

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

**Minutes from the Meeting of
June 27, 2024**

John Strobel, MD, President, called the meeting to order at 8:50 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
Michael Busk, MD
Bharat Barai, MD – Arrived at 9:23am
Victoria McCann, JD

Board Members Absent:

Heidi Dunniway, MD
Rebecca Mueller, 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 agenda.
McCann/Masten 4-0-0

Adoption of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the amended minutes from May 23, 2024.
Masten/Mueller 4-0-0.

Discussion Items

1. OAG Report - presented by Amy Osborne
2. Director's Report and Summary of FSMB Symposium on Alternate Licensing Models – presented by Christine Maslan

Administrative Hearings

Final Hearings

Robert O. Bigler, MD, 01034584A, Cause Number: 2023 MLB 0032

DAG: Natalie Stidd
Respondent: Present with counsel Randy Fisher
Exhibit(s): State's Exhibit 1
State's Exhibit 2
State's Exhibit 3
State's Exhibit 4
State's Exhibit 5
Respondent's Exhibit A
Respondent's Exhibit B
Respondent's Exhibit C
Respondent's Exhibit D
Respondent's Exhibit F
Respondent's Exhibit G
Respondent's Exhibit I
Respondent's Exhibit J
Respondent's Exhibit K
Respondent's Exhibit L
Respondent's Exhibit M
Respondent's Exhibit N
Respondent's Exhibit O

Witness(es): Dr. Bigler

Administrative complaint filed 11.16.2023. Respondent on criminal probation for another year or so. Has MOU with the DEA.

State requests probation, fine, and \$5 records fee.

Positive finding on Count 1

Positive finding on Count 2

A motion was made and seconded to ISSUE A LETTER OF REPRIMAND and impose a two thousand dollar (\$2,000) FINE payable within 90 days.

Strobel/Masten 4-0-0

Motion carries

Barai abstained

Probation Modification

Robert Holloway, MD, 01093652A, Cause Number: 2024 MLB 0016

DAG: None
Respondent: Appeared without counsel
Exhibit(s): Exhibit A – Dr. Tricoci's Information
Witness(es): None

Request for approval of Dr. Michel Tricoci as practice monitor.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE probation modification request PENDING RECEIPT of CV of Dr. Tricoci.

Strobel/Barai 5-0-0.
Motion carries

Denial Appeal

Bashar Miami, MD, 01058370A – Withdrew Appeal
Cause Number: 2024 MLB 0010

Proposed Settlement Agreement

Christopher Donn Nelson, DO, 02003622A, Cause Number: 2024 MLB 0013

DAG: Amy Osborne
Respondent: Did not appear
Exhibit(s): None
Witness(es): None

A motion was made and seconded to ACCEPT the proposed settlement agreement which places this license on PROBATION and imposes a two-hundred fifty dollar (\$250) fine.

McCann/Barai 5-0-0.
Motion carries

Personal Appearances

Initial Application

Edward Cipolla, DO

Dr. Cipolla appeared in person with counsel, Mike Gaerte.
Voluntarily surrendered AZ license March 2023. Cannot return to AS to reinstate license for five (5) years. Has no intention of being in the state of Indiana to practice, will be practicing telehealth from AZ.

Applicant requests to withdraw application.
Request granted.

Erina McKinney, PGT

Appeared in person without counsel.
Positive response on initial postgraduate training application.

A motion was made and seconded to issue license on PROBATION for a minimum of six (6) months with terms and conditions.

Strobel/McCann 5-0-0
Motion carries

Jonathan Jones, PGT

Failed to appear

Millard Collins, MD

Appeared via Zoom without counsel.

Pursuing an Indiana license to continue partnership with Chiropractor, Bryan Guess, with whom he has an existing relationship.

A motion was made and seconded to TABLE this application pending further information

Strobel/Barai 5-0-0

Motion carries

Richard George, MD

Appeared in person without counsel

Job offer in Indiana with Parkview Hospital. Staff medical privileges were briefly suspended for nine (9) days in 2023. Privileges were reinstated, no action taken on OH license.

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

Barai/Strobel 5-0-0

Motion carries

Saul Weinreb, MD

Appeared in person without counsel.

Has job offer with IU Ball Memorial Hospital.

Previous discipline on Maryland license based on a complaint filed by a patient with whom he had a personal relationship. Currently has active, unrestricted in MD and AL.

Applicant requests to withdraw application.

Request granted.

Shilpan Patel, MD

Appeared in person without counsel.

5.18.2018 sobriety date. Completed KY PAP program, license is now active and unrestricted.

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

Masten/McCann 5-0-0

Motion carries.

Waiver Request

Mohammad Akhavanheidari, MD

Continued

Mohinder Gill, MD

Appeared in person without counsel.

Has full license in Ohio.

A motion was made and seconded to ISSUE Indiana license via reciprocity.

Barai/McCann 5-0-0

Motion carries.

Tamer Albatineh, MD

Failed to appear

Utibe Ndebbio, MD

Appeared in person without counsel.

A motion was made and seconded to ISSUE Indiana license via reciprocity.

Strobel/Barai 5-0-0

Motion carries

Yosif El-Gammal, MD

Appeared in person without counsel. Employer also appeared.

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

Must notify board if there is a change of employment, annual letter from employer stating still employed in good standing.

Masten/McCann 5-0-0

Motion carries.

Roosevelt Bryant, III, MD

Appeared in person without counsel

Fully licensed in AZ, multiple board certifications

A motion was made and seconded to ISSUE Indiana license via reciprocity.

Busk/Masten 5-0-0

Motion carries.

Renewal

Jacob Walker, PGT - 11022074A

Appeared via Zoom with program director, Dr. Wieschhaus.

Starting third year of residency. On probation with current residency program.

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

Masten/Busk 5-0-0

Motion carries.

Michael Hu, 01053511A

Appeared via Zoom without counsel

Failure to disclose settlement on renewal.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license and impose a two-hundred fifty dollars (\$250) citation.

Strobel/Masten 5-0-0

Motion carries.

Reinstatement

Anne Cruse, RD, 37001696A

Appeared in person without counsel.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE reinstatement of this license.
McCann/Strobel 5-0-0
Motion carries.

Navneet Adya, MD, 01050213A
Matter Continued

Adjournment 2:58pm