

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

**Minutes from the Meeting of
March 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
Rebecca Mueller, MD
Bharat Barai, MD
Victoria McCann, JD

Board Members Absent:

Michael Busk, 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.
Mueller/Masten 6-0-0.

Adoption of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the amended minutes from February 27, 2025.
Dunniway/Masten 5-0-0. Barai abstained

Administrative Hearings

Final Hearings

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

DAG: Jessica Krug
Respondent: Did Not Appear
Exhibit(s): None

Board GRANTS Motion to Withdraw Appearance of Randy Fisher.
Mueller/Dunniway 6-0-0
Motion Carries

State requests Notice of Proposed Default

A motion was made and seconded to GRANT Notice of Proposed Default.
Masten/Barai 6-0-0
Motion Carries

James E. Ranochak, M.D., 01026732A Cause No.: 2025 01 MED 0003

DAG: Natalie Stidd
Respondent: Did not appear
Exhibit(s): None

State requests Notice of Proposed Default

A motion was made and seconded to GRANT Notice of Proposed Default.
Barai/McCann 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Joel G. Brasch, M.D., 01041509A Cause No.: 2025 02 MED 0005
CONTINUED

Paul T. Kaplanis, M.D., 01031926A Cause No.: 2025 02 MED 0007

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

Proposed Settlement Agreement submitted

A motion was made and seconded to ACCEPT Proposed Settlement Agreement that includes a LETTER OF REPRIMAND and a FINE of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00).

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

Personal Appearances

Initial Application

Dillard Elmore, D.O.

Scheduled to attend virtually via Zoom, all Zoom appearances cancelled due to technical issues.

Ernestine Chaco, M.D.

Dr. Chaco appeared in person without counsel.
Emergency Medicine residency started in 2020, placed on remediation in second year, did an extension of second year and was on probation throughout the rest of residency .

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

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

Jack Doah, M.D.

Failed to appear

Jerry Cattelane Jr., M.D.

Scheduled to attend virtually via Zoom, all Zoom appearances cancelled due to technical issues.

John McCleerey, M.D.

Appeared in person with counsel Mike Gaerte

Current, unrestricted license in Florida.
Let KY license expire, it was unencumbered when it expired.
Has a job lined up in Columbus, IN as a primary care physician.

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

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

John Rodney, M.D.

Appeared in person without counsel.
Has current unrestricted licenses in KY, FL, TN, and TX.
Indiana plans Fort Wayne, medical director for addiction recovery center on off weekends.

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

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

Joshua Foster

Applicant requests to withdraw his application.

Tracy Maier, M.D.

Scheduled to attend virtually via Zoom, all Zoom appearances cancelled due to technical issues.

Tyler Wise, M.D.

Scheduled to attend virtually via Zoom, all Zoom appearances cancelled due to technical issues.

Reinstatement Application

Camille Williams, M.D., 01069311A

Scheduled to attend virtually via Zoom, all Zoom appearances cancelled due to technical issues.

Emanuela Didita, M.D., 01071954A

Reason: Continued from February 27, 2025 Meeting

Appeared in person without counsel

Dr. Kolleck appeared via Zoom – Fellowship program representative.

Will have one year of supervision in the program.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE reinstatement of this license ON PROBATION for 6 months can only practice within the Deaconess health system.

Barai/Masten 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

John Jones, M.D., 01034334A

Reason: Continued from February 27, 2025 Meeting

Appeared in person with counsel, David Jose

Submitted Exhibits:

A – Request for Reactivation of Inactive License

B – Curriculum Vitae

C – Clarification of 2019 Fine Payment

D – Recent Employment

E – Reference Letters

F – Emergency Medicine Board, ACLS, and PALS Certification

G – ISMA PAP Letter of Compliance

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

Barai/Masten 5-0-1.

McCann voted against

Motion carries.

Lynnette Watkins, M.D., 01058465A

Appeared in person with counsel, Brian Park.

Has been working in Massachusetts and Texas.

Board certified in Ophthalmology

2011 transitioned to health care administration

Plans to continue in health care administration in Indiana. Needs an active license to maintain board certification.

Has not worked in Indiana since 2013, Indiana license has been expired since 2021

Based on experience and expertise the board makes an exception

- may not practice clinically
- must provide an annual letter from employer stating she is clinically inactive
- make annual appearance before the board
- maintain board certification in non-practicing status

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

Strobel/Barai 6-0-0

Motion carries.

Maysa Hamza Abdul Hussain, M.D., 01069723A

Indiana license has been expired since 2015

Moved to IL, then worked locums, then moved to WI, then back to locums.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE reinstatement of this license pending receipt of letters from the three (3) most recent hospitals she has worked at.

Strobel/Barai 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Redmond Hogan III, M.D., 01026451A

A motion was made and seconded to DENY change of status of this license from Inactive to Active.

Strobel/Masten 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Suzanne Pattison, R.D., 37001826A

Scheduled to attend virtually via Zoom, all Zoom appearances cancelled due to technical issues.

Adjournment 11:16 a.m.