

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

**Minutes from the Meeting of  
May 22, 2025**

John Strobel, M.D., President, called the meeting to order at 8:37 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  
Bharat Barai, MD

**Board Members Absent:**

Victoria McCann, JD  
Rebecca Mueller, 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 amended agenda. Barai/Masten 5-0-0.

**Adoption of Minutes**

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes from April 24, 2025. Dunniway/Busk 4-0-0.  
Strobel Abstains

**Administrative Hearings**

## **Final Hearings**

### **Joel G. Brasch, M.D., 01041509A Cause No.: 2025 02-MED-0005**

DAG: Ryan Eldridge  
Respondent: Did not appear  
Witness: None  
Exhibit(s): None

Proposed Settlement Agreement received.

A motion was made and seconded to ACCEPT the Proposed Settling Agreement placing this license on PROBATION with terms and conditions and imposing a fine of one-thousand dollars (\$1000) .

Barai/Masten 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

### **Benjamin R. Loveridge, M.D., 01066134A Cause No.: 2019 MLB 0014**

DAG: Jessica Krug  
Respondent: Appeared with counsel, John Tompkins  
Witness: Dr. Loveridge  
Exhibit(s): State's Exhibit A - 2011 Renewal Application  
State's Exhibit B - Minutes of October 27, 201 Board Meeting  
State's Exhibit C - Decision on License Reinstatement Application, 2011 MLB 0065, November 9, 2011  
State's Exhibit D - United States v. Benjamin Loveridge ACM 37872 (recon) Opinion of the Court  
State's Exhibit E - Plea in Abeyance Agreement Case NO 121800361, December 13, 2012  
State's Exhibit F - Order withdrawing Probation, 2011 MLB 0065, April 27, 2015  
State's Exhibit G - Email and Line Messages from Ben Loveridge with "Patient 2"  
State's Exhibit H - Magnet Forensic Report of Emails with Patient 4  
State's Exhibit I - Order Granting Summary Suspension, 2019 MLB 0014  
State's Exhibit J - Criminal Case Documents, PCA, Agreement for Deferred Prosecution, Order of Dismissal; 33C03-2002-CM-176  
State's Exhibit K - Professional Renewal Center Treatment Report, July 2019

Has been working warehouse jobs and other non-medical positions, then worked for Indiana Medical Examinations and Alivio Medical Center 5/2024 to present – medical assistant work as well as administrative work working about 30 hours per week.

Treatment at PRC (Professional Renewal Center) in Kansas for boundary issues May 2019 – July 2019  
Has not practiced medicine in six (6) years, did not work in medicine 2011-2013

Started working in medicine in 2008. Worked 2008-2011

Violation 1 – Positive finding Dunniway/Masten  
Violation 2– Positive finding Barai/Busk  
Violation 3– Positive finding Masten/Barai  
Violation 4– Positive finding Barai/Dunniway

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE reinstatement of this license on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION for a minimum of five (5) YEARS with terms and conditions, and a one thousand dollar (\$1000) fine for each count.

Barai/Masten 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

**Obaid Shafiq, M.D., 01070252A Cause No.: 2024 10-MED-0023**

DAG: Natalie Stidd

Respondent: Appeared with counsel, Mike Gaerte

Witness: Dr. Shafiq

Exhibit(s): Respondent's Exhibit A – Ethics and Boundaries Assessment Services (EBAS) information and report. Letters of apology from Dr. Shafiq to Dr. Abdalla and IDOH.

A motion was made and seconded to ACCEPT the Proposed Settling Agreement consisting of a Letter of Reprimand and a fine of two thousand dollars (\$2000).

Masten/Dunniway 5-0-0.

Motion carries

**Probation Modification**

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

DAG:

Respondent: Failed to Appear

Witness:

Exhibit(s):

Respondent must appear at hearing

Motion to Continue

Masten/Busk 5-0-0

Motion carries.

**Order to Show Cause**

**Dennis M. Jilka, M.D., 01096435A Cause No.: 2025 04-MED-0011**

DAG: None

Respondent: Appeared without counsel

Witness: Dr. Jilka, Molly Dagon, ISMA PAP

Exhibit(s): Respondent's Exhibits 1 - Freedom Doc email dated 5/1/2025  
Respondent's Exhibits 2 - Signify Health letter dated 5/6/2025

Plans to move to Evansville, if contract with Dr. Malek is approved by the board.

In compliance with ISMA PAP contract. Currently still working as a medical assistant.

A motion was made and seconded to find that NO CAUSE EXISTS FOR SANCTION AT THIS TIME.

Strobel/Masten 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

**Rajat Prakash, M.D., 01092811A Cause No.: 2024 MLB 0005**

CONTINUED

## **Personal Appearances**

### **Initial Application**

#### **Steven Carlson, PGT**

Reason: 2021 DUI

Evaluated for alcohol use disorder in Maine in 2021.

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

Masten/Barai 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

#### **Jesse Doyle, M.D.**

Reason: 2021 DUI, Disclosure of enrollment in ISMA Program

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

Strobel/Masten 4-0-0.

Dunniway recused

Motion carries.

#### **Grant Geiger, M.D.**

Reason: May 2024 Remediation, August 2024 Probation, March 2025 Program Dismissal

Terminated 3 months before scheduled to complete residency. Needs proof there are no competency issues. More info from program director, LORs, final determination of appeals process,

A motion was made and seconded to CONTINUE the hearing until we receive the requested documentation.

Strobel/Masten 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

#### **You-Chuan Jin, PGT**

Reason: Pending China litigation

Complaint from 2023 while a Jr resident in Hong Kong

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

Applying for PGT for Union Hospital, currently a resident in PA. Has active unrestricted license in HK. Program director appeared with the applicant.

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

Strobel/Barai 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

#### **Vashist Madabhushi, M.D.**

Reason: Pending KY litigation/investigation

Counsel: Appeared with counsel, Elliott Pinkie

Application packet supplemented with numerous LORs

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE issuance of this license PENDING signed contract with an Indiana employer.

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

**Kamal Patel, M.D.**

Reason: Surrendered NY license, IL Board Action/Probation

License in IL is currently on probation. 2021 Woodridge clinic, many locations want to open a new office in NWI and he would be assigned there

Has not had board certification since 2019.

Come back for future appearance once location has been set and has a contract with the contract at that established practice.

A motion was made and seconded to TABLE appearance.

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

**Nolan Smith, PGT**

Reason: 2021 DUI, Pending KY Litigation/Probation

Has been evaluated by KY, eval recommended treatment, has contract with KY Health Foundation. KY residency currently, in order to practice at their locations in southern Indiana needs an IN license. Has already signed a contract with ISMA PAP.

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

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

**Christina Walker, M.D.**

Reason: Failed USMLE Step 2 CS  
Appeared with counsel, Mike Gaerte and the

Took USMLE Step 2 CS and failed, could not retake the test as that portion of the test was discontinued.

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

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

**Viktoriya Wolfe, M.D.**

Reason: 2024 Child Abuse Case

3 claims pending, initial stages, have not even decided what county to file in.

All claims encompass the whole team of providers and the health systems. Works as part of the child protection medical team. All litigation is pending, expected to be a long process and hoping from dismissal.

Indiana plans - has signed contract with IU health as a pediatrician.

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

Barai/Dunniway 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

### **Waiver Request**

**Matthew Delano, M.D.**

Reason: Exceeds USMLE Step 3 Attempt, Over 7-year USMLE rule

Temple medical school graduate - went into PhD program prior to taking USMLE Step 3.

Currently working as a trauma surgeon in Michigan.

Indiana plans, has a contract with Parkview.

Bill Beck, MD, Parkview trauma surgeon appeared with applicant.

A motion was made and seconded to GRANT waiver and APPROVE issuance of this license after receipt of proof of underserved area.

Strobel/Barai 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

**Karen Orjuela Traslavina, M.D.**

Seeing stroke patients, via telemedicine.

Is licensed in multiple other states, is board certified.

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

Strobel/Masten 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

### **Renewal Application**

**Megan Gray, PGT, 11022125A**

Reason: 2024 Probation and Remediation

Appeared with mentor and faculty member.

Currently in ob/gyn residency program

On probation with program, needs to repeat third year, program believes given additional time she will be able to complete the program.

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

Dunniway/Barai 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

**Douglas Totten, PGT, 11021968A**

Reason: 2024 DUI, Disclosed enrollment in ISMA Program

Appeared with counsel, Lorrie Brown

Completing fourth year of training. Has a five (5) year contract with ISMA PAP.

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

Masten/Busk 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

**Reinstatement Application**

**Kaebra Justin, R.D., 37001643A**

Reason: No active licenses

Has contract with Community hospital. CDR card is current.

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

Dunniway/Busk 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

**Katherine Wellington, M.D., 01058919A**

Reason: Out of practice 20+ years

Completed residency, did not practice after residency.

Took time off to raise children. Has no plan for re-entry yet.

Applicant requested withdraw reinstatement application.

**Adjournment 1:53 p.m.**