

Medical Licensing Board of Indiana

**Indiana Government Center - South Building
402 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204**

**Minutes from the Meeting of
June 25, 2026**

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/16076409084>

Meeting ID: 160 7640 9084

John Strobel, M.D., President, called the meeting to order at 8:44 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
Victoria McCann, JD
Bharat Barai, MD

Board Members Absent

Michael Busk, MD
Rebecca Mueller, MD

PLA Staff

Christine Maslan, Board Director
Kiko Dixon, Assistant Board Director

Advisory Counsel

Leif Johnson, JD

Court Reporter:

Accurate Reporting – Margie Addington

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the amended agenda.
Masten/McCann 5-0-0.
Motion carries.

Adoption of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes from May 28, 2026.
Barai/McCann 5-0-0.
Motion carries.

Discussion

NCBAHM 6.17 Meeting

(Nothing to discuss. Just PowerPoint of the meeting)

Senate Bill 282

Re: Medical Spa Registration

No presentation, only review of emails and notes from Nicholas Hart.

Administrative Hearings

Proposed Settlement Agreement

John Swaim, M.D., Cause No.: 2026 5-MED-0022

DAG: Carah Rochester

Respondent: Counsel Mike Garerte appeared on the respondent's behalf

Witness: None

Exhibit(s): Exhibit A – CMEs

A motion was made and seconded to ACCEPT the Proposed Settlement Agreement which imposes a Letter of Reprimand.

Dunniway/Barai 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Motion to Dismiss

Jennifer Mulberry, M.D., 01091158A Cause No.: 2025 06-MED-0015

DAG: Carah Rochester

Respondent: Counsel Laura Iosue appeared on the respondent's behalf

Witness: None

Exhibit(s): None

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE motion to dismiss.

Masten/Barai 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Summary Suspension Extension

Aman Patel, MD, Cause No: 2025-MED-0009

DAG: Alex James

Respondent: Failed to appear after being approved for a virtual appearance.

Witness: None

Exhibit(s): None

No change in circumstances, respondent requested a virtual appearance, we approved it, he still failed to appear.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE continued summary suspension.

Barai/Dunniway 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Personal Appearances

Renewal

Linda Jager, M.D., 01043746A

Reason: Originally scheduled 2.26.26 - NO SHOW, Failure to provide required documentation requested (based on PR provided on 2025, request for NPDB Report). Board denied renewal; New renewal application submitted 4.29.26

Positive response on 2025 renewal for medical malpractice. Did not provide requested NPDB report at the time of renewal and failed to appear at scheduled personal appearance. Renewal was denied. Submitted a new renewal in April 2026.

Medical malpractice case that was cause for the positive response was settled in 2025, only med mal she has ever had. Practice is based out of Iowa.

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

Strobel/McCann 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Reinstatement

Robert Nash, M.D., 01050603A

Reason: No other active license verifications

Request to reinstate Indiana license, no other active licenses, is a pathologist. Plan is to resume directing a pathology lab, does not have a job offer. Has not practiced in five (5) years.

Board provided information on CPEP noting that they offer a re-entry program for pathologists. Also suggested that the individual should come before the board with a job offer.

Currently lives in Illinois is choosing to reinstate his Indiana license rather than Illinois or Wisconsin license.

A motion was made and seconded to TABLE the reinstate application for this license until he has completed a re-entry program.

Strobel/Masten 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Patricia Session, R.D., 37002104A

Registered dietitian since 1997, has two master's degrees, lapse occurred while obtaining her second masters degree. Looking to retire and plans to move into long term care work in her retirement.

A motion was made and seconded to TABLE to renew this license and refer to OAG.

Dunniway/McCann 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Initial Application

Paul Bierig, M.D.

Reason: 2009-2012 Criminal probation, 2022 Class C, 2025 DOJ Settlement; Recommended PA by Dr. Strobel

2009-2012 Criminal probation, 2022 Class C, 2025 DOJ Settlement

Has paid restitution and civil penalty, no fault settlement.

Plans for practicing in Indiana, being recruited by a locum tenens agency, Epic Staffing. Works as an anesthesiologist. Has active TX and GA licenses. Currently lives in South Carolina, plans to move to Oklahoma.

A motion was made and seconded to TABLE issuance of this license until we received information from TX and GA showing that they are aware of the DOJ settlement and probable cause and arrest report from the 2022 public intoxication charge.

Masten/Strobel 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

James Caruso Jr., M.D.

Appeared with counsel Bradley Keffer

Completed seven (7) months of surgical residency, completed ten (10) months of anesthesiology residency. Has job offer in Indiana for wound care, they offer a fellowship. Completed a wound care rotation during his surgical residency.

Illinois training license has been "cancelled". Was under probation in lieu of termination. Did not complete any full residency program.

Barai – "would like to see one year of clear residency"

Stroble – "not comfortable with any probationary terms"

Requests to withdraw application.

Samir Faruque, PGT

Appeared in person with counsel Mike Gaerte and Dr. Yin program director of Parkview residency program.

Currently enrolled in St. Louis PHP, had a relapse in November 2025, has arranged to transfer to ISMA PAP. Originally from Georgia.

Resigned from residency program at Washington University.

Accepted into Parkview internal medicine residency.

Completed program at PSI (Positive Sobriety Institute), had relapse in Nov. 2025, decided to resign from residency program to focus on recovery.

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

Dunniway/Barai 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Zhenkun Guan, M.D.

Appeared in person without counsel.

Was referred to ISMA PAP, entered into a contract, successfully completed ISMA PAP contract.

Board requests letters from residency program and report from PRC program in Kansas.

Plans to remain in southern Indiana to practice family medicine.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE issuance of this license pending receipt and review of PRC report, and letters of recommendation from residency program. Board also approves renewal of the postgraduate training license without a personal appearance.

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

Roderick Saxey, M.D.

Reason: TABLED from 4.23.26 for having no active licenses

Provided requested documentation board previously requested (active license in another state).

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

Masten/McCann 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Margaret Schroeder, R.D.

Reason: 2020 Milwaukee, WI DUI/Possession of Drug Paraphernalia/Possession of Marijuana/Operating Left of Center Lane

Failed to appear.

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

Strobel/McCann 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Waiver Request

Zeinab Hassan, M.D.

Reason: Exceeded attempts on USMLE Step 3

Failed to appear.

A motion was made and seconded to DENY waiver request and TABLE the application.

Dunniway/Strobel 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

SB 282 – (Med Spas) Discussion – Led by Nicholas Hart

Adjournment 11:08 a.m.