

Medical Licensing Board of Indiana

**Indiana Government Center - South Building
Wabash Hall
Conference Room 1 and Conference Room 2
402 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204**

**Minutes from the Meeting of
December 4, 2025**

Join Online via Teams:

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John Strobel, M.D., President, called the meeting to order at 8:52 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 Dunniway, MD
Michael Busk, MD
Victoria McCann, JD

Board Members Absent:

Rebecca Mueller, MD
Bharat Barai, MD

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. McCann/Busk 5-0-0.

Adoption of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes from October 23, 2025.
Masten/Busk 4-0-0.
McCann abstained

Administrative Hearings

Denial Appeal

William A. Zato, D.O., 02000629A, Cause No.: 2025 10-MED-0026

DAG: None
Respondent: Dr. Zato
Witness: None
Exhibit(s): Exhibit A – Dr. Zato explanation
Exhibit B – DEA email
Exhibit C – Handout from Dr. Zato

A motion was made and seconded to DENY renewal appeal.

Strobel/Masten 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Summary Judgement

Azber A. Ansar, M.D., 01053327A, Cause No.: 2025 07-MED-0021

DAG: Carah Rochester
Respondent: Did not appear
Witness: None
Exhibit(s): PSA submitted

A motion was made and seconded to APROVE proposed settlement agreement.

McCann/Busk 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Personal Appearances

Renewal Application – Failure to Disclose (NPDB)

Jessica Bell, D.O. 02003346A

Reason: Failure to disclose \$175K Medical Malpractice settlement on 2025 renewal.

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

Strobel/Masten 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

John Ditslear III, M.D., 01045848A

Reason: Failure to disclose \$300K Medical Malpractice settlement on 2025 renewal.

Counsel: Robert Saint

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

Strobel/Masten 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Matthew Fouts, M.D., 01075496A

Reason: Failure to disclose \$125K Medical Malpractice settlement on 2025 renewal.

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

Strobel/Masten 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Nicholas Hollenkamp, M.D., 01041385A

Reason: Failure to disclose \$375K Medical Malpractice settlement on 2025 renewal.

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

Strobel/Masten 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Enchanta Jenkins, M.D., 01053687A

Reason: **Failure to disclose** DHA Medical Malpractice on 2025 renewal.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license with a \$250 citation and refer to OAG.

Strobel/Masten 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Kameswari Kalluri, M.D., 01048359A

Reason: Failure to disclose \$70K Medical Malpractice settlement on 2025 renewal.

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

Strobel/Masten 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Earl Lloyd, M.D., 01043982A

Reason: Failure to disclose \$187K Medical Malpractice settlement on 2025 renewal.

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

Strobel/Masten 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Anthony Lombardo, M.D., 01056598A

Counsel: Mike Gaerte

Reason: Failure to disclose \$112K Medical Malpractice settlement on 2025 renewal.

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

Strobel/Masten 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

John McGoff, M.D., 01033794A

Reason: Failure to disclose \$35K Medical Malpractice settlement on 2025 renewal.

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

Strobel/Masten 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Joshua Neucks, M.D., 01072080A

Counsel: Mike Gaerte

Reason: Failure to disclose \$25K Medical Malpractice settlement on 2025 renewal.

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

Strobel/Masten 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Duan Pierce, M.D., 01064273A

Reason: \$825.00 MedMal

Reason: Failure to disclose \$825.00 Medical Malpractice settlement on 2025 renewal.

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

Strobel/Masten 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Chiemela Ubagharaji, M.D., 01084092A

Reason: Failure to disclose \$375K Medical Malpractice settlement on 2025 renewal.

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

Strobel/Masten 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

James Walsh, M.D., 01027487A

Reason: Failure to disclose \$60K Medical Malpractice settlement on 2025 renewal.

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

Strobel/Masten 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Renewal Application – Failure to Disclose (Other)**Joseph Babu, M.D., 01089537A**

Reason: Suspended license in FL + CA, Restricted license in MI + AZ

FAILED TO APPEAR

A motion was made and seconded to DENY renewal of this license and impose \$250 citation.

Strobel/Masten 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Kamaleldin Kamal, M.D., 01057156A

Reason: Denied AL reinstatement

FAILED TO APPEAR

A motion was made and seconded to DENY renewal of this license and impose \$250 citation

Masten/Dunniway 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

James Staheli, D.O., 02006609A

Reason: KY Consent Order
FAILED TO APPEAR

Motion to Table until January
Strobel/Dunniway 5-0-0

Michael Thorpe, M.D., 01079048A

Reason: Follow up from personal appearance on Oct. 23, 2025

Information from men's group provided did not meet the standard for what the board was looking for. Board is recommending renal on probation for minimum of 6 months with terms and conditions. Licensee agrees to renewal on probation, but feels the penalty imposed on him has been extreme.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license on PROBATION with terms and conditions.

Strobel/Masten 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Renewal Application – Positive Response

Kirk Akaydin, M.D., 01082671A

Reason: Pre-trial diversion agreement declared on renewal
Counsel: Mike Gaerte

May 2025 incident with his wife, has filed for dissolution. Currently attending counseling. Exhibits provided.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license pending receipt of probable cause affidavit for file.

McCann/Dunniway 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Courtney Arrington, M.D., 01045410A

Reason: Title IV
FAILED TO APPEAR

Table to January
Strobel/Busk
Motion carries.

Vito Basile, M.D., 01077694A

Reason: Currently in PHP Agreements in OH, KS, PA, CO, NC, TX, LA, KY; In FL Recovery Center

Teleradiologist. No medical malpractice claims. Lives in Ohio. 3/30/2024 date of sobriety
Has PHP agreements with numerous states. Attends counseling and AA meetings

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license pending ISMA PAP contract.
Strobel/Masten 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Laura Both, M.D., 01068122A

Reason: \$375K medical malpractice settlement declared on 2025 renewal.
Appeared in person with counsel.

June 2020 delivery at a rural community hospital. Thirty to forty-five minutes for staff to get to hospital for a c-section.

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

Sabah Butty, M.D., 01056204A

Reason: Disclosure of revocation of clinical privileges + suspension
Appeared in person with counsel, Mary Watts

Interventional radiologist with IU Health. Last several years there has been turmoil especially in interventional radiology. Some partners have been reassigned to other hospitals. In June 2025 there were two complaints filed against him. Asked to voluntarily refrain from practice while under investigation. Referred to PRC in July 2025. September 2025 letter advised re-integration would not be a good idea, IU advised privileges were being revoked.

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

Seth Cahn, M.D., 01064461A

Reason: Title IV

Decatur County Hospital, had issues with recordkeeping. Staffing was short, developed long COVID.
Contract ended June 30, 2025.

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

Stephen Carlson, M.D., 010444970A

Reason: 2024 DUI
Counsel: Mike Gaerte

Guilty plea for DUI in 2024. Charges have been discharged.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license pending assessment results from ISMA PAP.

McCann/Busk 5-0-0.
Motion carries.

Lillian Cavin, M.D., 01057181A

Reason: \$2.3 million medical malpractice declared on renewal.
Appeared in person with counsel.

Practices teleradiology. Read initial film, ultimate cause of stroke was not visible, second scan had changed and then it showed up. Happened in New York state.

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

Sean Chrystal, D.O., 02003500A

Reason: \$600K + \$187K Medical malpractice settlements declared on renewal

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license.
Busk/McCann 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

William Chuang, M.D., 01074612A

Reason: \$2.1M Medical malpractice settlement declared on renewal.

Works as teleradiologist. Specialty in neuroradiology. Missed 6mm tumor on initial scan.

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

Dunniway/Busk 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Jose Del Rio, M.D., 01087757A

Reason: Disclosed 2024 DUI, did not disclose on questionnaire on renewal

Counsel Patrick Callahan appeared on licensee's behalf. Licensee is on locums contract in PA.

Charged as first offender DUI after finding asleep in his car. Incident happened in Texas. Currently enrolled in TX PHP. Licensed in numerous states.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license pending receipt of ISMA PAP reciprocal contract with Texas PHP.

Strobel/Busk 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Michelle DiCostanzo, M.D., 01082458A

Reason: 2023 DUI

Practices family medicine has been at current job for a year. Seeing a therapist regularly. Was not employed as a physician when incident occurred. Last consumption early September 2025.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license upon receipt of ISMA PAP evaluation and contract.

Strobel/ McCann 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Michael Doherty, D.O., 02006851A

Reason: Enrolled in ISMA PAP, 2 Week Clinical Privilege Suspension

Enrolled with ISMA PAP, Ms. Jackson-Harr testified he is in compliance. Board eligible.

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

Dunniway/McCann 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Jason Everman, D.O., 02003712A

Reason: Termination from employment declared on renewal

Counsel: Jamie Maddox and Courtney Endwright

Terminated without cause. Stood up for a nurse(s) who was being retaliated against. Practices family medicine. Has new employment.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license upon receipt of positive letter of reference from current employer.

Strobel/Dunniway 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Lawrence Gering, M.D., 01033570A

Reason: 2024 DUI declared on renewal

January 7, 2024 incident. Is a cardiologist practicing in Fort Wayne, Parkview.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license pending ISMA PAP assessment.

Dunniway/Busk 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Renewal Application – Positive Response (Continued)

Shane Guffey, M.D., 01061950A

Reason: Disclosure of IN + FL PHP, DEA Notification

Counsel: Mike Gaerte

CONTINUED to January 22, 2026 at licensee's request prior to meeting.

Christopher Hoyt, M.D., 01056839A

Reason: Title IV

FAILED TO APPEAR

Table to January

Strobel/Dunniway 4-0-0

Motion carries

Keith Hunsaker, M.D., 01083457A

Reason: \$2M Medical malpractice settlement declared on renewal.

Counsel: Mike Gaerte

Occurred in Illinois, no other malpractice. Specialty is body imaging.

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

Maten/McCann 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Aimen Kasabeh, M.D., 01088637A

Reason: Clinical privileges revoked after refusing to forge refusing to falsify a report

Group revoked privileges. Radiologist, tele and in person. No adverse report on NPDB.

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

Dunniway/Busk 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Marlis Lange, M.D., 01070880A

Reason: \$950K Medical malpractice settlement declared on his renewal

Counsel appeared on licensee's behalf. Licensee could not stay for meeting. Case occurred in Illinois.

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

Strobel/Dunniway 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Nicholas Leonowicz, M.D., 01080188A

Reason: Failure to disclose 2023 Domestic Relations with Children on renewal

Altercation took place between licensee and another male. Currently in therapy. Works in emergency medicine.

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

McCann/Dunniway 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Riley Lloyd, M.D., 01065707A

Reason: Open IL complaint declared on renewal

Appeared in person with counsel

Counsel believes he answered "yes" prematurely. A complaint in Illinois has been filed but is still pending. Practicing as an OBGyn in Illinois. Three (3) med mal claims filed against him in Illinois in all his years of practice.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license pending proof of free and clear Illinois physician license and refer to OAG.

Strobel/Masten 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Clayton Ludlow, D.O., 02003813A

Reason: \$350K Medical malpractice settlement on renewal.

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

Masten/Busk 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Serge Marinkovic, M.D., 01062781A

Reason: \$250K + \$165K Medical malpractice settlements declared on renewal

Medical malpractice cases happened in IL.

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

Strobel/Masten 4-0-0.

Dunniway abstained

Motion carries.

Michael Miller, D.O., 02001905A

Reason: Termination and Exclusion of Medicaid declared on renewal

CEO of multi-practice group on westside of Indianapolis.

No controlled substances involved. All scripts from group under his name, puts him over the standard.

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

Dunniway/McCann 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Heather Nath, M.D., 01060834A

Reason: Title IV

Involved in alcohol related car accident. Currently under contract with ISMA PAP for five years. Started contract 5/19/2024.

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

Masten/Dunniway 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Ryan Rolf, M.D., 01057615A

Reason: Administrative leave for alcohol abuse, self-reported to ISMA, \$850K MedMal; Recommended PA by Dr. Strobel

FAILED TO APPEAR

Table to January
Strobel/Masten 5-0-0
Motion carries

Theresa Sevilis, D.O., 02005575A

Reason: \$450K Medical malpractice settlements declared on renewal.

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

Usman Shahzad, M.D., 01089811A

Reason: 2024 DUI declared on renewal

Appeared in person with counsel, Patrick Callahan.
Plea agreement for DUI in IL. Did not complete an assessment. Part of a peer-to-peer group of international physicians similar to AA.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license pending ISMA PAP evaluation and/or contract.
Strobel/Masten 5-0-0.
Motion carries.

BreAnn Sheehan, M.D., 01070437A

Reason: Disclosure of ISMA referral, 30-day suspension of clinical practice, fitness evaluation, on current comprehensive aftercare plan

Counsel: Robert Saint

Board certified neonatologist. Referred to PRC Kansas, completed fitness for duty, being monitored by PRC due to complicated medical history.

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

James Shoemaker Jr., M.D., 01062988A

Reason: \$500K Medical malpractice declared on renewal

Counsel: Carlos A. Vera

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

Paul Stewart, M.D., 01048698A

Reason: Title IV

Privileges were restricted at an outpatient surgery center, no laparoscopic gallbladder procedures. Privileges have been restored, had a period of proctoring. No longer using bladed trocars. Currently doing about 3 laparoscopic procedures per week. Continued external reviews for the next year by hospital.

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

Dunniway/Strobel 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Constance Tambakis-Odom, M.D., 01077952A

Reason: Pending OOS board action

FAILED TO APPEAR

Table to January

Dunniway/Strobel 5-0-0

Motion carries

Kevin Trappe, M.D., 01059167A

Reason: \$375K + \$250K Medical malpractice settlements declared on renewal.

Counsel: Michael Mullen

Medical malpractice claims occurred in Indiana. Board certified in emergency medicine.

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

Masten/Busk 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Melissa VanSickle, M.D., 01080001A

Reason: VT Notice without license for a medical spa, MD Consent Order; Recommended PA by Dr.

Busk

FAILED TO APPEAR

Table to January

Strobel/Masten 5-0-0

Motion carries

Boris Vitvitskiy, D.O. 02005332A

Reason: Title IV, 2024 DUI, PLA Staff Harassment

May of 2024 pulled over for DUI, referred to ISMA PAP. Completed PSI treatment in Chicago. An extraordinary event occurred (severe manic episode) in summer of 2024 that lasted for approximately six months. Became non-compliant with ISMA PAP.

Currently under treatment with Dr. Andrew Chambers. Referred to forensic evaluation. Attends AA and caduceus meetings.

Acknowledged harassment of PLA staff. Portion of recording of 12/26/25 phone call to PLA was played. Under active investigation by the Indiana OAG.

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

Masten/Dunniway 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Michael Westfall, D.O., 02002226A

Reason: Pled guilty to domestic violence, Currently on probation (June 17, 2025 – present);

Practices emergency medicine in Valparaiso area. Board requests additional information: probable affidavit, charging information, psych assessment, documentation of any anger management classes, proof of ongoing counseling.

Table until January
Strobel/Masten 5-0-0
Motion carries

Thomas Whitten, M.D., 01055526A

Reason: Disclosure of pending medical panel review
Counsel: Barclay Wong

CONTINUED to January 22, 2026 at licensee's request prior to meeting

Ian Yahnke, M.D., 01094016A

Reason: Disclosure of 2025 DUI, OH + KY PHP review
Counsel: Rachel Russell

Self-disclosure of KY DUI in 2025. Completed assessment by KY and OH PAP, no evidence of substance use disorder, no monitoring needed.

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

Strobel/Masten 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Initial Application

Rashed Dahabrah, M.D.

Reason: Resigned from IU Residency Program associated with PGT License No.: 11023148A

Graduated medical school in 2019 in Jordan. Changed specialty to preventative medicine, interviewing for residency programs in preventative medicine. Many letters of recommendation provided.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE issuance of this license upon communication with program director.

Strobel/Masten 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Ronald Intelisano, D.O.

Reason: OIG Exclusion, Cease + Desist, Suspension of NJ license; Recommended PA by Dr. Masten
FAILED TO APPEAR

A motion was made and seconded to DENY issuance of this license.

Strobel/Masten 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Darin Stettler, D.O.

Reason: 2022 Battery, Title IV

Holds about 13 state licenses. Involved in a "cellphone tug of war" with an ex-girlfriend. Completed counseling, is now married to former ex-girlfriend.

All states and facilities are aware of all the incidents, all licenses and certifications are currently unrestricted. Looking to be licensed in Indiana for neuromonitoring only, resides in Utah.

Board is requesting additional documentation: probably cause affidavit, charging documents, and a letter from Utah board showing license is in good standing.

Tabled until requested documentation is received.

Strobel/Masten 5-0-0

Motion carries

Kristopher Williams, M.D.

Reason: 2023 DUI

Incident happened in Virginia, went through VA PAP. In counseling with addiction specialist. Has had an assessment with VA PAP. Has accepted a job in Michigan City, IN. Has left job at Virginia Tech.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE issuance of this license once we received ISMA PAP evaluation and/or contract.

Strobel/Masten 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Adjournment 6:21 p.m.