

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

**Minutes from the Meeting of
October 24, 2024**

John Strobel, MD, President, called the meeting to order at 8:44 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
Heidi Dunniway, MD
Bharat Barai, MD – Left meeting at 3:30p
Michael Busk, MD
Rebecca Mueller, MD – Left meeting at 5:30p

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 amended agenda. Barai/Dunniway 6-0-0.

Adoption of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the amended minutes from September 26, 2024.
Dunniway/Barai 5-0-0.
Masten Abstained

Behavior Analyst Committee Proposed Rules

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

Office of Based Anesthesia Report

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the proposed rules. Dunniway/Masten 6-0-0.

Discussion Items

1. OAG Report - presented by Amy Osborne

2. Director's Report – presented by Christine Maslan
3. USMLE Orientation – Rebecca Mueller, MD
4. FSMB Alternate Licensing Pathway for IMG – Kiko Dixon

Administrative Hearings

Proposed Settlement Agreement

Joseph A. DeJoan, M.D., 01046269A Cause No.: 2023 MLB 0026

DAG: Whitney Cooper
Respondent: Appeared with counsel Mary Feldhake
Exhibit(s): None
Witness(es): None

A motion was made and seconded to ACCEPT proposed settlement agreement, SUSPENSION of not less than thirty (30) days with terms and conditions.

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

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

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

PSA - Probation with terms and conditions.
The board would like personal appearance before the board and approval if he plans to work in Indiana.

A motion was made and seconded to DENY proposed settlement agreement.
Barai/Masten 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Akitto P. Ledda, D.O., 02005570A Cause No.: 2023 MLB 0016

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

A motion was made and seconded to ACCEPT proposed settlement agreement, LETTER OF REPRIMAND and ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR (\$1,000) FINE.

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

Final Hearings

Scott E. Mimms, M.D., 01068514A Cause No.: 2023 MLB 0002

DAG: Amy Osborne and Carah Rochester
Respondent: Appeared without counsel
Exhibit(s): Petitioner's Exhibit 1 – Consumer Complaints filed against Dr. Mimms
Petitioner's Exhibit 2 – Transcripts of Indiana Medical Licensing Board Meeting held on January 26, 2023
Petitioner's Exhibit 3a – Certified Medical Records
Petitioner's Exhibit 3b – Certified Medical Records
Petitioner's Exhibit 3c – Certified Medical Records
Petitioner's Exhibit 3d – Certified Medical Records
Petitioner's Exhibit 3e – Certified Medical Records
Petitioner's Exhibit 3f – Certified Medical Records
Petitioner's Exhibit 4 – Certified Medical Records
Petitioner's Exhibit 5 – Certified Medical Records
Petitioner's Exhibit 6 – Certified Medical Records
Petitioner's Exhibit 7 – Certified Medical Records
Petitioner's Exhibit 8 – Certified Medical Records
Petitioner's Exhibit 9 – Certified Medical Records
Petitioner's Exhibit 10 – Certified Medical Records
Petitioner's Exhibit 11 – Certified Medical Records
Petitioner's Exhibit 12 – Certified Medical Records
Petitioner's Exhibit 13 – Certified Medical Records
Petitioner's Exhibit 14 – Certified Medical Records
Petitioner's Exhibit 15 – Certified Medical Records
Petitioner's Exhibit 16 – Certified Medical Records
Petitioner's Exhibit 17 – Certified Medical Records
Petitioner's Exhibit 18 – Chart of Surgeries performed by Dr. Mimms at Renew Laser MedSpa
Petitioner's Exhibit 22 – Prescription Records
Petitioner's Exhibit 22a – Prescription Records
Petitioner's Exhibit 23 – Certified Prescription Records
Petitioner's Exhibit 24 – Certified Prescription Records

Witness(es): Autumn Livengood, patient
Christine Maslan, Board Director, Indiana Medical Board
Delaney Walter, Investigator with Licensing Enforcement in the Indiana Office of the Attorney General
Cassie McDaniel – Investigator with Licensing Enforcement in the Indiana Office of the Attorney General

State moves to dismiss counts 1 (page 35 of Administrative Complaint) and 17 (page 38 of Administrative Complaint)

Motion made and seconded to dismiss counts 1 and 17
Masten/Strobel 6-0-0
Motion carries.

116 counts (counts 1 and 17 dismissed) 114 total that need to be ruled on.

Count 1 – Dismissed by the state

Counts 2-14 – Positive finding - Masten/Barai 6-0-0

Counts 15-16 – Positive finding – Masten/Dunniway 6-0-0

Count 17 – Dismissed by the state

Counts 18-96 – Positive finding - Strobel/Masten 6-0-0

Counts 97-115 – Positive finding – Dunniway/Barai 6-0-0

Count 116 – Positive finding – Barai/Masten 6-0-0

A motion was made and seconded to SUSPEND license for minimum of two (2) years, can petition the board for reinstatement after two (2) years in any field other than surgery

Masten/Dunniway 6-0-0.
Motion carries

A motion was made and seconded to impose the \$5 (five) records fee, but no fine.

Barai/Dunniway 6-0-0
Motion carries

Linus Anukwu, M.D., 01067012A Cause No.: 2023 MLB 0014

DAG: Carah Rochester
Respondent: Did not appear, counsel Adriana Zeljkovic appeared
Exhibit(s): None
Witness(es): None

PSA - Probation with terms and conditions, mirrors IL probation, \$3k fine

A motion was made and seconded to ACCEPT proposed settlement agreement, PROBATION with terms and conditions, three-thousand dollar (\$3,000) fine.

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

Glen E. Leer, D.O., 02001252A Cause No.: 2023 MLB 0019

DAG: Ryan Eldridge and Rebekah Hammond
Respondent: Appeared with counsel, Randy Fisher
Exhibit(s): State's Exhibit 1 – Consumer complaint filed by PLA
State's Exhibit 2 – Patient's Key for State's Exhibit 3
State's Exhibit 3 – Lakeview Family Medicine Patient Records

Witness(es): Cassie McDaniel – Investigator with Licensing Enforcement in the Indiana Office of the Attorney General

Motion to dismiss Counts 1-4 and 6-9

Strobel/Masten 6-0-0
Motion carries

Leaves only Count 5

State recommends LOR

A motion was made and seconded to negative finding on count 5

Barai/Masten 6-0-0
Motion carries.

William Hedrick, M.D., 01053048A Cause No.: 2014 MLB 0050

DAG: Whitney Cooper
Respondent: Did not appear, counsel, Randy Fisher appeared in person
Exhibit(s): None
Witness(es): None

Motion to Continue to Feb or March 2025

Strobel/Masten 5-0-0
Motion carries

Probation Modification

Perrin T. Dobyys, M.D., 01056477A Cause No.: 2013 MLB 0033

DAG: Ryan Eldridge
Respondent: Appeared virtually via Zoom, counsel Elliott Pinkie is present
Exhibit(s): None
Witness(es): None

Request to retire license while on probation with the condition that if license is reinstated it will go back to probationary status.

Dr. Dobyys accepts status change to retirement.

A motion was made and seconded to ACCEPT retirement of probationary license.

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

Probation Withdrawal

James McDonnel, M.D., 01075236A Cause No.: 2017 MLB 0010

DAG: Sha'na Terry
Respondent: Appeared in person with counsel, Elliott Pinkie
Exhibit(s):
Witness(es): Jennifer Jackson-Harr – ISMA PAP
Dr. McDonnel

Employed by WIN Recovery in Indiana, last saw patient yesterday, 10.23.2024.
California license has been restored to unencumbered active status.
Completed five (5) year contract with ISMA PAP, currently under contract on a voluntary basis.
12.2.2016 sobriety date.

A motion was made and seconded to ACCEPT the request for probation withdrawal.

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

Mike Chou, M.D., 01058048A Cause No.: 2022 MLB 0022

DAG: Ryan Eldridge
Respondent: Appeared in person with counsel, Brian Park.
Exhibit(s): Petitioner's Exhibits 1-4 – Quarterly Reports
Petitioner's Exhibit 5 – Letter from Sarah A. Seaton
Respondent's Exhibits 1 – Final Order Accepting PSA dated August 21, 2023
Respondent's Exhibits 2 – First Amended Proposed Complaint for Damages dated
October 11, 2022
Respondent's Exhibits 3 – Medical Review Panel Decision dated April 30, 2024
Respondent's Exhibits 4 – Plaintiff's Second Amended proposed Complaint for Damages
dated March 3, 2022
Witness(es): Dr. Chou

A motion was made and seconded to DENY probation withdrawal request, but instead moves to modify probation with additional terms and conditions.

Masten/Strobel 5-0-0.
Dunniway recused
Motion carries.

Jeffrey Seizys, M.D., 01043925A Cause No.: 2018 MLB 0034

CONTINUED

Personal Appearances

Initial Application

Ahmad Ahmad, MD

No Show

Ryan Kukor, MD

Reason: Enrolled in IL PHP Program

Sobriety date 10/19/19

Voluntary contract with IL PAP

Lives on the Southside of Chicago, signed contract to work at nursing homes in LaPorte, IN.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE issuance of this license pending receipt of contract with Indiana PAP.

Strobel/Masten 4-0-0.

Motion carries.

Scott Blaker, MD

Reason: 2020 DUI, Enrolled in KS PHP Program. Appeared via Zoom.

No job in IN lined up. Has not reached out to ISMA PAP yet.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE issuance of this license pending receipt of contract with Indiana PAP.

Strobel/Masten 4-0-0.

Motion carries.

Waiver Request

Nabigha Abdul Baki, MD

No show

Reinstatement

Caitlin Cloutier, RD 37002129A

No show

Iftikhar Ahmad, MD 01047581A

No show

Lacy McNear, RD 37002126A

Reason: No active licenses

A motion was made and seconded to Approve reinstatement of this license.

Masten/Busk 4-0-0

Motion carries.

Adjournment 5:57 p.m.