

**Minutes from the Meeting of the  
Medical Licensing Board of Indiana**

**December 7, 2023  
8:30 a.m.**

**Indiana Government Center – South Building  
Conference Center Rm #1  
402 W. Washington Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204**

**I. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum**

The meeting was called to order at 8:37 a.m.

**Board Members Present:**

John Strobel, MD  
Kirk Masten, DO  
Frank Messina, MD  
Bharat Barai, MD  
Victoria McCann, JD  
Heidi Dunniway, MD – Arrived 8:44

**Board Members Absent:**

Rebecca Mueller, MD- Absent

**PLA Staff:**

Evan Bartel, Interim Board Director  
Kiko Dixon, Assistant Board Director

**Advisory Counsel:**

Adam Harvey, JD

**II. Adoption of the Agenda**

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

**III. Adoption of the Minutes**

**1. September 28, 2023**

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes from September 28, 2023. Barai/McCann 5-0-0. Dunniway abstains.

**2. October 26, 2023**

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes from October 26, 2023. McCann/Barai 5-0-0. Dunniway abstains.

1. Corrected Minutes regarding the Kemper matter
2. Tabled for later discussion

#### **IV. Personal Appearances**

##### **A. Waiver Requests**

1. Viralkumar Shah, M.D.

Shah had a residency in India, and practiced as faculty for 10 years in CO beginning December 1, 2013. She did not complete the USMLE or residency in the U.S. A motion was made and seconded to approve waiver request and issue the license. Barai/McCann 6-0-0.

##### **B. Initial Application**

1. Catherine Lewis, M.D. – **CONTINUED**

2. Louis Aponte, M.D.

Aponte mostly practices in FL, but is licensed in other states. He exceeded the allowable attempts on the USMLE. The Board stated that he will need to fulfill a waiver request – serving 3 years in an underserved area, and providing letters of recommendation. Aponte was given an opportunity to withdraw the application and reapply with additional information. Aponte withdrew the application.

##### **C. Reinstatement**

1. Alicia Oskay, RD

Oskay is a massage therapist and yoga instructor. She let her license lapse 2002 because her employment did not require a license. She offers cooking and nutrition classes with YMCA. A motion was made and seconded to reinstate this license. Messina/McCann 6-0-0.

2. Linnette Woodman, RD - **CONTINUED**

##### **D. Renewal Application**

1. Josephine Schmizzi, MD

Schmizzi failed to appear.

**2. William Hudson, MD**

Hudson appeared before the Board for a positive response on a renewal application. He disclosed a requirement for substance abuse monitoring in Kentucky beginning September 2022 with a duration of 5 years. He reports 18 months of continuous sobriety. His practice involves chronic pain management and anesthesiology. His practice has locations in Indiana, and he has agreed to monitoring through ISMA. A motion was made and seconded to renew his license and not issue a civil penalty. Masten/Dunniway 6-0-0.

**3. Joshua Farber, MD**

Farber appeared before the Board for a positive response on a renewal application. He appeared by attorney Michael Gaerte. He reported an arrested for harassment in June 2022 in PA. It was resolved via summary disposition. Farber is a radiologist practicing with IU Health, and has served as professor with IU. IU suspended his privileges for 30 days. A motion was made and seconded to renew his license and not issue a civil penalty. Barai/Masten 6-0-0.

**4. Muaz Urabi, MD**

Urabi appeared before the Board for a positive response on a renewal application. Urabi reported a settlement related to an incident in 2017. Urabi is board certified in internal medicine, and has worked since 2013. A motion was made and seconded to renew his license and not issue a civil penalty. Masten/Dunnaway 6-0-0.

**5. Laura Purdy, MD- APPEARED 1:45**

Purdy appeared before the Board for a positive response on a renewal application. Purdy appeared by attorney Kyle Raymond Rene. Purdy reported a complaint against her in Mississippi in 2022. The complaint alleged improper use of telehealth modalities. Mississippi issued a 90 day suspension, requested a new scope of practice, and prohibited work via telehealth. She is currently using Zoom transitioning to Google Meet. A motion was made and seconded to renew his license and not issue a civil penalty. Masten/Dunniway 6-0-0.

**6. David Cooley, DO**

Cooley appeared before the Board for a positive response on a renewal application. Cooley reported that staff privileges were suspended in July

2023. Related matters are pending in for Wyoming and Colorado. Cooley primarily practices as a neurosurgeon in OH. He has done locums in the past 9 years, and owned a private practice up until 2022. He originally obtained Indiana licensure through a locums agency, but hasn't used it to practice. Has not practiced since Colorado suspension. A motion was made to grant the license in inactive status and add a hold to the license to trigger an appearance in the event of an application for active status. Masten/Barai 6-0-0.

**7. James Goris, MD**

A motion was made and seconded to renew his license and issue a \$250 admin fine. Barai/Dunniway 6-0-0.

**8. Mark Fenzl, MD- CONTINUED**

**9. Napoleon Maminta Jr, DO-CONTINUED**

**10. Scott Glickman, DO**

Glickman appeared before the Board for a positive response on a renewal application. Glickman worked in Terre Haute until 2017 and then moved to Nevada. He left the Nevada employer in August 2020 to open private practice. Glickman was part of a fair settlement hearing in NV, then relocated to Florida for new employment. He is applying to do locums work in Indiana. A motion was made and seconded to renew his license and not issue a civil penalty. Masten/Barai 6-0-0.

**11. Samir Wahib, DO**

Wahib appeared before the Board for a positive response on a renewal application. Wahib appeared through attorney Matt Shapman. Wahib disclosed criminal convictions in 2014-2017. His employer attested to the extreme need for his services in an underserved area. Wahib has signed a contract to fulfill this role for 5 years. A motion was made and seconded to renew his license and issue a civil penalty of \$250, and refer the matter for a consumer complaint. Strobel/Masten 6-0-0.

**12. Stephen Edstrom, MD- CONTINUED**

**13. Margo Taylor, MD**

Taylor appeared before the Board for a positive response on a renewal application. Application withdrawn. Taylor received an OWI in 2022. She is retired from practice and last practiced in 2019. Taylor withdrew the

application.

**14. Farhaad Riyaz, MD- CONTINUED**

**15. Joseph Mlakar, MD**

Mlakar appeared before the Board for a positive response on a renewal application. Mlakar appeared by attorney Micheal Gaerte. Mlakar was involved in a malpractice case in 2017, and mistakenly reported in his renewal application. He has been practicing for 32 years. A motion was made and seconded to renew his license and not issue a civil penalty. Barai/Dunniway 5-0-0. Masten recused.

**V. Discussion Items**

**1. OAG Report**

The OAG Report was presented DAG Carah Rochester.

**2. Director's Report**

No report was given this month.

**3. Devang Desai, M.D.**

Regarding plan to pursue fellowship in NY after not practicing since 2013.

**4. Kemper**

The board clarified that its order was to accept settlement without prejudice.

**5. Adeyemi-Bero**

The board determined it would not modify its previous ruling.

**VI. Administrative Hearings**

**10:42 a.m.**

**A. Proposed Settlement Agreements**

**1. Ralph Emmerson Waldo, M.D., 01057531A**

Cause No: 2023 MLB 0007

DAG: Ryan Eldridge

Witnesses: None

Exhibits: None

A motion was made and seconded to accept the agreement. A letter of reprimand was issued with a fine of \$1,000, and fee of \$5. Masten/Dunniway 6-0-0.

## **B. Final Hearings**

### **1. Jeffrey Rob Miller, MD 01052478A**

Cause No: 2023 MLB 0008

RE: Motion to Dismiss

Attorney: Michael Gaerte

A motion was made and seconded to grant the motion. Barai/Masten 6-0-0.

### **2. William David Moore, MD 01043323A**

Cause No: 2023 MLB 0001

RE: Petition to Surrender License, Response in Opposition to Surrender of License, and Amended Admin Complaint

DAG: Carah Rochester

Attorney: Ronald Mingus

Witnesses: Moriah McReynolds, Alexandria Hauke, Tammie Huntington, Detective Josh Mallard ISPD, Whitney Spears

A motion was made and seconded to **DENY** the petition to surrender license. Masten/Barai 6-0-0.

The Board voted as follows on 69 Charges- 3 of which were dropped:

Count 1 – Strobel/Masten; 5-1 Positive Finding

Count 2 – McCann/Messina; 6-0 Positive Finding

Count 3 – Dunniway/Masted; 6-0 Positive

Count 4 – Strobel/Masten; 6-0 Positive

Count 5 – Masten/Barain; 6-0 Positive

Count 6- Masten/McCann; 6-0 Positive

Count 7- Masten/Dunniway; 6-0 Positive

Count 8- Strobel/Dunniway; 6-0 Positive

Count 9- Strobel/Barai; 6-0 Positive

Count 10- Dunniway/Barai; 6-0 Positive

Count 11- McCann/Dunniway; 6-0 Positive

Count 12- McCann/Strobel; 6-0 Positive  
Count 13- McCann/Masten; 6-0 Positive  
Count 14- Barai/Masten; 6-0 Positive  
Count 15- Barai/Strobel; 6-0 Positive  
Count 16- Barai/Strobel; 6-0 Positive  
Count 17- Dunniway/Barai; 6-0 Positive  
Count 18- Barai/Strobel; 6-0 Positive  
Count 19- Strobel/Barai; 6-0 Positive  
Count 20- Strobel/Masten; 6-0 Negative  
Count 21- Barai/Dunniway; 6-0 Positive  
Count 22-23 – Barai/Masten; 6-0 Negative  
Count 24- Barai/Masten; 6-0 Positive  
Count 25- Barai/Dunniway; 6-0 Positive  
Count 26- McCann/Messina; 6-0 Positive  
Count 27- McCann/Masten; 6-0 Positive  
Count 28- Barai/Masten; 6-0 Positive  
Count 29- Strobel/McCann; 5-1 (Messina) Positive  
Count 30- Strobel/McCann; 6-0 Positive  
Count 31- Strobel/Masten; 5-1 (Messina) Positive  
Count 32- Dunniway/Strobel; 5-1 (Messina) Positive  
Count 33- Dunniway/Masten; 6-0 Positive  
Count 34- Barai/Masten; 6-0 Positive  
Count 35- Barai/Strobel; 6-0 Positive  
Count 36- McCann/Strobel; 6-0 Positive  
\*Reopened hearing- State moved to withdraw Count 37  
Count 37- withdrawn  
Count 38- Barai/Masten; 6-0 Positive  
Count 39- Barai/Masten; 6-0 Positive

Count 40- Dunniway/Strobel; 6-0 Positive  
Count 41- McCann/Strobel; 6-0 Positive  
Count 42- McCann/Strobel; 6-0 Positive  
Count 43- Strobel/Masten; 5-1 (Messina) Positive  
Count 44- Dunniway/Barai; 6-0 Positive  
Count 45- McCann/Barai; 6-0 Positive  
Count 46- Strobel/Barai; 6-0 Positive  
Count 47- McCann/Messina; 6-0 Negative  
Count 48- Barai/Dunniway; 6-0 Positive  
Count 49- McCann/Strobel; 6-0 Positive  
Count 50- McCann/Messina; 6-0 Positive  
Count 51- Barai/McCann; 6-0 Positive  
Count 52- Strobel/McCann; 5-1 (Messina) Positive  
Count 53- McCann/Strobel; 6-0 Positive  
Count 54- Barai/McCann; 6-0 Positive  
Count 55- Barai/Masten; 6-0 Positive  
Count 56- Barai/Dunniway; 6-0 Positive  
Count 57- Barai/McCann; 6-0 Positive  
Count 58- Barai/McCann; 6-0 Positive  
Count 59- McCann/Barai; 6-0 Positive  
\*Reopened hearing- State moved to withdraw Count 60  
Count 60- withdrawn  
Count 61- Barai/McCann; 6-0 Positive  
Count 62- Barai/Dunniway; 6-0 Positive  
Count 63- McCann/Masten; 6-0 Positive  
Count 64- McCann/Dunniway; 6-0 Positive  
Count 65- McCann/Barai; 6-0 Positive  
Count 66- McCann/Masten; 6-0 Positive



Count 67- Barai/McCann; 6-0 Positive  
Count 68- Barai/McCann; 6-0 Positive  
Count 69- McCann/Strobel; 6-0 Positive  
Count 70- McCann/Baray; 6-0 Negative  
Count 71- Barai/Dunniway; 6-0 Positive  
Count 72- Barai/McCann; 6-0 Positive

The Board moved to **Revoke** Moore's license based off 65 positive findings.  
McCann/Masten. 6-0-0

Motion to pay \$65,000 fine (\$1K per count), pay costs occurred for the case,  
assess a \$5 records fee within 180 days. Masten/McCann. 6-0-0 –

**VII. Adjournment**

**5:14 p.m.**

**Upcoming Board  
Dates**

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