

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

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 2019

John Strobel, M.D., President, called the meeting to order at 8:35 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
Victoria McCann, J.D., Secretary
Bharat Barai, M.D., Member
Michael Busk, M.D., Member (arrived at 8:45 a.m.)
Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Member (arrived at 8:40 a.m.)

Staff Present: Darren R. Covington, J.D., Board Director
Professional Licensing Agency
Jim 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., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D.

Barai/Masten, 4/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai
Motion carries

The Board voted to adopt the minutes of the September 26, 2019 meeting.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D.

Masten/Barai, 4/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai
Motion carries

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

David Cook, M.D. – Initial Application

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D.

Dr. Cook appeared with counsel, Matt Schappa, regarding positive responses on his initial application for licensure.

Dr. Cook disclosed that he had been terminated early from a family medicine residency. His privileges were also revoked at the VA in Decatur, Illinois due to a relationship with a patient, who he claimed he did not know was on his patient panel at the time. Dr. Cook is currently appealing the termination.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE the application on PROBATION with terms and conditions.

Mueller/Masten, 6-0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Busk, Mueller
Motion carries

Adeeb Alshahrour, M.D., 01062054A – renewal application

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D.

Dr. Alshahrour appeared with counsel, David Jose, regarding a positive response on his renewal application.

Dr. Alshahrour disclosed that his privileges at Norwegian American Hospital were revoked due to a delay in performing a C-section. The patient remains Dr. Alshahrour's patient though. Dr. Alshahrour will be entering into a one year probation agreement with Illinois.

After discussion, the Board voted to RENEW Dr. Alshahrour's license.

Barai/Masten, 5/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller
Motion carries

Ho Anh, M.D., 01079897A – renewal application

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

Dr. Anh appeared with counsel, Stacy Cook, regarding a positive response on his renewal application.

Dr. Anh reported that charges were filed in California alleging that he improperly diagnosed, treated and prescribed for a patient without a proper medical examination, through his practice with an online telehealth service.

Colorado issued a Letter of Admonition due to failure to respond to an investigation request, but was ultimately vacated.

After discussion, the Board voted to RENEW Dr. Anh's license and FILE A COMPLAINT with the Attorney General's Office.

Masten/Barai, 6-0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Busk
Motion carries

James Baumberger, M.D., 01039450A – renewal application

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

Dr. Baumberger appeared regarding a positive response on his renewal application.

Dr. Baumberger disclosed that he surrendered his DEA registration for cause after he prescribed suboxone for addiction treatment under his nurse practitioner's DEA registration to avoid the limits on the number of patients to prescribe. He also prescribed with an expired registration.

After discussion, the Board voted to RENEW Dr. Baumberger's license and FILE A COMPLAINT.

Barai/Mueller, 6/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Busk
Motion carries

Robert Credi, M.D., 01044047A – renewal application

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

Dr. Credi appeared with counsel, Chris Dubbs, regarding a positive response on his renewal application.

Dr. Credi disclosed three malpractice settlements since he last renewed. The suits stem from treatment in 2011, 2013 and 2015. Two related to bariatric surgeries. The third related to treatment of an abdominal aortic aneurysm. In two cases involving death, a medical review panel found against him. No actions have been taken with respect to any privileges or board certification.

After discussion, the Board voted to RENEW Dr. Credi's license.

Masten/Barai, 4/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Busk
Motion carries

George Cybulski, M.D., 01047695A – renewal application

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

Dr. Cybulski appeared regarding a positive response on his renewal application.

Dr. Cybulski disclosed a malpractice suit involving a lumbar procedure on the wrong level. No actions have been taken with respect to any privileges. Dr. Cybulski appeared before the Illinois Board, with no action taken.

After discussion, the Board voted to RENEW Dr. Cybulski's license.

Masten/Barai, 6/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Busk
Motion carries

Shailesh Gandhi, M.D., 01080640A – renewal application

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

Dr. Gandhi appeared with counsel Andrew Albrecht regarding a positive response on his renewal application.

Dr. Gandhi disclosed a DUI in December 2018. He has signed a one year contract with ISMA PAP.

After discussion, the Board voted to RENEW Dr. Gandhi's license.

Masten/Barai, 6/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Busk
Motion carries

Srinivas-Prasad Jolepalem, M.D. 01064406A – renewal application

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

Dr. Jolepalem appeared with counsel, Michael Goldberg, regarding a positive response on his renewal application.

Dr. Jolepalem disclosed that his controlled substance registration in Illinois is suspended and his medical license on probation due to controlled substance prescribing. His Wisconsin license is also suspended due to failure to report the Illinois discipline. He is currently on probation due to the Illinois action.

After discussion, the Board voted to MODIFY Dr. Jolepalem's probationary order to require a free and clear license in Wisconsin prior to petitioning for withdraw of probation.

Masten/Barai, 6/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Busk
Motion carries

Sakib Khan, M.D., 01079206A – renewal application

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

Dr. Khan appeared with counsel Barclay Wong regarding a positive response on his renewal application.

Dr. Khan disclosed that he had entered into a MOA with the DEA. He is currently on probation in Indiana.

After discussion, the Board voted to MODIFY Dr. Khan's probationary order to add a term requiring compliance with his DEA MOA.

Strobel/Masten, 6/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Busk
Motion carries

Thomas Kintanar, M.D., 01035043A – renewal application

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

Kirk Masten, M.D. recused himself from this matter.

Dr. Kintanar appeared with counsel Mark Baeverstad regarding two malpractice actions that he did not disclose on his renewal.

Dr. Kintanar's staff completed his renewal and did not note the malpractice settlements. One case resulted in death and it was alleged that he failed to diagnose and treat a pulmonary embolism. The second case resulted in death and it was alleged that he failed to follow-up on an abnormal ultrasound. The fetus died at birth. His hospital restricted the number of cases for a time and conducted chart reviews. He has had no other adverse outcomes since 2015.

After discussion, the Board voted to RENEW Dr. Kintanar's license.

Busk/Mueller, 5/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Busk
Motion carries

Joseph Koscielniak, Jr., M.D., 01028974A – renewal application

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

Dr. Koscielniak appeared with counsel Barclay Wong regarding a positive response on his renewal application.

Dr. Koscielniak disclosed that his privileges were suspended for "disruptive behavior." He eventually resigned. He currently has privileges at another hospital. He has completed anger management courses.

After discussion, the Board voted to RENEW Dr. Koscielniak's license.

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

Robert McKnight, M.D., 01069824A – renewal application

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

Dr. McKnight appeared with counsel Chad Bradford regarding a positive response on his renewal application.

Dr. McKnight disclosed a malpractice settlement. The allegation was that he failed to communicate with the patient about the risks associated with a lumbar puncture while the patient was on Lovenox. The patient had a spinal bleed resulting in paralysis. The patient also alleged that he improperly performed the procedure.

After discussion, the Board voted to RENEW Dr. McKnight's license.

Masten/Barai, 6/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Busk
Motion carries

John Oren, M.D., 01030418A – renewal application

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

Dr. Oren appeared regarding a positive response on his renewal application.

Dr. Oren disclosed that his Wisconsin license was reprimanded for re-using the same syringe (but not needles) for multiple patients.

After discussion, the Board voted to RENEW Dr. Oren's license.

Barai/Masten, 6/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Busk
Motion carries

Mohammad Ratnani, M.D., 01076746A – renewal application

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

Dr. Ratnani appeared regarding a positive response on his renewal application.

Dr. Ratnani disclosed that he signed a consent order with Ohio for failure to comply with his 2016 consent order. The original consent order stemmed from discipline in West Virginia.

After discussion, the Board voted to RENEW Dr. Ratnani's license.

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

Kirpal Singh, M.D., 01056157A – renewal application

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

Dr. Singh appeared with counsel David Field regarding a positive response on his renewal application.

Dr. Singh disclosed a malpractice settlement resulting from an alleged failure to diagnose gall bladder cancer. The patient succumbed. Panel found against Dr. Singh for failure to view pathology report, but did find in favor regarding causation.

After discussion, the Board voted to RENEW Dr. Singh's license.

Barai/Masten, 6/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Busk
Motion carries

Rajasekhar Kolla, M.D. – waiver request

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

Dr. Kolla appeared regarding a waiver of the approved foreign medical school rule.

Dr. Kolla graduated from UTESA, a disapproved school. He was chief resident at Mt. Sinai and is currently a teaching hospitalist. He has active licenses in Illinois and North Carolina. He has been practicing family medicine since 2006.

After discussion, the Board voted to ISSUE Dr. Kolla a license.

Strobel/Busk, 6/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Busk
Motion carries

FULL BOARD APPLICATION REVIEW

Surya Venkata Seshan, M.D. – waiver of transcript requirement

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

Dr. Seshan is requesting that the Board grant him a waiver of the transcript requirement rule.

Dr. Seshan graduated from Mysore Medical College in India in 1974. Mysore Medical College is unable to produce a transcript. Dr. Seshan is currently licensed in three other states.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Seshan's application.

Masten/Strobel, 5/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Mueller, Busk
Motion carries

Glen Oriaifo, M.D. – waiver of approved foreign medical school rule

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

Dr. Oriaifo is requesting that the Board grant him a waiver of the approved foreign medical school rule.

Dr. Oriaifo graduated from International American University College of Medicine, St. Lucia. This school is neither approved nor disapproved. The school is accredited by CAAM-HP.

After discussion and review of his credentials, the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Oriaifo's application.

Strobel/Masten, 6/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Mueller, Busk, Barai
Motion carries

Ricardo de Leon, M.D. – waiver of approved foreign medical school rule

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

Dr. de Leon is requesting that the Board grant him a waiver of the approved foreign medical school rule.

Dr. de Leon graduated from Universidad Latina de Panama, Panama. This school is neither approved nor disapproved, but uses the same curriculum as the University of Panama, which is an approved foreign medical school.

After discussion and review of his credentials, the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. de Leon's application.

Strobel/Busk, 6/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Mueller, Busk, Barai
Motion carries

Harinder Kaur, M.D. – waiver of approved foreign medical school rule

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

Dr. Kaur is requesting that the Board grant him a waiver of the approved foreign medical school rule. Dr. Kaur graduated from Windsor University School of Medicine, St. Kitts and Nevis.

After discussion and review of his credentials, the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Kaur's application.

Strobel/Masten, 6/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Mueller, Busk, Barai
Motion carries

Renewal Application Review

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

The Board reviewed the following renewal applications and moved to APPROVE them for RENEWAL.

1. Donald Strobel, M.D., 01055643A

Masten/McCann, 5/0/0
Aye's: Busk, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller
Strobel recused
Motion carries

The Board reviewed the following renewal applications and moved to schedule a PERSONAL APPEARANCE.

1. Gregory Heumann, M.D., 01048795A

Masten/McCann, 5/0/0
Aye's: Busk, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller
Strobel recused
Motion carries

The Board reviewed the following renewal applications and moved to APPROVE them for RENEWAL.

1. Kumar Bobba , M.D. – 01076077A
2. James Esser, M.D. – 01041732A
3. Vincent Fortunato, M.D. – 01038160A
4. Winston Nara, M.D. – 01060224A
5. Shyam Patel, D.O. – 02005122A – pending confirmation from ISMA PAP
6. Gregory Sutton, M.D. – 01032586A
7. Juan Gabriel Tejada, M.D. – 01059717A
8. Benjamin Ticho, M.D. – 01070796A
9. Mary Vanko, M.D. – 01046010A
10. Bradon Wilhelmi, M.D. – 01063030A
11. Mohamad Adam, M.D. 01072284A
12. Roberto Darroca, M.D. 01035314A
13. Rajesh Dhamecha, M.D., 01049025A
14. Edgar Dizon, M.D. 01028348A
15. Kristen Ernsting, M.D. 01036867A
16. Raymond Facco, M.D., 01042301A
17. Michael Fisher, M.D. 01036080A
18. Erica Fledderjohn, M.D. 01058032A
19. Thomas Golubski, M.D. 01035170A
20. Souheil Haddad, M.D. 01040149A
21. Andrew Jenis, M.D. 01061631A
22. Preeti Malhotra, M.D. 01055677A
23. Louis Meriwether, M.D. 01073233A
24. Frank Pangallo, M.D. 01067541A
25. Neil Pitzer, M.D. 01074141A
26. Scott Porter, M.D. 01061509A – pending confirmation from ISMA PAP
27. Charles Rebesco, M.D. 01031652A
28. Thomas Tigges, M.D. 01041149A
29. Dhiraj Jeyanandarajan, M.D., 01075612A
30. Shashank Jolly, M.D., 01081142A

Masten/Barai, 6/0/0
Aye's: Busk, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Strobel
Motion carries

The Board reviewed the following renewal applications and moved to REQUEST MORE INFORMATION to be reviewed by the Board at the next meeting.

1. Thimjon Ferguson, M.D., 01036257A

Masten/Barai, 6/0/0
Aye's: Busk, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Strobel
Motion carries

The Board reviewed the following renewal applications and moved to schedule a PERSONAL APPEARANCE.

1. Waheed Ahmad, M.D. – 01024158A
2. Roozbeh Badii, M.D. – 01076026A
3. Virenra Bisla, M.D. – 01031172A
4. Donald Boss, M.D. – 01059081A
5. Ayman Ghoniem, M.D. – 01056877A
6. Nishant Kalra, M.D. – 01076400A
7. Johnathan Levi, M.D. – 01077973A
8. Mohammed Mazumder, M.D. – 01068828A
9. Stephen Montaldi, D.O. – 02003452A
10. Franklin Nwoke, M.D. – 01079903A
11. Furhan Quereshi, M.D. – 01077558A
12. Jason Cadwallader, M.D. 01067114A
13. Constance Fryman, D.O., 02000811A
14. Mahesh Goel, M.D., 01065617A
15. Warren Gray, M.D. 01024078A
16. Alan Lemerande, M.D. 01076124A
17. Trevor Lloyd-Jones, M.D. 01028055A
18. Raja Mahidhara, M.D. 01070300A

Masten/Barai, 6/0/0
Aye's: Busk, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Strobel
Motion carries

The Board reviewed the following renewal applications and moved to RENEW and FILE A COMPLAINT for further investigation.

1. David Burdette, M.D., 01062290A
2. Ann Connor, M.D., 01068600A
3. Robert Tenofsky Ealy, M.D., 01049535A
4. Rhamey Tubbs, D.O., 02004053A

5. Ricardo Vasquez, M.D., 01062063A
6. Anne White, M.D., 01060588A

Masten/Barai, 6/0/0
 Aye's: Busk, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Strobel
 Motion carries

The Board reviewed the following renewal applications and moved to TABLE for an evaluation with ISMA PAP.

1. Feriyi Bhaijee, M.D., 01075393A
2. Cindy Leland, M.D., 01031806A

Masten/Barai, 6/0/0
 Aye's: Busk, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Strobel
 Motion carries

DISCUSSION

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

Rule Re-Adoptions LSA 19-74

After discussion, the Board voted to re-adopt the following rules:

844 IAC 7	REINSTATEMENT TO PRACTICE
844 IAC 9-1	Fees
844 IAC 9-2-1	General
844 IAC 9-2-2	"Board" defined
844 IAC 9-2-4	"Committee" defined
844 IAC 9-3-1	Hearing aid dealer registration
844 IAC 9-3-3	Change of address
844 IAC 9-4-1	Hearing aid dealer certificate renewal
844 IAC 9-4-4	Standards for approval
844 IAC 9-4-5	Responsibilities
844 IAC 9-5	Examinations
844 IAC 9-6-2	Standards of unprofessional conduct
844 IAC 9-6-3	Standards of conduct
844 IAC 10-1-1	Applicability
844 IAC 10-1-2.2	"Contact hour" defined
844 IAC 10-1-2.3	"Continuing competency" defined
844 IAC 10-1-2.5	"Objective tests" defined
844 IAC 10-1-2.7	"Permanent record" defined

844 IAC 10-1-3	"School or program of occupational therapy or program of occupational therapy assistants approved by the board" defined
844 IAC 10-2	Fees
844 IAC 10-3	Admission to Practice
844 IAC 10-4	Certification
844 IAC 10-5	Standards of Competent Practice of Occupational Therapy
844 IAC 10-6	Occupational Therapy Aides; Training and Supervision
844 IAC 10-7	Continuing Competency Requirements
844 IAC 11-1-1	Applicability
844 IAC 11-1-2	"School or program" defined
844 IAC 11-1-4	"Direct supervision" defined
844 IAC 11-1-5	"Physician" defined
844 IAC 11-1-6	"Professional incompetence" defined
844 IAC 11-2	Fees
844 IAC 11-3	Admission to Practice
844 IAC 11-4	Standards of Competent Practice Under the Direct Supervision of a Physician
844 IAC 11-5	Certification Renewal
844 IAC 13-1	Definitions
844 IAC 13-2-1	Application
844 IAC 13-2-2	Licensure in another state or authorized in another country
844 IAC 13-2-4	Affiliated professional's license to practice acupuncture
844 IAC 13-2-5	List of courses and institutions that provide training for a professional's license
844 IAC 13-2-6	Fees
844 IAC 13-3	Supervision
844 IAC 13-4	License Renewal
844 IAC 13-5	Standards of Professional Conduct
844 IAC 13-6	Revocation or Suspension of License
844 IAC 13-7	Notification of Practice Location

Masten/Busk, 6/0/0

Aye's: Busk, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Strobel

Motion carries

Retirement/Surrender Requests

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE the following REQUESTS for RETIREMENT.

1. Michael Modic, M.D., 01046739A
2. Steven Archibald, M.D., 01061626A
3. Virginia Schreiner, M.D., 01061629A
4. Joseph Francis, M.D., 01058302A
5. Joseph Sanchez, M.D., 01047360A

Masten/Strobel, 6/0/0
Aye's: Busk, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Strobel
Motion carries

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE the following REQUESTS for SURRENDER.

1. Zhicheng Li, M.D., 01065286A – must make a personal appearance to discuss discipline in North Carolina if reapplies for licensure.

Masten/Strobel, 6/0/0
Aye's: Busk, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Strobel
Motion carries

Citations

The following physicians failed to answer yes to a question on their renewal application:

1. Mohamad Adam, M.D. 01072284A
2. Rajesh Dhamecha, M.D., 01049025A
3. Timothy Divens, M.D. 01050545A
4. Thomas Golubski, M.D. 01035170A
5. Souheil Haddad, M.D. 01040149A
6. Charles Rebesco, M.D. 01031652A
7. Maria Valena, M.D. 01037902A
8. Thomas Small, M.D. 01025451A
9. Emily Rose, M.D., 01069694A
10. Alan Bierlein, M.D., 01027976A
11. Kyle Loy, M.D., 01026301A
12. Koshy Oommen, M.D., 01058502A

After discussion, the Board moved to IMPOSE a CIVIL PENALTY of FIVE HUNDRED (\$500.00) DOLLARS.

Strobel/Masten, 6/0/0
Aye's: Busk, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Strobel
Motion carries

The following physicians failed to timely certify a death certificate.

1. Michael Harper, M.D., 01049550A
2. Robert Beesley, M.D., 01026194A

After discussion, the Board moved to IMPOSE a FINE of TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY (\$250.00) DOLLARS for failing to timely certify a death certificate.

Strobel/Masten, 6/0/0
Aye's: Busk, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Strobel
Motion carries

After discussion, the Board moved to not impose a civil penalty on the following physicians for failing to answer yes to a question on their renewal application:

1. Raja Mahidhara, M.D., 01070300A

Strobel/Masten, 6/0/0
Aye's: Busk, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Strobel
Motion carries

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Jonathan Cavins, M.D., 01064975A Cause No. 2019 MLB 0008

Respondent failed to appear in person or with counsel, regarding a Summary Suspension Extension scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Stacy Oliver, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lindy Meyer with Associated Reporting, Inc.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

The State presented a proposed settlement agreement for a summary suspension extension of 90 days, effective October 24, 2019.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE the settlement agreement.

McCann/Busk, 6/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Busk
Motion carries

Ossama Abdellatif, M.D., 01063982A, Cause No. 2019 MLB 0025

Respondent failed to appear in person or with counsel, regarding a Summary Suspension Extension scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Stacy Oliver, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lindy Meyer with Associated Reporting, Inc.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

State's Exhibits:

- D – Verification of Illinois license
- E – Administrative complaint filed in Florida

Respondent's license still remains suspended in Illinois.

After discussion, the Board moved to EXTEND the SUMMARY SUSPENSION for an additional ninety (90) days.

Barai/Busk, 6/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Busk
Motion carries

Vinson Di Santo, D.O., 02001789A, Cause No. 2019 MLB 0026

Respondent failed to appear in person or with counsel, regarding a Summary Suspension Extension scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Ryan Eldridge, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lindy Meyer with Associated Reporting, Inc.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

The State presented a proposed settlement agreement for a summary suspension extension of 90 days, effective October 24, 2019.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE the settlement agreement.

Barai/Masten, 6/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Busk
Motion carries

Jay Joshi, M.D., 01074818A, Cause No. 2018 MLB 0005

Respondent failed to appear in person or with counsel, regarding a Summary Suspension Extension scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Laura Josue, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lindy Meyer with Associated Reporting, Inc.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

Respondent remains in federal prison related to convictions surrounding his controlled substance prescribing.

After discussion, the Board moved to EXTEND the SUMMARY SUSPENSION for an additional ninety (90) days.

Masten/McCann, 6/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Busk
Motion carries

Marios Papachristou, M.D., 01076623A, Cause No. 2018 MLB 0031

Respondent failed to appear in person or with counsel, regarding a Summary Suspension Extension scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Ryan Eldridge, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lindy Meyer with Associated Reporting, Inc.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

After discussion, the Board moved to EXTEND the SUMMARY SUSPENSION for an additional ninety (90) days.

Masten/McCann, 6/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Busk
Motion carries

William Forgey, M.D., 01026236A, Cause No. 2019 MLB 0032

Petitioner appeared in person and with counsel, Christopher Grabarek, regarding an Appeal of the issuance of a civil penalty scheduled before the Board. The court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lindy Meyer with Associated Reporting, Inc.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

Petitioner appealed the issuance of a civil penalty for failure to answer yes to a question about malpractice on his renewal.

The following witnesses testified:

- Darren Covington, Board Director

Petitioner's exhibits:

- 1 – Void NPDB report

Petitioner demonstrated that the malpractice action should not have been reported.

After discussion, the Board moved to REVERSE the civil penalty.

Barai/Masten, 6/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Busk
Motion carries

Thomas Kintanar, M.D., 01035043A, Cause No. 2019 MLB 0038

Petitioner appeared in person and with counsel, Mark Baeverstad, regarding an Appeal of the issuance of a civil penalty scheduled before the Board. The court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lindy Meyer with Associated Reporting, Inc.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

Kirk Masten, M.D. recused himself from this matter since he works with Dr. Kintanar.

Petitioner appealed the issuance of a civil penalty for failure to timely certify a death certificate.

The following witnesses testified:

- Darren Covington, Board Director

Petitioner's exhibits:

- 1 – pages from Vital Records Registration Handbook

Petitioner was on vacation when the death certificate needed to be signed, but did not have procedures in place to handle these while he was absent. Petitioner now has these procedures.

After discussion, the Board moved to REVERSE the civil penalty, but find that Petitioner did fail to timely certify the death certificate.

Strobel/Barai, 5/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Busk
Motion carries

Jerry Benfield, M.D., 01056286A, Cause No. 2019 MLB 0024

Respondent appeared in person and with counsel, Michael Gaerte, regarding a Final Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Ryan Eldridge, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lindy Meyer with Associated Reporting, Inc.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

The parties presented a proposed settlement agreement imposing a reprimand and a \$500 fine due to previous discipline in Kentucky and Florida, and failing to disclose that to the Board.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE the settlement agreement.

Masten/Busk, 5/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Mueller, Busk
Motion carries

Vincent Lombardi, M.D., 01050269A, Cause No. 2019 MLB 0028

Respondent appeared in person and with counsel, Michael Gaerte, regarding a Final Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Ryan Eldridge, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lindy Meyer with Associated Reporting, Inc.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

The parties presented a proposed settlement agreement imposing a reprimand due to the surrender of his DEA registration for self-prescribing testosterone.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE the settlement agreement.

Barai/Busk, 6/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Busk
Motion carries

After further discussion, the Board moved to RENEW Respondent's license.

Busk/Masten, 6/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Busk
Motion carries

Julie Lentz, Cause No. 2019 MLB 0035

Respondent failed to appear in person or with counsel regarding a Cease and Desist Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Tim Weber, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lindy Meyer with Associated Reporting, Inc.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Michael Busk, M.D.

Respondent failed to appear for the hearing.

After discussion, the Board moved to issue a NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEFAULT.

Masten/Barai, 6/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller, Busk
Motion carries

The following witnesses then testified:

- Amanda Bell, client of Respondent
- Kirsten Faedtke, doula that worked with Respondent

Rachel Van Sickle, Cause No. 2019 MLB 0034

Respondent appeared in person and without counsel regarding a Cease and Desist Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Tim Weber, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Lindy Meyer with Associated Reporting, Inc.

Participating Board Members: John Strobel, M.D., Kirk Masten, M.D., Victoria McCann, J.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Rebecca Mueller, M.D.

Respondent is alleged to have engaged in the unlicensed practice of midwifery.

The following witnesses testified:

- Rebecca Legg, case analyst with the Office of the Attorney General

The State introduced the following exhibits:

- A – Response to consumer complaint
- B – “Private Member Association” document
- C – Letter to Attorney General from Respondent
- D – Letter to Attorney General from Respondent
- E – Website screenshot
- F – Website screenshot

Respondent introduced the following exhibits:

- 1 – Letters of support

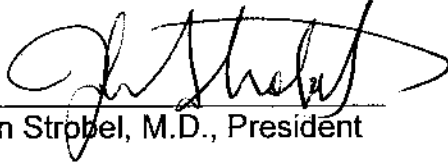
After discussion, the Board moved to find that Respondent did practice midwifery without a license.

Masten/Barai, 5/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller
Motion carries

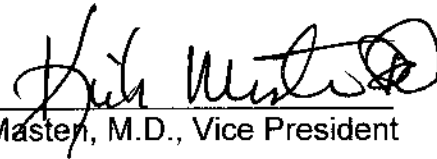
After further discussion, the Board moved to issue a CEASE AND DESIST order.

Masten/Barai, 5/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, McCann, Barai, Mueller
Motion carries

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.



John Strobel, M.D., President



Kirk Masten, M.D., Vice President