

INDIANA COMMITTEE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

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MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2020

Steven Jacobs, P.A., Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. and a quorum was declared in accordance with IC § 25-27.5-3-5, pursuant to public notice posted online at the Committee's website and on the state calendar at least forty-eight (48) hours before the time of the meeting.

Members Present: Steven Jacobs, P.A., Chair
Timothy Hawkins, Consumer Member
Bret Cornn, P.A., Member

Member(s) Absent: Joseph Fox, M.D., Member

Staff Present: Laura Turner, J.D., Committee Director
Professional Licensing Agency
Jody Edens, Assistant Director
Professional Licensing Agency
Stephanie Mullany, J.D. Deputy Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General

The Committee voted by roll call to adopt the agenda.

Cornn/Hawkins, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following Committee members voted aye by roll call:

Steven Jacobs, Bret Cornn, Timothy Hawkins

The following Committee members objected: none

The following Committee members abstained: none

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Darryll Black, P.A., License No. 10002023A, Cause No. 2020 PAC 0001

Respondent appeared telephonically and was not represented by counsel regarding a Final Hearing/Complaint scheduled before the Committee. The State of Indiana was represented by Ryan Eldridge, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter, Lindy Meyer with Accurate Reporting Services also appeared

telephonically.

In June 2019 he was charged with fifteen (15) counts of practicing medicine without a license, a level 5 Felony and fifteen (15) counts of Deception to obtain Dangerous Drugs a level 5 Felony in Ohio.

He indicated in February 2020 he plead guilty to three (3) counts of practicing medicine without a license, a level 5 Felony and two (2) counts of Deception to Obtain a Dangerous Drug, a level 5 Felony.

He was sentenced to Community Control Sanctions for a total of twenty-four (24) months.

His Indiana employer, Reid Hospital told him he needed to resign due to some documentation issues.

States Exhibits:

A – court documents

B – copy of plea agreement

After having considered the evidence presented and taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence, and orders in this matter the Committee voted by roll call to place the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION for the length of his Community Control Sanctions or two (2) years whichever is longest.

Hawkins/Jacob, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following Committee members voted aye by roll call:

Tim Hawkins, Steven Jacob, Bret Cornn

The following Committee members objected: none

The following Committee members abstained: none

Cheyenne Powers, P.A., License No. 10002585A, Cause No. 2020 PAC 0003

Respondent did not appear telephonically and was not represented by counsel regarding a Final Hearing/Complaint scheduled before the Committee. The State of Indiana was represented by Ryan Eldridge, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter, Lindy Meyer with Accurate Reporting Services also appeared telephonically.

After having considered the evidence presented and taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence, and orders in this matter the Committee voted by roll call to issue a NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEFAULT.

Jacob/Hawkins, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following Committee members voted aye by roll call:
Tim Hawkins, Steven Jacob, Bret Cornn
The following Committee members objected: none
The following Committee members abstained: none

Frank Kolovrat, P.A., License No. 10001727A, Cause No. 2014 PAC 0002

Respondent appeared telephonically and was not represented by counsel regarding a request to Withdraw Probation and Probationary Appearance scheduled before the Committee. The State of Indiana was represented by Ryan Eldridge, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter, Lindy Meyer with Accurate Reporting Services also appeared telephonically.

Mr. Kolovrat informed the Committee that he completed his master's degree in August 2020.

September 10, 2014, his license was placed on probation by the Committee and that is the last time he practiced. His Indiana license status is currently inactive/probation.

He is also licensed in WI, IL and NY.

He has not had any discipline issues with his last four (4) employers.

After having considered the evidence presented and taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence, and orders in this matter the Committee voted by roll call to WITHDRAW the order of Probation.

Cornn/Hawkins, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following Committee members voted aye by roll call:
Tim Hawkins, Steven Jacob, Bret Cornn
The following Committee members objected: none
The following Committee members abstained: none

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Sherrill Funkhouser, P.A., Initial Application:

Ms. Boone appeared telephonically and was not represented by counsel regarding the positive response on her initial application.

Ms. Funkhouser explained that she was terminated for failure to meet expectations. She went on to inform the Committee that her supervisor was very condescending and moody and did not give her guidance. The other three (3) physicians were all kind and gave her guidance in her practice.

She was put at a satellite clinic by herself after three (3) weeks of training.

After discussion, the Committee voted by roll call to APPROVE her application.

Jacobs/Cornn, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following Committee members voted aye by roll call:

Tim Hawkins, Steven Jacobs, Bret Cornn

The following Committee members objected: none

The following Committee members abstained: none

There being no further business the Committee adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Steven Jacobs, P.A., Chair