

**MEDICAL LICENSING BOARD OF INDIANA
INDIANA GOVERNMENT CENTER SOUTH
402 WEST WASHINGTON STREET
ROOM W064
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204**

MINUTES OF MARCH 28, 2019

John Strobel, M.D., President, called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m. A quorum was declared in accordance with IC 25-22.5.

Members Present: John Strobel, M.D., President
Kirk Masten, D.O., Vice President
Bharat Barai, M.D., Member
Michael Busk, M.D., Member
Scott Green, M.D., Member

Members Absent: Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Member
Victoria McCann, J.D., Secretary

Staff Present: Darren R. Covington, J.D., Board Director
Professional Licensing Agency
Kimberly A. Letko, Assistant Board Director
Professional Licensing Agency
James Schmidt, Deputy Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General
Brian Park, Deputy Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General

The Board voted to adopt the agenda.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Green/Barai, 5/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, Busk, Barai, Green
Motion carries

The Board voted to adopt the minutes of the February 14, 2019 meeting.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Busk/Barai, 5/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, Busk, Barai, Green
Motion carries

DISCUSSION

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Citations

Ujor Eko – 01065548A – Death certificate issue

Decedent died on January 28, 2019.

Per complainant, the death certificate was sent to Dr. Eko on January 30, 2019 but was not signed until February 18, 2019.

After discussion, the Board moved to IMPOSE a PENALTY of TWO HUNDRED and FIFTY (\$250.00) DOLLARS.

Strobel/Green, 5/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, Busk, Barai, Green
Motion carries

Retirement/Surrender Requests

Fred Moss, M.D. – 01059042A – Surrender

Israel Rosales, M.D., 01029116A – Retirement

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Moss's SURRENDER of his LICENSE and Dr. Rosales' request for RETIREMENT of her LICENSE.

Busk/Masten, 5/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, Busk, Barai, Green
Motion carries

Pedro Velsaco, M.D., 01035610A – surrender (currently on probation)

Dr. Velasco's license was placed on probation in 2017 related to probation in Kentucky. The terms and conditions of his probation in Indiana were to comply with the Kentucky order and to keep the Board apprised of any employment.

Dr. Velasco let his Kentucky license expire in 2018 and is requesting that the Board to allow him to surrender his license in Indiana.

After discussion the Board moved to ACCEPT Dr. Velasco's request to SURRENDER his LICENSE, with terms and conditions.

Busk/Masten, 5/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, Busk, Barai, Green
Motion carries

The Board Director provided an update on the status of the following rules.

Acupuncture referral rule update

Telehealth rule update

High breast density "consult" definition rule update

Physician Assistant rule updates regarding supervision

FULL BOARD APPEARANCES

Kimberly Chernoby, M.D., Indiana State Medical Association, Trustee

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Dr. Chernoby appeared before the Board regarding the rule requiring a six (6) month waiting period after graduation that physicians currently have to wait until taking step 3 of the USMLE examination and the one (1) year waiting period from graduation that osteopathic physicians must wait before taking step 3 of the COMLEX examination.

Dr. Chernoby stated that many Indiana physicians will travel to other states that allow the USMLE or COMLEX step 3 to be taken immediately after graduation in order to get licensed as soon as possible.

Dr. Chernoby asks that the Board review this rule and hopes that the rule may be amended to allow physicians to complete the USMLE or COMLEX examination without a waiting period after graduation.

FULL BOARD APPLICATION REVIEW

Sean Ewing, M.D. – Unapproved foreign medical school

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Dr. Ewing is requesting that the Board waive the approved medical school rule for his application. Dr. Ewing received his medical degree from the University of Medicine and Health Sciences in St. Kitts, which is neither listed on the approved foreign medical school list or the disapproved foreign medical school list for Indiana or California.

Dr. Ewing is currently completing his residency at Union Hospital in Terre Haute, Indiana and has accepted work as a primary care physician in Rockville, Indiana.

After reviewing Dr. Ewing's application, request for a waiver and supportive documentation, the Board agreed that more information was needed in order for them to effectively review his waiver request, and has requested that Dr. Ewing submit a letter from his current program director, a copy of his employment contract or documentation from his future employer in Rockville, Indiana, to be reviewed at the April 18, 2019 Board meeting.

Strobel/Masten, 5/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, Busk, Barai, Green
Motion carries

Ambreen Ghori, M.D. - Unapproved foreign medical school

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Dr. Ghori is requesting that the Board waive the approved medical school rule for her application. Dr. Ghori received her medical degree from Windsor University, which is neither listed on the approved foreign medical school list or the disapproved foreign medical school list for Indiana or California.

Dr. Ghori completed her Adult Psychiatry residency at the Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland Ohio and her Child and Adolescent Psychiatry fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic. Dr. Ghori has accepted a position with the Otis R Bowen Center for Human Services in Fort Wayne, IN.

Dr. Ghori also submitted a letter of reference from Kurt Carlson, President and CEO of the Otis R Bowen Center for Human Services in Fort Wayne, IN.

After discussion, the Board moved to GRANT Dr. Ghori's request for a WAIVER of the approved medical school rule.

Barai/Masten, 5/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, Busk, Barai, Green
Motion carries

Rick Gill, M.D. – Unapproved foreign medical school

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Dr. Gill is requesting that the Board waive the approved medical school rule for his application. Dr. Gill received his medical degree from Saint James School of Medicine in the Netherland, Antilles, which is neither listed on the approved foreign medical school list or the disapproved foreign medical school list for Indiana or California.

Dr. Gill completed four (4) years of post-graduate training in Neurology at Loyola University Medical Center and was also employed as an Assistant Professor at the Stritch School of Medicine, where tele-stroke medicine is provided.

Dr. Gill submitted a letter of recommendation from José Biller, M.D., F.A.C.P., F.A.A.N., F.A.N.A., F.A.H.A., Professor and Chair, Department of Neurology, Loyola University Medical Center.

After discussion, the Board moved to GRANT Dr. Gill's request for a WAIVER of the approved medical school rule.

Strobel/Busk, 5/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, Busk, Barai, Green
Motion carries

Gagandeep Kaur, M.D. – Unapproved foreign medical school

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Dr. Kaur is requesting that the Board waive the approved medical school rule for her application. Dr. Kaur received her medical degree from the Windsor University School of Medicine in St. Kitts, which is neither listed on the approved foreign medical school list or the disapproved foreign medical school list for Indiana or California.

Dr. Kaur is completing her residency at United Hospital Center in Bridgeport, West Virginia and has accepted work with Community Care Network, Inc. (CCNI) in August of 2019.

After reviewing Dr. Kaur's application and request for a waiver, the Board agreed that more information was needed in order for them to effectively review her waiver request,

and has requested that Dr. Kaur submit a letter from her current program director, a copy of her employment contract or documentation from her future employer CCNI, to be reviewed at the April 18, 2019 Board meeting.

Strobel/Masten, 5/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, Busk, Barai, Green
Motion carries

Thalia Kamel, M.D. – Unapproved foreign medical school

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Dr. Kamel is requesting that the Board waive the approved medical school rule for her application. Dr. Kamel received her medical degree from the Saint James School of Medicine in Netherland, Antilles, which is neither listed on the approved foreign medical school list or the disapproved foreign medical school list for Indiana or California.

Dr. Kamel completed her residency at Mercy Hospital & Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois and has been working as a hospitalist for Team Health. She recently signed a contract with Schumacher Clinical Partners to work at Porter Regional Hospital.

After reviewing Dr. Kamel's application and request for a waiver, the Board agreed that more information was needed in order for them to effectively review her waiver request, and has requested that Dr. Kamel submit a letter from her current program director, letters of recommendation and any other supportive documentation, to be reviewed at the April 18, 2019 Board meeting.

Strobel/Masten, 5/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, Busk, Barai, Green
Motion carries

Gal Marcan, M.D. – Unapproved foreign medical school

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Dr. Marcan is requesting that the Board waive the approved medical school rule for her application. Dr. Marcan received her medical degree from the American University of Integrative Sciences, St. Maarten School of Medicine in Cole Bay, St. Maarten, which is neither listed on the approved foreign medical school list or the disapproved foreign medical school list for Indiana or California.

Dr. Marcan is currently completing her third year of residency in Indiana University Methodist Family Medicine program and is board eligible. She has signed a contract

with Indiana University Health Physicians to practice primary care in obstetrics at Indiana University-West hospital starting in August of 2019.

Dr. Marcan submitted letters of recommendation from the following:

Brock D. McMillen, M.D., Associate Program Director, Indiana University-Methodist Family Medicine Residency, Assistant Professor of Clinical Family Medicine, Indiana University School of Medicine

J. Brent Sneed, M.D., Assistant Professor of Clinical Family Medicine, Indiana University School of Medicine

Jacqueline M. Nonweiler-Parr, M.D., Program Director, Indiana University-Methodist Family Medicine Residency, Assistant Professor of Clinical Family Medicine, Indiana University School of Medicine

Shivani Bhatia Martin, M.D., Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine, Indiana University School of Medicine, IUHP Palliative Care and Geriatric Medicine

Dr. Marcan also submitted her employment contract with Indiana University Health Care Associates, Inc. d/b/a Indiana University health Physicians

After discussion, the Board moved to GRANT Dr. Marcan's request for a WAIVER of the approved medical school rule.

Strobel/Busk, 5/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, Busk, Barai, Green
Motion carries

Rohit Praful Shah, M.D.– Unapproved foreign medical school

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Dr. Shah is requesting that the Board waive the approved medical school rule for his application. Dr. Shah received his medical degree from the University of Medicine and Health Sciences in St. Kitts, which is neither listed on the approved foreign medical school list or the disapproved foreign medical school list for Indiana or California.

Dr. Shah is currently completing his residency at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Illinois. He holds a full license in Illinois.

After reviewing Dr. Shah's application and request for a waiver, the Board agreed that more information was needed in order for them to effectively review his waiver request, and has requested that Dr. Shah submit a letter from his current program director,

letters of recommendation and any other supportive documentation, to be reviewed at the April 18, 2019 Board meeting.

Strobel/Masten, 5/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, Busk, Barai, Green
Motion carries

Hingwan Yu, M.D.– ECFMG waiver request

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Dr. Yu is requesting that the Board waive the ECFMG requirement for foreign medical school graduates. Dr. Yu received his degree from Tian Jin Medical University-Nanjing University of Chinese Medicine in Nanjing, Jiangsu, China.

Dr. Yu does not currently have an ECFMG certificate due to not completing or passing all steps of the USMLE.

After discussion, the Board moved to DENY Dr. Yu's request for a WAIVER of the ECFMG requirement for Licensure.

Masten/Busk, 5/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, Busk, Barai, Green
Motion carries

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Reza Kanani, M.D. – Positive response

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Dr. Kanani answered yes to the following questions on his application:

1. Has disciplinary action ever been taken regarding any health license, certificate, registration or permit you hold or have held?

5. Except for minor violations of traffic laws resulting in fines, and arrests or convictions that have been expunged by a court,
 - A) Have you ever been arrested?
 - C) Have you ever been convicted of any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state?
 - E) Have you ever pled nolo contendere to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state?

7. Have you ever been admonished, censured, reprimanded or requested to withdraw, resign or retire from any hospital or health care facility in which you have trained, held staff membership or privileges or acted as a consultant?

On December 9, 2009 Dr. Kanani was involved in an accident on the freeway in the Los Angeles area. Dr. Kanani pled no contest to a misdemeanor of exhibition of speed and was placed on three (3) years summary probation.

Due to the summary probation still being active when Dr. Kanani applied for a temporary medical license with the State of Illinois, during his residency program, the Illinois Medical Board issued the temporary medical permit with a letter of reprimand.

In 2010, Dr. Kanani was placed on probation during his medical residency program at the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles for allegedly communicating with the Emergency Room Director at the University of Southern California Medical Hospital, where Dr. Kanani was completing a rotation, regarding the procedures and protocols of their paramedics at the scene of traumas, as it related to gun shot victims.

After discussion the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Kanani's application for LICENSURE in the State of Indiana.

Barai/Green, 5/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, Busk, Barai, Green
Motion carries

Michael S. McDonnell, D.O.. – Positive response

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Dr. McDonnell answered yes to the following question on his application.

8. Have you ever had a malpractice judgment against you or settled any malpractice action?

Dr. McDonnell had the following multiple malpractice settlements.

Patient case involving a forceps delivery for fetal bradycardia where patient's episiotomy later broke down and needed surgical repair. Date of delivery was December 25, 2005 and suit was filed on March 13, 2008. Settlement for thirty thousand (\$30,000.00) dollars.

Patient case involving bowel injury after removal of fallopian tube and ovary. Surgery date was October 10, 2008 and suit was filed on July 17, 2009. Settlement for two hundred and forty thousand (\$240,000.00) dollars.

Patient case involving damage to the bladder and ureter from large fibroid situated low in the pelvis. Patient required ureters to be re-implanted and later claimed to have a fistula. Surgery date was December 3, 2010 and the suit was filed December 3, 2012. Settlement for one hundred and fifty thousand (\$150,000.00) dollars.

Patient case involving damage to the rectum from uterine manipulator. Patient later has a colostomy and reversal. Surgery date was February 5, 2010 and the suit was filed on January 3, 2012. Settlement for three hundred and seventy-five thousand (\$375,000.00) dollars.

After discussion the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. McDonnell's application for LICENSURE in the State of Indiana.

Masten/Barai, 5/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, Busk, Barai, Green
Motion carries

Muhammad Puri, M.D., – Positive response

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

Dr. Puri answered yes to the following question on his application.

12. Were any limitations or special requirements imposed on you because of academic performance, incompetence, disciplinary problems or any other reason during your medical education or post graduate training / residency program?

Dr. Puri was placed on academic probation in October of 2006, due to poor performance in several competency areas which culminated in the failure of his obstetrics rotation. In December of 2006 the probation was extended due to insufficient progress and a decision was made not to offer a 2007-2008 Post-Grad Training 2 year residency contract. In February of 2007 Dr. Puri's residency appointment was revoked due to subsequent failure of the same rotation.

In July 2009, the National Residency Match Program (NRMP) barred Dr. Puri from accepting a position in the NRMP match-participating program for one year, barred him permanently from participation in future NRMP matches and permanently identified him as a match violator in NRMP's Registration/Ranking/Results System file on the basis of failing to disclose required information.

Dr. Puri successfully completed three (3) years of post-graduate training at the Bergen Regional Medical Center in Paramus, New Jersey in the specialty of Psychiatry and currently works for Virtual Medical Staff, LLC in Alpharetta, Georgia as a Telemedicine Psychiatrist.