strobel/Dunniway 6-0-0
Motion carries.

License in Maryland is currently suspended, also suspended in 18 other states.

A motion was made and seconded to ACCEPT summary suspension for ninety (90) days.
Strobel/Masten 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Reinstatement Hearings

James M. Pucka, D.C., 8100009A Cause No.: 2025 02 MED 0008

DAG: No applicable
Respondent: Appeared in person without counsel
Exhibit(s): None
Witness(es): Dr. Pucka

Motion to continue until April after the Chiropractic board meeting
Masten/Mueller 6-0-0
Motion carries.

Personal Appearances

Initial Application

Angel Leake Worthy, M.D.

Appeared via Zoom without counsel

Currently practicing infectious disease medicine in Illinois, plans to do telemedicine with her Indiana patients.

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

Masten/Dunniway 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Angela Schimka, R.D.

Reason: Positive Response, 2024 DUI

Appeared via Zoom without counsel

DUI August 2024. First offense.

Works as a traveling dietitian.

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

Masten/Mueller 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Dennis Jilka, M.D.

Reason: Previous ISMA PAP Contract, Left IUSOM residency before full second year of completion, No other active state license. Did not complete IUSOM IM residency program

Appeared in person without counsel.

Currently enrolled with Acumen, ISMA PAP

Sobriety date 2/8/2022.

Molly Dagon of ISMA PAP states he is current with 5-year contract.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE issuance of this license ON PROBATION with terms and conditions.

Strobel/McCann 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Michael McLeod, M.D.

Appeared via Zoom without counsel

Texas non-disciplinary action taken. Currently licensed in TX and VA.
Completed required CE and paid fine/citation.
Indiana plans – clinic in Lafayette doing locums

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

Strobel/McCann 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Wyatt Stahl, PGT

Appeared in person without counsel.

Started residency in Ohio, needed Indiana license for rotation in Indiana, no longer needs license as he completed rotation in KY.

Applicant requests withdrawal of application.

Waiver Request

Joao Kazan Tannus, M.D.

Reason: No ACGME Accredited PGT in U.S.
Appeared via Zoom without counsel

Radiologist - has a contract in Indiana with Saint Francis for tele-radiology
Licensed in Texas and Illinois.

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

Strobel/Dunniway 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Reinstatement

Emanuela Didita, M.D., 01071954A

Reason: No Active License since 2019

Appeared in person without counsel.

Worked in the US from 2009 – 20018 moved back to Romania until December 2024, has not practiced since she was last in the US. Green card expiration delayed return to US.

Tabled to March meeting.

Board is requesting Letter from Deaconess (employer) explaining program she will be enrolled (post grad or fellowship) in and the supervision that will be in place.

Letter confirming residency spot OR director of fellowship program.

A motion was made and seconded to CONTINUE appearance to the March meeting.

Strobel/Masten 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

John Jones, M.D., 01034334A

Reason: Has not paid \$500.00 Citation Fee from MLB August 22, 2019, Previous ISMA Pap Contact, Operating as medical director of a med spa

Appeared in person without counsel.

Molly Dagon, ISMA PAP, testified that he had contract with ISMA PAP, when he retired the contract is considered "closed". He has been in contact with ISMA to start a new contract with them, prior to retiring he was in compliance with his ISMA PAP contract.
Plan is to return to work in an Emergency Department.

Last time he practiced (did not want to go back to ER practice after treatment), then joined Vituity in May 2022, and retired from there in April 2024. Was also working with Groups Recover Together doing virtual meetings. In October 2024 was fired for not disclosing LOR to Groups Recover Together. November 2024 changed status of license to Inactive. Has now been recruited to come back to work at Vituity, needs Active license.

Tabled until March meeting

Strobel/Masten 6-0-0

Nivedita Pandey, M.D., 01072235A

Appeared via Zoom without counsel.

Did training in NY.

Moved back to India to care for her aging parents.

Green card has not come through. Has been working in India since leaving the US.

Previously worked for the VA, wants to work at the VA again in Texas.

A motion was made and seconded to Table reinstatement until the completion of CPEP course

Strobel/Mueller 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Redmond Hogan III, M.D., 01026451A

Reason: Inactive to Active, Wants to come out of retirement to self-prescribe

Failed to appear

Adjournment 1:29 p.m.