

**MEDICAL LICENSING BOARD OF INDIANA**  
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**MINUTES OF MAY 26, 2020**

John Strobel, M.D., President, called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. and declared a quorum in accordance with IC 25-22.5, pursuant to public notice posted on line at the board's website and on the state calendar at least forty-eight (48) hours before the time of the meeting.

Members Present by Telephone: John Strobel, M.D., President  
Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Member (arrived 10:17a.m.)  
Victoria McCann, J.D., Secretary  
Bharat Barai, M.D., Member  
Michael Busk, M.D., Member

Members Absent: Kirk Masten, D.O., Vice President

Staff Present by Telephone: Laura Turner, J.D., Board Director  
Professional Licensing Agency  
Jody Edens, Assistant Director  
Professional Licensing Agency  
Brian Park, J.D. Deputy Attorney General  
Office of the Attorney General

The Board voted by roll call to adopt the agenda as amended.

Barai/McCann, 4/0/0  
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:  
Victoria McCann, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk

The following board members objected: none

The following board members abstained: none

The Board voted by roll call to adopt the January 23, 2020; February 27, 2020 and the April 9, 2020 minutes as written.

Barai/McCann, 5/0/0  
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:  
Victoria McCann, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk, Rebecca Mueller  
The following board members objected: none  
The following board members abstained: none

### **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

#### **Darryl Henry, M.D., License No. 01063685A, Cause No. 2019 IBP 0039**

Respondent did not appear telephonically or in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Summary Suspension Extension scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Erica Steuerwald, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Margie Addington with Accurate Reporting Services also appeared telephonically.

Ms. Steuerwald informed the Board that the Respondents criminal trial is scheduled for September 29, 2020.

States Exhibit:

A – Criminal charges Case Summary

After having considered the evidence presented and taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence and orders in this matter the Board voted by roll call to EXTEND the SUMMARY SUSPENSION for ninety (90) days

Barai/McMann, 5/0/0  
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:  
Victoria McCann, Rebecca Mueller, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk  
The following board members objected: none  
The following board members abstained: none

### **PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

#### **Linda Meehan, D.O., License No. 0200888A – Renewal Reinstatement App**

Dr. Meehan did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a renewal reinstatement application.

After discussion, the Board voted by roll call to TABLE this matter.

Barai/Mueller, 5/0/0  
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:

Victoria McCann, Rebecca Mueller, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk  
The following board members objected: none  
The following board members abstained: none

**Colin Smith, M.D., Initial Application**

Dr. Smith appeared telephonically and was not represented by counsel regarding a positive response on his initial application.

Dr. Smith informed the Board that he doesn't know anything about a robbery charge. It was from 1991 at which time he was in the army.

He stated he received an honorable discharge from the Army.

He stated that in 2017 he received his board certification and is licensed in the state of Washington

After discussion, the Board voted by roll call to TABLE Dr. Smith's application for additional documentation. Specifically, they requested a copy of his discharge papers or a letter from a Superior Officer that could vouch for him.

Strobel/Busk, 4/1/0, with Dr. Barai objecting  
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:  
Victoria McCann, Rebecca Mueller, John Strobel, Michael Busk  
The following board members objected: Bharat Barai  
The following board members abstained: none

**Mahmood Ahmad, M.D., License No. 01059379A, Renewal Application**

Dr. Ahmad appeared telephonically and was not represented by counsel regarding a positive response on his renewal application.

June 2016, the Arkansas Board found Dr. Ahmad violated the practice act and ordered him to obtain continuing education in boundaries; prescribing and record keeping. They also stated they would do a random audit on his patient files.

December 2013, the Arkansas Board issued an Emergency Order of Suspension on Dr. Ahmad's license.

February 2015, the Arkansas Board order him to pay \$20,000 in hearing costs and to submit to a random audit of 10 charts within one (1) year. In July 2015, he fulfilled these requirements and his license was returned to active status.

June 2016, Dr. Ahmad surrendered his DEA in Arkansas.

October 2016, the Arkansas Board voted that Dr. Ahmad violated the medical practice act

and revoked his license.

November 2013, Dr. Ahmad submitted an initial application to obtain an Alaska medical license. He presented that he was under investigation by Arkansas for allegedly violating the medical prescriptive practice regulations. Alaska determined to issue a consent agreement with a fine and reprimand and ordered monitoring to assure he complied with the Arkansas order.

May 2016, the Alaska issued a Summary Suspension citing allegations he failed to properly assess his patients.

August 2016, the Alaska Board accepted the surrender in lieu of revocation after the Board found that Dr. Ahmad posed a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety if he continued to practice. They accepted this due to his professional incompetence, gross negligence, repeated negligent conduct and unprofessional conduct, opioid prescribing practices including overprescribing high dose opioids, failing to provide adequate patient assessment and obtain patient background information, failing to provide sufficient monitoring and failing to maintain complete patient records.

December 2018, the Arkansas Board denied his request to reapply for licensure.

After discussion, Dr. Ahmad requested to WITHDRAW his initial application.

After further discussion, the Board voted by roll call to APPROVE Dr. Ahmad's request to WITHDRAW his application.

Barai/Mueller, 5/0/0  
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:  
Victoria McCann, Rebecca Mueller, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk  
The following board members objected: none  
The following board members abstained: none

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **Genetic Counselor's requests to waive continuing education requirements:**

The following Genetic Counselor's requested to have their CE requirement waived due to Covid-19 and the fact that they were just recently issued their license.

Regardless of when a genetic counselor is issued their license they are by law required to have the full fifty (50) hours of CE.

Caitlyn Ricks, MSGC, GC  
Kate Loranger, MS, GC

After discussion, the Board voted by roll call to WAIVE the CE requirement for both Ms.

Ricks and Ms. Loranger.

Strobel/Barai, 5/0/0  
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:  
Victoria McCann, Rebecca Mueller, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk  
The following board members objected: none  
The following board members abstained: none

**Physician Retirement Status:**

The following physicians have requested their license to be placed on retirement status:

George Morgan, M.D.  
William Michael Roper, M.D.

After discussion, the Board voted by roll call to APPROVE both physicians for retirement status.

Strobel/Barai, 5/0/0  
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:  
Victoria McCann, Rebecca Mueller, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk  
The following board members objected: none  
The following board members abstained: none

Staff discussed with the Board if they wanted to continue to see these requests monthly or could staff approve them for the Board. The Board only wants to see them if the physician has issues with their license, otherwise staff can approve them.

**Stephanie Eckerle, Keieg DeVault – discussion on Naprapths:**

This matter was continued.

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 11:51 a.m.