

Minutes from the Meeting of the Medical Licensing Board of Indiana

October 26, 2023

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I. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 8:49 a.m.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Heidi Dunniway, MD

PLA Staff:

Alyssa Servies, JD, MPH
Kiko Dixon

Advisory Counsel:

Attorney Bio

II. Adoption of the Agenda

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

III. Adoption of the Minutes

1. September 28, 2023

The minutes were tabled to December 7, 2023.

IV. Personal Appearances

A. Waiver Requests

1. Mohan Gundeti, MD

Dr. Gundeti appeared requesting a waiver on his initial application. He is a specialist in pediatric urology, which is a practice area currently unavailable in Northwest Indiana. Dr. Gundeti was able to demonstrate his competence to practice over the past 15 years. A motion was made and seconded to approve the waiver request and issue the license pending receipt of three-year contract with the University of Chicago. Strobel/Barai 6-0-0.

2. Melissa Roy, MD

Dr. Roy failed to appear and will be rescheduled for a later date.

3. Mitko Madjunkov, MD

Dr. Madjunkov appeared requesting a waiver of testing and post graduate training requirements on his initial application. Dr. Madjunkov only has a post graduate training license in Canada. The Board determined that he needs full licensure in Canada or another objective assessment of clinical competency. The applicant withdrew his waiver request. Messina/Strobel 6-0-0

B. Initial Application

1. Kasey Gildersleeve, MD

Dr. Gildersleeve appeared for a positive response on an initial application for disclosing an OWI in Texas in 2022. The Texas Medical Board initially put him under investigation but then did not impose disciplinary action. He disclosed another criminal matter that was dismissed in 2017. Dr. Gildersleeve is applying to practice telemedicine in vascular neurology. The Board decided to table the application pending an evaluation by the ISMA PAP program. A motion was made and seconded to approve the initial application and issue the license. Masten/Dunniway 6-0-0.

2. Aaron Ruderman, MD

Dr. Ruderman appeared again, with attorney Ryan Torres, for a positive response on his initial application. He disclosed that he resigned from his residency program. University of Chicago College of Medicine reported to AMA that the residency program was only partially completed. Dr. Ruderman provided an amended AMA report showing that the residency was completed. Dr. Ruderman provided a letter to demonstrate why there were issues in his residency program. The Board recommended that Dr. Ruderman would be suitable for a new residency program and should apply for a post graduate training permit. Dr. Ruderman withdrew his application.

C. Reinstatement

1. Zahid Hussain, MD

Dr. Hussain submitted a reinstatement application with a positive response. His medical license in New Jersey was suspended for 36 months and was reinstated in October 2015. He has been practicing in NJ since 2015 and does not have any licenses in other jurisdictions. There was no reciprocal discipline, but he did have to relinquish his New York medical license. Dr. Hussain is being monitored by the physician assistance program in NJ. Dr. Hussain is trying to get the restriction on his NJ license removed. Dr. Hussain's application was tabled until the NJ matter is completed.

2. Oluyemisi Adeyemi Bero, MD

Dr. Bero failed to appear for a second time. The Board determined that since Dr. Bero has been practicing in Nigeria since 2009, that the requirements for reinstatement are not met. A motion was made and seconded to deny the reinstatement. Strobel/Masten 6-0-0.

D. Renewal Application

1. Yagnaram Ravichandran-Cupp, MD

Dr. Ravichandran-Cupp appeared for a positive response on his renewal application. He was disciplined by his employer for falsifying patient records, after he made a complaint about the working conditions at his employer. His employer terminated him. After investigation, the OH Board took no disciplinary action. No other states acted. A motion was made and seconded to renew his license and not issue a civil penalty. Strobel/Barai 6-0-0.

2. Alexander Lakowsky, MD

Dr. Lakowsky appeared for a positive response on his renewal application. The CA Board issued a public reprimand against his license for issues with prescribing controlled substances. Now his CA license is unrestricted. NY took reciprocal action and issued a censure. A motion was made and seconded to renew his license and not issue a civil penalty. Barai/Messina 6-0-0.

3. Maximina Boutselis, MD

Dr. Boutselis appeared for a positive response on her renewal application with her attorney, Bradley Keffer. Both medical malpractice cases that she disclosed are still pending. She has unrestricted licenses in several jurisdictions and has been practicing in radiology for 20 years. A motion was made and seconded to renew his license and not issue a civil penalty. Barai/Masten 6-0-0.

4. John Salter, MD

Dr. Salter appeared for a positive response on his renewal application with counsel, Angela Rinehart. The medical malpractice panel found against him for failing to review lab results in time. A motion was made and seconded to renew his license and not issue a civil penalty. Messina/McCann 6-0-0.

5. Neeraj Jain, MD

Dr. Jain appeared for a positive response on his renewal application. He entered an Illinois Consent Order due to issues with opioid prescribing. Dr. Jain's Illinois license is now unrestricted. He practices in both Illinois and Indiana in interventional pain management. A motion was made and seconded to renew his license and not issue a civil penalty. Masten/Barai 6-0-0.

6. Masood Siddiqui, DO

Dr. Siddiqui appeared for failing to disclose a medical malpractice settlement on his renewal application. The settlement was reported to Indiana in February, but the question was answered incorrectly on the renewal application. Dr. Siddiqui states his failing to disclose was an oversight. Dr. Siddiqui has had four medical malpractice settlements in the past decade. He is a radiologist. A motion was made and seconded to renew his license and issue a civil penalty of \$250 for failing to disclose. Barai/Messina 6-0-0.

7. Beth Balfour, MD

Dr. Balfour renewed her medical license and disclosed that she has not actively practiced since 2018. She stayed home after having a child and dealing with other family matters. She is now planning to return to practice in a "low key" setting. The Board recommended a re-education/re-entry program, or some kind of mentorship to be submitted within the 120-day valid to practice period. Masten/McCann 6-0-0.

8. William Fisher, DO

Dr. Fisher appeared for failing to disclose a medical malpractice settlement on his renewal application. He retired from practice in October 2019. He previously failed to disclose in 2021. Dr. Fisher is now consulting with Signify Health. A motion was made and seconded to renew his license and not issue a civil penalty of Masten/Barai 6-0-0.

V. Discussion Items

1. OAG Report

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

VI. Administrative Hearings

A. Proposed Settlement Agreements

1. Lydia Ferrell, M.D., 01056802A

Cause No.: 2021 MLB 0011

DAG: Carah Rochester

Respondent: Present with counsel, Peter Pogue.

Witness(es): None

Exhibit(s): None

A motion was made and seconded to accept the settlement agreement which issues a letter of reprimand and imposes a fine. Messina/McCann 6-0-0.

B. Petition For Probation Withdrawal

1. Charles Cornett, M.D., 01041557A

Cause No.: 2021 MLB 0005

DAG: Carah Rochester with Certified Legal Intern, Carlos Montenegro

Respondent: Present and comfortable proceeding without counsel.

Witness(es): Charles Cornett, MD; Molly Dagon, ISMA PAP Coordinator

Exhibit(s): None

A motion was made and seconded to modify the probation to include a term requiring active practice under the mentorship of another licensed physician. He shall cause the licensed physician to submit monthly reports to the Board. A return-to-work plan shall still be submitted to ISMA PAP and approved by them. A signed board order will be required. Upon completion of three months of active practice, he can petition the Board to withdraw the probation.

Strobel/Masten 5-0-1. Messina abstains.

C. Summary Suspension Renewal

1. Scott Mimms, M.D., 01068514A

Cause No.: 2023 MLB 0002

Re: Summary Suspension Agreement

DAG: Britney McMahan

Respondent: Not Present

Witness(es): None

Exhibit(s): None

A motion was made and seconded to accept the agreement and renew the summary suspension for an additional ninety (90) days. Masten/McCann 6-0-0.

D. Final Hearings

1. Eddie Kemper, M.D., 01074786A

Cause No.: 2022 MLB 0001

Re: Motions to Dismiss

DAG: Carah Rochester

Respondent: Present with counsel, Nicholas Brunette

Witness(es): None

Exhibit(s): Respondent's Exhibit 1 – Petitioner's Responses to [Respondent's] Supplemental Discovery Requests to the State
Respondent's Exhibit 2 – Transcript of the Deposition of Micia Roby

Respondent's Exhibit 3 – Medical Review Panel Opinion

A motion was made and seconded to accept Petitioner's Motion to Dismiss without Prejudice. Barai/Mueller 6-0-0.

A motion was made and seconded to deny Respondent's Motion to Dismiss with Prejudice. Strobel/McCann 6-0-0.

VII. Renewal Application Reviews – Tabled to December 7, 2023.

VIII. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

IX. Prehearing Conferences (Conference Center Room F) 1:30 p.m.

1. Bamidele Adekunle Adeagbo, M.D., 01080723A

Cause No.: 2023 MLB 0003

2. Anuradha Kollipara, M.D., 01046950A

Cause No.: 2023 MLB 0024

3. Mark Albert Nelson, M.D., 01040264A

Cause No.: 2023 MLB 0012

4. Ralph Emerson Waldo, M.D., 01057531A - VACATED

Cause No.: 2023 MLB 0007

5. Christine Kirkendol Watson, M.D., 01055140A

Cause No.: 2023 MLB 0015

Upcoming Board Dates

December 7, 2023	June 27, 2024
January 25, 2024	July 25, 2024
February 22, 2024	August 22, 2024
March 21, 2024	September 26, 2024
April 25, 2024	October 24, 2024
May 23, 2024	December 5, 2024