

**MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE
MEDICAL LICENSING BOARD OF INDIANA**

JULY 28, 2022

**INDIANA GOVERNMENT CENTER SOUTH
PROFESSIONAL LICENSING AGENCY
ROOM W064
402 WEST WASHINGTON STREET
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

8:30 a.m.

Board Members Present:

John Strobel, M.D.
Kirk Masten, D.O.
Bharat Barai, M.D.
Michael Busk, M.D.
Heidi Dunnaway, M.D.
Victoria McCann, J.D.

All Board members participated in voting unless otherwise noted.

Board Members Absent:

Rebecca Mueller, M.D.

PLA Staff:

Alyssa Servies, JD, MPH
Zharia Collins

Advisory Counsel:

Adam Harvey, JD

II. ADOPTION/AMENDMENTS OF THE AGENDA

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

III. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

8:30 a.m.

A. Initial Application

1. David Gurley, M.D. – Failure to Disclose

Dr. Gurley appeared for failing to disclose a past arrest on his initial application. Dr. Gurley stated that his employer, a telemedicine company. A motion was made and seconded to grant the license. Masten/Barai 6-0-0

2. Babak Rezaei, M.D. – Failure to Disclose

Dr. Rezaei failed to appear, and this will need to be rescheduled.

3. Jordan Wood, M.D. – Failure to Disclose

Dr. Wood appeared for failing to disclose an arrest on initial application. Dr. Wood appeared with counsel, Chelsea Kurth. The arrest was from 2006 and Dr. Wood was under the impression that the subsequent conviction was expunged; however, the matter was only dismissed. A motion was made and seconded to grant the license. Barai/Busk 6-0-0

4. Jordan Babcock, D.O. – Failure to Disclose

Dr. Babcock appeared for failing to disclose a conviction on initial application. Dr. Babcock believed the matter had been expunged, but it was only dismissed. Dr. Babcock did disclose the conviction on a subsequent CSR application. A motion was made and seconded to grant the license. Masten/Barai 6-0-0

5. Jennifer Stever, D.O. – Positive Response (#1,4,9,11)

Dr. Stever appeared after disclosing multiple positive responses on an initial application. In 2011, Dr. Stever developed a substance use disorder and started prescribing medication to herself. She was investigated by the Osteopathic Board in California (CA) and entered a rehabilitation program. Her Texas license was suspended, New York (NY) followed suit, and she voluntarily surrendered her DEA registration. Her CA and NY licenses were ultimately put on probation, which ended in 2019. She did not report any relapses. She is in Indiana to work for a group that contracts with hospital systems. A motion was made and seconded to grant the license. Barai/Strobel 6-0-0.

6. Aki Puryear, M.D. – Positive Response (#1,3,5,8)

Dr. Puryear appeared after disclosing multiple positive responses on an initial application. In 2002, Dr. Puryear developed a substance use disorder and started self-prescribing Vicodin. He was arrested and subsequently went through a treatment program. Both his Ohio and Missouri licenses were under a consent decree with those Boards. Currently, all his licenses are active. He is a pediatric orthopedic doctor with a spinal specialty. A motion was made and seconded to grant the license. Masten/Dunniway 6-0-0.

7. Vijay Gottipati, M.D. Resident – Positive Response (#5)

Gottipati appeared after disclosing a positive response on a post graduate training permit application. Gottipati appeared with counsel, Erika Steuerwald. He reported past substance use issues and has been very proactive with seeking providers for other health issues. Gottipati did report issues with professionalism while in school. A motion was made and seconded to grant the post graduate training permit. Masten/Barai 6-0-0.

8. Chiedozie Ofoma, M.D. Resident – Positive Response (#5)

Ofoma appeared after disclosing a positive response on a post graduate training permit application. Ofoma appeared with counsel, Bryan D. Williams. Ofoma reported that he is currently in a PhD program and will then be involved in an ISMA monitoring contract for a period of 5 years. He is already involved with AA. He plans on participating in a psychiatry residency program in Indianapolis. A motion was made and seconded to grant the post graduate training permit. Barai/Dunniway 6-0-0

9. Jordan Holt, An. Asst. – Positive Response (#1,4)

Holt appeared after disclosing a positive response on an anesthesiologist assistant initial application. Holt reported a termination from a training program in Oklahoma City. He had taken Ambien and was arrested for driving under the influence. He entered into a monitoring program through the Oklahoma Board. A motion was made and seconded to issue the license on indefinite probation for at least one year from the date of his final order. He must submit proof of completion of his Oklahoma monitoring program. While on probation,

he is to submit monthly reports from his supervisory physician to the Board. Masten/Barai 6-0-0.

10. Gowhar Khan, M.D. – Positive Response (#1,4,9)/Waiver Request (FLEX)

After disclosing that his Illinois license was previously suspended and currently on probation, the Board recommended withdrawing his application. Dr. Khan made an oral request to withdraw his application.

11. Ruthie Cooper, M.D. – Positive Response (#1,6,12)

Dr. Cooper appeared after disclosing multiple positive responses on an initial application. While a resident in West Virginia, she was terminated from her clinical duties. Her license was disciplined. She now holds an active license in West Virginia. A motion was made and seconded to grant the license. **MISSING VOTE.**

12. Steven Marchino, M.D. – Probation Request – 01052937A

Dr. Marchino appeared to approve a change in his employer. A motion was made and seconded to approve the change. Strobel/Masten 6-0-0.

B. Waiver Request

1. Rashid Ansari, M.D. – Waiver Request (USMLE)

Dr. Ansari appeared on a waiver request to take the USMLE Part 1 for a fifth attempt. He appeared with a representative of the hospital system wishing to hire him. He meetings the waiver requirements. A motion was made and seconded to grant the waiver request and fifth attempt at the USMLE Part 1. Barai/McCann 6-0-0.

2. Deka Efobi, M.D. – Waiver Request (USMLE)

This matter was tabled until a later board meeting.

IV. DISCUSSION

A. Reports

i. Board Director

The report was presented by Alyssa Servies.

a. Interstate Medical Licensure Compact

The Board determined that Dr. Masten, D.O., and Dr. Dunniway, M.D., would serve as IMLCC commissioners.

b. Respiratory Care Rules

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed rules as adopted by the Respiratory Care Committee.
Busk/Masten 6-0-0.

ii. Attorney General:

The report was presented by a representative from the Office of the Indiana Attorney General.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

9:30 a.m.

A. PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

1. GABRIEL ROSENBERG, M.D., 01018102A

Cause No.: 2022 MLB 0017

Re: Proposed Settlement Agreement

DAG: Carah Rochester

Respondent: Not present

Witness(es): None

Exhibit(s): None

A motion was made and seconded to accept the agreement.

Barai/Dunniway 6-0-0.

B. PETITIONS TO WITHDRAW PROBATION/REINSTATEMENT

1. JAY K. JOSHI, M.D., 01074818A

Cause No.: 2018 MLB 0005

Re: Probation Withdraw

DAG: Robert Fox, Certified Legal Intern; Ryan Eldridge,
Supervisory Deputy Attorney General

Respondent: Not present

Witness(es): None

Exhibit(s): None

A motion was made and seconded to deny the petition to withdraw probation. Masten/Barai 6-0-0.

C. APPEAL

1. AMY C. HAN, M.D., PENDING

Cause No.: 2022 MLB 0015

Re: Initial Application Denial

DAG: None

Respondent: Present with counsel, Patrick M. Callahan.

Witness(es): None

Exhibit(s): None

A motion was made and seconded to deny the appeal.

Barai/Masten 6-0-0.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned in the afternoon.

2022 Meeting Dates: August 25, September 22, October 27, and December 01