

Medical Licensing Board of Indiana

**Indiana Government Center - South Building
402 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204**

**Minutes from the Meeting of
September 25, 2025**

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/16076409084>

Meeting ID: 160 7640 9084

John Strobel, M.D., President, called the meeting to order at 8:44 a.m. and declared a quorum in accordance with IC 25-22.5-2-2, 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
Michael Busk, MD – left meeting at 12:08 pm for hospital emergency
Victoria McCann, JD
Bharat Barai, MD

Board Members Absent:

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.
Barai/McCann 6-0-0.

Adoption of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes from August 28, 2025.
Dunniway/Masten 6-0-0.

Proposed Rules OT – Approve proposed rule
Masten/Busk 6-0-0

Administrative Hearings

Final Hearing

Johann D. Farley, M.D., 01060680A, Cause No.: 2025 03-MED-0010

DAG: Natalie Stidd
Respondent: Appeared with counsel, Michael Roth
Witness: Dr. Farley
Exhibit(s): None

Proposed Settlement Agreement submitted late on 9.24.2025 for Board review.

A motion was made and seconded to ACCEPT the Proposed Settlement Agreement that imposes license SUSPENSION for no less than one hundred eighty (180) days with terms and conditions.

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

Proposed Settlement Agreement

Christopher Butler, M.D., 01070527A, Cause No.: 2023 MLB 0023

DAG: Alex James
Respondent: Did not appear
Witness: None
Exhibit(s): None

A motion was made and seconded to ACCEPT the Proposed Settlement Agreement that places the license on PROBATION for no less than one (1) year with terms and conditions.

Strobel/McCann 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Personal Appearances

Initial Application

Eduardo Iglesias, M.D.

Failed to appear

John McLain, M.D.

Appeared in person without counsel.

Step 3 took 6 times to pass but applied via reciprocity. Currently licensed in FL, CO, CT, DC, MD, MI, MT, NM, NY, OH, PA, VA, and WV.

Passed all boards on the first attempt in psychiatry and forensic psychiatry. Works locums, practicing since 2014. May 1996 dismissed from medical school at LSU eventually was accepted to Meharry Medical school, took 8 years to complete.

Last time practicing psychiatry was April 2024. Renewed Board certifications in December 2024.

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

Barai/Dunniway 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Shamsher Lakhian, M.D.

Appeared in person without counsel.

Currently licensed in CA (since 2014) and TX (since 1996). Retired, now working at leisure, has a job lined up in Muncie, IN. Was licensed via alternate pathways for other licenses. Board certified in internal medicine and endocrinology. Muncie job would be two weeks per month, splitting time with another physician.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE issuance of this license on a WAIVER contingent upon receipt of employment contract for a minimum of three (3) years, four (4) recommendation letters, annual reports from the employer.

Strobel/Masten 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Vinod Sehgal, M.D.

Appeared in person with counsel, Mike Gaerte

Licensed in IL since 2019.

Has job offer from Franciscan in Michigan City, IN. Answered "yes" to a question on the application regarding medical malpractice. Case is going to court, no judgement or settlement yet, could have answered "no".

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

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

Reinstatement

Christopher Touloukian
Failed to appear

Waiver Request

Istvan Gergely, M.D.

Appeared in person without counsel, but with Mark Rowlands representing Rush Memorial Hospital.

Just became a US citizen.

Three-year contract with Rush, under the supervision of Dr. Ginther has been presented to the board for review. Also provided case logs from Romania and additional letters of support from orthopedic surgeons who have worked with Dr. Gergely in the past that the Board had requested at his last appearance.

****See board order for exact terms and conditions.**

Proposed probation terms: can only perform surgery in the presence of Dr. Ginther, or another qualified surgeon who has an agreement signed.

physician(s) who will be performing case review. First sixty days (60) days Dr. Gergely will be operating as first assist with Dr. Ginther. The remaining days Dr. Gergely will be operating with Dr. Ginther as first assist. Reports need to be generated and submitted to the board for review at 60, 120, 150, and 180 days.

Metrics tracked ninety (90) days from the date of surgery need to include: readmission rates, surgical site infections, returns to surgery, major complications or deaths.

A motion was made and seconded to GRANT the waiver and APPROVE issuance of this license on indefinite PROBATION for a period of no less than one hundred twenty (120) days of active practice with terms and conditions. Prior to commencing the practice of medicine of a letter of agreement between Rush and IU for ongoing review of cases and outcomes to be reviewed by a board member.

Dunniway/Barai 4-1-0.
McCann votes Nay
Motion carries.

Renewal Application – Positive Response

Paula Abrinko, M.D., 01045436A

Appeared in person without counsel.

"Hospital felt I made them look bad". Was suspended from work for two weeks.
New rule that inpatients needed to be discharged and come back as an outpatient for a specific procedure. Had a case where this was dangerous for a patient. Hospital sometimes want to discharge patients when she does not agree with this.
Works at four hospitals, no other issues.

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

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

Irgan Afaq, M.D., 01057489A

Appeared in person without counsel.

Complaint was filed in 2022 by staff stating that a few patients should not have been place on 72-hour hold. Was placed on suspension at Our Lady of Peace Hospital. Dr. did not agree with the hospital's decision to discharge patients. Resigned privileges at this hospital because was working at other hospitals in KY with no issues.
Also licensed in KY, renewed KY license earlier this year.

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

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

Mohammad Asgar, M.D., 01068370A

Appeared with Counsel, Barclay Wong

Not enrolled in Medicare or Medicaid, is an extension of previous exclusion that the board was aware of. All positive responses stem from previous incidents the board has been aware of and took action on. Currently working outpatient non-Medicare Medicaid patients.

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

Barai/Masten 5-0-0.
Motion carries.

Brian Clarke, M.D., 01034548A

Appeared in person without counsel.

Community Hospital North endoscopy nurses made complaints about things he was talking about around the office.

Completed Vanderbilt three-day course on boundaries.
Hospital instituted a zero-tolerance policy after the course, but there was another complaint filed and his privileges were revoked. Still working at removing complaint from the NPDB since they did not follow the by-laws.

Still practice at St. Vincent Hospital and Riverview Hospital.

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

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

Steven Gatewood, M.D., 01028131A

Appeared in person without counsel.

Stated that he occasionally prescribes to family and friends. Has not practiced in an office setting since late 2021 (had lung transplant in April 2022 due to COVID). Keeps medical records at home. Quoted AMA medical ethics. Does sometimes write prescriptions for daughter and wife. Specialty is family practice. Does not prescribe controlled substances only legend drugs. Has not been doing CE. Does not have a CSR.

Licensee requests that renewal be withdrawn

Elizabeth Mateos, M.D., 01033055A

Appeared in person without counsel.

Retired April 2020. Wants to be able to prescribe to self and spouse.

Licensee requests that renewal be withdrawn

Sundee Mummaneni, D.O., 02007813A

Appeared in person without counsel.

Baptist Health Paducah, had multiple complications at the facility over a four (4) month period in 2024. Lost clinical privileges in other places since privileges lost at Baptist Health. Currently licensed in IN, KY, GA, NM, MO, and AR. In the process of renewing KY license, they just asked for PR statement for that renewal. Has not yet worked in Indiana. Completed residency in 2021.

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

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

Elian Shepherd, M.D., 01033705A

Appeared in person without counsel.

Multiple medical malpractice claims since last renewal. Some were dropped, some ended in settlement, some are still open.

How many cases in the last twelve months – Has not done much in the past year, going to a new hospital because former hospital did not renew his contract and was trying to restrict him based on non-compete. Mostly doing consultations currently.

Licensee requests that renewal be withdrawn

Renewal Application – Failure to Disclose

Matthew Boyer, M.D., 01050337A

Reason: 2023 Settlement

Appeared in person without counsel.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE license renewal with NO citation.

Strobel/Barai 5-0-0

Motion carries.

Aaron Coats, M.D., 01071144A

Reason: \$481K MedMal

Appeared in person with Counsel Amy Anders

Physician portion was settled and disclosed in 2023, then Patients Compensation Fund settled later.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE license renewal with NO citation.

Strobel/Masten 5-0-0

Motion carries.

David Goertzen, M.D., 01041473A

Reason: \$185K MedMal

Appeared in person without counsel.

Failure to disclose med malpractice on renewal

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

Barai/Masten 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Kai Hsu, M.D., 01056153A

Reason: \$50K MedMal

Appeared in person without counsel.

Failure to disclose med malpractice on renewal. First med mal settlement in more than two decades of practice

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

McCann/Barai 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Darryl Itow, M.D., 01051955A

Reason: \$300K MedMal

Appeared in person without counsel.

Failure to disclose med malpractice on renewal. Diagnostic radiologist for the VA, first med mal complaint.

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

Barai/Dunniway 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Mitchell Li, M.D., 01082293A

Reason: Veteran's Affairs Hospital reported clinical skills not meeting standards of healthcare

Appeared in person without counsel.

Failed to disclose termination of privileges on renewal.

Happened in NC. Now practicing in IL.

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

Dunniway/McCann 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Nada Mukoski, M.D., 01060837A

Reason: Title IV

Failed to appear

Asad Niazi, M.D., 01092625A

Withdrawal of renewal was approved without appearance before the board.

A motion was made and seconded to REFER to the Office of the Attorney General.

Barai/Masten 5-0-0

Motion carries.

Prinn Stang, M.D., 01029174A

Reason: \$93K MedMal

Appeared in person without counsel.

Failed to Disclose medical malpractice settlement on renewal.

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

Barai/Dunniway 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Michael Thorpe, M.D., 01079048A

Reason: Previous federal deferment agreement.

Appeared in person without counsel.

Was enrolled in a felony diversion program based on December of 2022 domestic violence dispute with wife, nothing physical.

The Board would like to see the probable cause affidavit and the charging documents before making a decision on renewal.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE license renewal after receipt, review, and approval by the board of the probable cause affidavit and charging documents with NO citation imposed.

Strobel/McCann 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Paul Winchester, M.D., 01053947A

Continued to MLB October 23, 2025.

Madhusudhan Yakkanti, M.D., 01075275A

Reason: \$100K MedMal

Appeared in person without counsel.

Appeared in person without counsel. Primary practice in Louisville, KY. Three medical malpractice claims since starting practice in 2007.

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

Barai/Dunniway 5-0-0.
Motion carries.

Adjournment 1:40 p.m.