

**Minutes from the Meeting of the
Medical Licensing Board of Indiana**

Thursday, April 27, 2023

**Indiana Professional Licensing Agency
Conference Center Room 4, 5 & 6
302 West Washington Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204**

I. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m.
All present Board members participated in voting unless otherwise noted.

Board Members Present:

John Strobel, MD
Kirk Masten, DO
Heidi Dunniway, MD
Victoria McCann, JD
Rebecca Mueller, MD
Frank Messina, MD
Bharat Barai, MD

PLA Staff:

Alyssa Servies, JD, MPH
Christine Cowdin

Advisory Counsel:

Adam Harvey

II. Adoption of the Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the amended agenda.
Barai/Mueller 7-0-0

III. Adoption of the Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes from the March 23, 2023, meeting. Dunniway/Barai 7-0-0.

IV. Discussion Items

1. OAG Report

The report was presented by Amy Osborne, Section Chief of Medical Licensing.

2. Director's Report
The report was presented by Alyssa Servies, Board Director.
3. FSMB Annual Business Meeting – Review of Materials
4. Non-Rule Policy Document on Acupuncture Referrals
A motion to adopt the Non-Rule Policy Document on Acupuncture Referral. Masten/Dunniway 6-0-0.
5. Legislative Update by Julie Reed, ISMA Executive Director, and Doug Boyle, PLA's Legislative Director.

V. Administrative Hearings

9:00 a.m.

A. Order To Show Cause

1. Rugvedita Parakh, M.D., 01082449A

Cause No.: 2021 MLB 0028

DAG: Carah Rochester

Respondent: Not Present

Witness(es): None

Exhibit(s): None

A motion was made and seconded to issue a Notice of Proposed Default as neither the Respondent nor her counsel appeared. Mueller/Barai 7-0-0

B. Reinstatement Hearing

1. Courtney Lee Schwartz, M.D., 01045897A

Cause No.: 2015 MLB 0054

DAG: Alex James

Petitioner: Present with counsel, Todd Ess.

Witness(es): Courtney Schwartz, MD

Alyssa Servies, Board Director

Exhibit(s): Exhibit A: Professional Boundaries Course Certificate

Exhibit B: Continuing Medication Education Units Certificate

Exhibit C: Risk Assessment Report

Exhibit D: Acumen Institute Treatment Discharge Summary

Exhibit E: Letters from a Psychologist

A motion was made and seconded to reinstate the license on indefinite probation for a period of at least three years. Practice is restricted to working for Abbott Labs as a Medical Review Officer (for interpretation of drug screens and testing only). He may not have any direct patient contact either in person or virtually. If at any point his employment changes, he will have to appear before the Board for a probation modification hearing.

While on probation, he must also keep the board informed of any new disciplinary or employment issues, cause his employer quarterly reports to the Board. SPEX exam completed and submitted proof of passing to the Board before employment begins. Signed board order from the employer.

McCann/Mueller 7-0-0.

C. Prehearing Conferences

Conference Room 6

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| 1. Caitlin Bernard, M.D., 01078719A | 8:00 a.m. |
| 2. Ijaz Mahmood, M.D., 01069312A | 1:00 p.m. |
| 3. Lydia Helena Ferrell, M.D., 01056802A | 2:00 p.m. |
| 4. David William Johnson, M.D., 01035716A | 2:30 p.m. |
| 5. Eric Douglas Aitken, M.D., 01063349A | 3:30 p.m. |
| 6. Leonard Dale Guyer, M.D., 01040481A | 4:30 p.m. |

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Upcoming Board Dates

May 25, 2023

June 22, 2023

July 27, 2023

August 24, 2023

September 28, 2023

October 26, 2023

December 7, 2023