

Medical Licensing Board of Indiana

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

**Minutes from the Meeting of
October 23, 2025**

**<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/16076409084>
Meeting ID: 160 7640 9084**

John Strobel, M.D., President, called the meeting to order at 8:38 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 Dunnaway, MD
Michael Busk, MD
Rebecca Mueller, MD – arrived 8:43 a.m.
Bharat Barai, MD

Board Members Absent:

Victoria McCann, JD

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/Masten 5-0-0.

Adoption of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes from September 25, 2025.
Dunniway/Barai 5-0-0

Adoption of Joint Board Interim Proposed Rule-Late Renewal Fee

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the rule.
Masten/Dunniway 5-0-0

Administrative Hearings

Final Hearing

Jeffrey Smith, M.D., 01030268A Cause No.: 2025 06-MED-0020

CONTINUED

Probation Withdrawal

Benjamin H. Ticho, M.D., 01070796A Cause No.: 2024 MLB 0004
FAILED TO APPEAR

Sakib Khan, M.D., 01079206A Cause No.: 2017 MLB 0034

CONTINUED

Motion to Dismiss

Kevin R. Lusk, M.D., 01048988A Cause No.: 2023 MLB 0030

DAG: Ryan Eldridge
Respondent: Appeared with counsel, Holly Reedy
Witness: None
Exhibit(s): None

State does not believe this requires a hearing, joint motion to dismiss.
State is not moving forward with the case, believes motion speaks for itself.

A motion was made and seconded to APROVE motion to dismiss.
Masten/Barai 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Summary Suspension

Aman K. Patel, D.O., 02006207A, Cause No.: 2025 02-MED-0009

DAG: Rebekah Hammond,
Respondent: Did not appear
Witness: Christopher Zimmerman, OAG investigator
Exhibit(s): None

The criminal case in Maryland is still pending, over 50 criminal charges are still pending. Maryland license has been surrendered. Maryland has filed for summary judgment. Admin complaint filed by Indiana is still pending.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE extension of 90-day summary suspension. Barai/Masten 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Personal Appearances

Renewal Application – Failure to Disclose (MedMal(s) reported from NPDB):

Andrew Barksdale, M.D., 01063537A

Appeared with counsel, Mike Gaerte

Two medical malpractice settlements not declared on renewal.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license upon receipt of \$250.00 citation fee.
Barai/Masten 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Kathleen Canfield, M.D., 01055622A

Appeared in person with counsel, Taylor Bonacorsi

Failed to disclose medical malpractice on renewal. Hospital settled prior to being named. No other medical malpractice cases.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license upon receipt of \$250.00 citation fee.
Strobel/Masten 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Yara Catoira-Boyle, M.D., 01051739A

Appeared in person without counsel

Failed to disclose medical malpractice on renewal.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license upon receipt of \$250.00 citation fee.

Dunniway/Busk 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Charles Chuman, M.D., 01035829A

Appeared in person without counsel.

Failed to disclose medical malpractice on renewal.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license upon receipt of \$250.00 citation fee.

Barai/Masten 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Todd Dudley, M.D., 01037743A

FAILED TO APPEAR

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license upon receipt of \$250.00 citation fee.

Strobel/Masten 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Matthew French, M.D., 01045299A

Appeared in person without counsel.

Failed to declare medical malpractice on renewal.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license upon receipt of \$250.00 citation fee.

Masten/Barai 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Arthur Galstian, M.D., 01041570A

Appeared in person without counsel.

Failed to declare medical malpractice on renewal.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license upon receipt of \$250.00 citation fee.

Masten/Busk 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Jared Gayken, M.D., 01063876A

Appeared in person with counsel, Taylor Bonacorsi

Failed to declare medical malpractice on renewal. Has had one other dismissed, no other cases.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license upon receipt of \$250.00 citation fee.

Barai/Masten 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Ryan Hart, M.D., 01079605A

Appeared in person without counsel.

Failed to declare medical malpractice on renewal.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license upon receipt of \$250.00 citation fee.

Barai/Mueller 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Eromonsele Idahosa, M.D., 01057350A

Appeared with counsel, Patrick Callahan

Failed to declare surrender of DEA for cause on renewal.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license upon receipt of \$250.00 citation fee and Refer to the OAG.

Masten/Dunniway 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Mansoor Khan, M.D., 01065991A

Appeared with counsel, Shelley Jackson

Failed to declare IL disciplinary action on renewal. Disclosed Indiana order on application for IL licensure. Illinois reprimand refers back to Indiana action.

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

Strobel/Barai 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Frederick Leickly, M.D., 01044445A

Appeared in person without counsel.

Failed to declare medical malpractice on renewal. Retired in June 2022.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license upon receipt of \$250.00 citation fee.

Masten/Mueller 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Michael Linton, M.D., 01030912A

FAILED TO APPEAR

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license upon receipt of \$250.00 citation fee.

Strobel/Dunniway 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Thomas Marks Strauss, M.D., 01045134A

Appeared in person without counsel.

Failed to declare medical malpractice on renewal

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license upon receipt of \$250.00 citation fee.

Masten/Barai 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Dwight McCurdy, M.D., 01043407A

Reason: \$250K MedMal

Appeared in person without counsel.

Failed to declare medical malpractice on renewal

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license upon receipt of \$250.00 citation fee.

Dunniway/Masten 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

John Nwannunu, M.D., 01032665A

Reason: \$20K MedMal

FAILED TO APPEAR

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license upon receipt of \$250.00 citation fee.

Strobel/Dunniway 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Carolina Ocampo, M.D., 01058122A

Reason: \$362K MedMal

Appeared in person without counsel.

Failed to declare medical malpractice on renewal.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license upon receipt of \$250.00 citation fee.

Barai/Busk 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Ryan Palmer, D.O., 02004143A

Appeared in person without counsel.

Failed to declare medical malpractice on renewal.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license upon receipt of \$250.00 citation fee.

Masten/Barai 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Charles Salazar, M.D., 01061482A

Appeared in person without counsel.

Failed to declare medical malpractice on renewal.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license upon receipt of \$250.00 citation fee.

Busk/Mueller 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Mark Thompson, M.D., 01063692A

Appeared in person without counsel.

Failed to declare medical malpractice on renewal.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license upon receipt of \$250.00 citation fee.

Dunniway/Barai 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Renewal – Failure to Disclose (Other):

Avi Factor, M.D., 01035829A

FAILED TO APPEAR

Reason: CO license has been denied for unprofessional conduct

A motion was made and seconded to DENY renewal of this license

Masten/Strobel 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Michael Foster, M.D., 01044445A

Appeared in person without counsel.

Failed to disclose Title IV clinical privileges action violation on renewal. No longer at that facility, has new employment in Indiana, they are aware of the Title IV issue.

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

Barai/Masten 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Neeraj Jain, M.D., 01079010A

Appeared in person with counsel.

Failed to disclose Title IV clinical privileges action violation on renewal. Practices in Indiana 1 to 2 times per month. He works as an interventional pain management.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license upon receipt of \$250.00 citation fee.

Masten/Dunniway 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

John Johnson, M.D., 01049451A

Appeared with counsel Jeanine Kerridge

Failed to disclose suspension of OH license due to failure to complete CME on renewal.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license upon receipt of \$250.00 citation.

Barai/Masten 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Dean Moesch, M.D., 01079633A

Reason: Disclosed 2024 MedMal, FTD Disciplinary action against medical license in KS (suspended)

FAILED TO APPEAR

A motion was made and seconded to DENY renewal of this license

Barai/Masten 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Abigail Qin-Nelson, D.O., 02005348A

Appeared in person with counsel, Lorie Brown

Failed to disclose Title IV clinical privileges action violation on renewal. Attorney states this was disclosed on 2023 renewal. While 2023 report is related, the Title IV report is a separate incident from the employer suspension reported in 2023.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license upon receipt of \$250.00 citation fee.

Masten/Dunniway 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Michael Thorpe, M.D., 01079048A (Continuation from 9.25.25)

Appeared in person without counsel.

Case has now been expunged. Still married, receiving counseling. Has an active license in Illinois, has applied to Ohio. Dr. Mueller does not recommend referral for any evaluation(s), would recommend letter from Men's Group coach.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license upon receipt of \$250.00 citation fee and letter from Men's Group coach.

Strobel/Masten 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Paul Winchester, M.D., 01053947A

Appeared with counsel, Rachel Russell

Failed to Disclose investigation by Franciscan Health of policy violation at the hospital. He voluntarily resigned from IU Health.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license upon receipt of \$250.00 citation fee.

Strobel/Barai 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

William Zato, D.O., 02000629A

Reason: FTD Disciplinary action against DEA (suspended) + IN-CSR license (suspended)
FAILED TO APPEAR

A motion was made and seconded to DENY renewal of this license

Strobel/Barai 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Nada Mukoski, M.D., 01060837A

Appeared in person without counsel.

Failed to disclose Title IV clinical privileges action violation on renewal. Lost privileges at the VA for not completing notes in a timely manner. Has retired from the VA.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license upon receipt of \$250.00 citation fee.

Masten/Mueller 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Renewal Application – Waiver Request

Avin Kounsal, M.D., 01091346A

Reason: Failure to submit 1st annual employer report 7.27.24 and 2nd annual employer report 7.27.25. Issued full license via waiver on 7.27.23

FAILED TO APPEAR

Renewal Application – Positive Response

Dillon Baron, M.D., 01090161A

Appeared with counsel, Laura Iosue

Action taken in Illinois, action may not have even been taken in Indiana. Enrolled in Illinois PHP. Increased stressors in his life and relapsed at the end of 2023, disclosed to IL PHP. Lives in IL, now works in Indiana. Was working primarily in IL when the original incident took place. Needs to be monitored by Indiana PHP.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license after confirmation of ISMA PAP contract.

Strobel/Busk 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Kumar Bobba, M.D., 01076077A

Appeared without counsel.

IL license status is "Permanently Inactive". Iowa license issued on Probation with Practice monitor requirement.

Licensee requested renewal be withdrawn.

Maximina Boutselis, M.D., 01069437A

Appeared in person without counsel.

Teleradiologist. Settled Medical malpractice claim for failure to diagnose.

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

Masten/Dunniway 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Karen Caldemeyer, M.D., 01039349A

Appeared with counsel, Ashley Keaton

Teleradiologist. Failure to diagnose nodule below kidney. Case settled in summer 2023. Multiple providers were part of the action. Wisconsin board entered into a non-disciplinary action based off this incident which has been completed.

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

Dunniway/Mueller 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Lillian Cavin, MD, 01057181A

Continued to December meeting

Jaideep Chunduri, M.D., 01065301A

Reason: \$2.2M MedMal

Appeared in person with counsel

Licensed in OH, KY and IN. Has practiced for 23 years doing complex spine surgeries, has only had 2 medical malpractice cases. Many providers and companies were a part of this case. Case took place in Ohio.

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

Barai/Masten 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Michael Cross, M.D., 01087427A

Appeared in person without counsel. Counsel was observing on Zoom, is not able to attend via Zoom as virtual appearances of counsel for personal appearances are not allowed at this time.

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

Masten/Barai 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Brian Foley, M.D., 01067707A

Appeared with counsel, Mike Gaerte

Psychiatrist, currently on active-duty Navy. Over imbibed on the day of the Super Bowl, went to work the next day, and did not feel well. Voluntarily went to the infirmary, alcohol was found in his system.

Voluntarily reported to ISMAPAP, completed his contract with them. Does not practice in Indiana.

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

Dunniway/Busk 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

David Geller, M.D., 01055128A

Appeared in person with counsel, Brian Butler

Kentucky license is currently on probation with no restrictions. Completed ASMBS Surgical Mentoring Program. Surgery is currently being monitored in Kentucky, one surgery per quarter is being observed and quarterly reports are being submitted to KY. Currently in compliance with the KY probation agreement. Licensee agreed to Indiana probationary license.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license on PROBATION with terms to mirror the Kentucky Probation order.

Strobel/Masten 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Anil Gupta, M.D., 01070862A

Reason: Disciplinary action against medical licenses in IL (IL-MD license Probation, IL-CSR license revocation)

FAILED TO APPEAR

A motion was made and seconded to DENY renewal of this license
Barai/ Strobel 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Derrick Hasenour, M.D., 01071061A

Appeared with counsel, Mike Gaerte

Matter is pending, set for trial Dec. 9th, 2025. Has a five-year continuing care contract with ISMAPAP. Attended positive sobriety institute.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license and REFER TO OAG.
Dunniway/Mueller 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Hosam Khayal, M.D., 01065886A

Appeared in person without counsel.

Medical malpractice case settled June 2024, payment of \$500,000. Claim/case is from Illinois.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license
Masten/Barai 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Janine Morris, M.D., 01068249A

Appeared in person with counsel, Mike Gaerte

Licensed in ten (10) states, unencumbered licenses in all states. Practices radiology.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license.
Masten/Barai 4-0-0.
Dunniway recused
Motion carries.

Brian Ockerse, M.D., 01074077A

Appeared in person with counsel, Josh Moudy

Currently under contract with ISMAPAP. Attended the Positive Sobriety Institute. Molly Dagon, ISMAPAP testified he is in compliance with his contract.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license
Barai/Masten 5-0-0.
Motion carries.

Mrunal Patel, M.D., 01078568A

Voluntarily surrendered privileges in Dec. 2024 until he could be evaluated. Currently enrolled with ISMAPAP. Jennife Jackson-Harr, ISMAPAP testified he is in compliance.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license
Dunniway/Barai 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Barbara Reed-Schuessler, M.D., 01067646A
Appeared in person with counsel, Mary Watts.

Settled two (2) medical malpractice cases

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license
Barai/Dunniway 5-0-0.
Motion carries.

Atiq Rehman, M.D., 01054148A
Appeared in person without counsel.

Ohio board wanted to review cases, Ohio license still active, they do not expect findings until mid-2026.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license and REFER to OAG.
Masten/Dunniway 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Erin Ricart, M.D., 01083077A
Appeared in person without counsel.

Medical malpractice case for failure to diagnose a stroke was settled, incident took place in Pennsylvania. Currently lives in Illinois, practices

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license.
Barai/Masten 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Eric Torbert, D.O., 02003222A
Appeared in person with counsel, Mike Gaerte.

Has continuing care contract with ISMAPAP. Clinical privileges suspended during investigation, back to practice now as suspension has been lifted.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license
Dunniway/Masten 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Robert Tumacder, M.D. 01060637A
Appeared in person without counsel.

Medical malpractice settlement for failure to monitor, occurred in Illinois. Not currently practicing in Indiana.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license
Busk/Dunniway 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Carl Walker, M.D., 01046851A

Reason: 2025 Title IV at Deaconess Hospital + 2025 Title IV at MultiCare Valley Hospital
Requested Board vote without appearance.

A motion was made and seconded to DENY renewal of this license
Strobel/Barai 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Sajad Zalzala, M.D., 01077746A

Appeared in person without counsel.

Licensed in all 50 states and DC. Shortly before pandemic he transitioned from family medicine to telehealth. Reprimanded in MO in reference to supervision of a nurse practitioner.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license on PROBATION until all Licenses are free and clear and REFER to OAG
Masten/Barai 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Initial Application

Jack Doah, M.D.

Initial applicant has a couple large medical malpractice cases from Illinois. Two cases since 2008. Plan is to move to Indiana and begin practice.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE issuance of this license.
Masten/Barai 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Shreyas Rana, M.D.

Reason: Originally scheduled 8.28.25; School is on disapproved list (Spartan University); License was rescinded from accidental issuance on 7.31.25

Applicant requested withdrawal of application.

Yang Song, M.D.

Appeared in person without counsel.

Licensed in PA, NY. Working remotely (telehealth) from Canada only. Was working in VA previously.

Working at getting H1B documentation updated.

Tabled until USCIS is straightened out

Adjournment 2:23 p.m.