

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

**Minutes from the Meeting of  
June 26, 2025**

John Strobel, M.D., President, called the meeting to order at 8:34 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 – Stepped away 2:35  
Michael Busk, MD  
Bharat Barai, MD  
Victoria McCann, JD  
Rebecca Mueller, MD

**Board Members Absent:**

**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.

Masten/Barai 7-0-0.  
Motion carries

**Adoption of Minutes**

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes from May 22, 2025.  
Dunniway/Busk 6-0-1

Motion carries.  
McCann abstained

## **Discussion Items**

### **HEA 1555 – New License Type - International Trained Physicians (ITP)**

Nicholas Hart, PLA Deputy Director and Barbara Killian, PLA Attorney

### **SEA 473 – Reporting of Adverse Anesthesia Events**

Nicholas Hart, PLA Deputy Director and Barbara Killian, PLA Attorney

### **Joseph DeJoan, M.D., 01046269A, Cause No.: 2023 MLB 0026**

Board requests additional information on proposed practice monitor and mentor. Letter from the physicians, CV, practice set up.

A motion was made and seconded to TABLE practice mentor and practice monitor.

StrobelMasten 7-0-0.

Motion carries

## **Administrative Hearings**

### **Probation Modification**

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

DAG:

Respondent: Failed to appear

Witness:

Exhibit(s):

A motion was made and seconded to CONTINUE probation modification.

Strobel/McCann 7-0-0.

Motion carries.

### **Probation Withdrawal**

#### **Robert Holloway, M.D., 01093652A Cause No.: 2024 MLB 0016**

DAG: None

Respondent: Appeared without counsel

Witness: None

Exhibit(s): None

Has been working with a practice monitor, all probationary terms have been met. Currently enrolled in a life long ISMA contract that mirrors the Missouri contract.

If probation is withdrawn what are your plans for practice? Brother-in-law lives in Indiana, plan is to move to Indiana and become part of a family medicine practice.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE probation withdrawal

Barai/Dunniway 7-0-0.

Motion carries.

### **Proposed Settlement Agreement**

#### **Ronald D. Dean, D.O., 02003438A Cause No.: 2025 04-MED-0012**

DAG: Carah Rochester

Respondent: Did not appear

Witness: None  
Exhibit(s): None

A motion was made and seconded to ACCEPT the Proposed Settlement Agreement and REVOKE this license.

McCann/Dunniway 7-0-0.  
Motion carries.

### **Cease and Desist**

**Linda Manus, UNLICENSED Cause No.: 2025 06-MED-0014**

DAG: Carah Rochester  
Respondent: Failed to appear  
Witness: None  
Exhibit(s): None

State requests Notice of Proposed Default

A motion was made and seconded to issue a NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEFAULT.

Masten/McCann 7-0-0.  
Motion carries.

### **Extension of Summary Suspension**

**Aman K. Patel, D.O., 02006207A, Cause No.: 2025 02-MED-0009**

DAG: Rebekah Hammond  
Respondent: Failed to appear  
Witness: Cassie McDaniel, OAG investigator  
Exhibit(s): None

Maryland court case is still pending, pending charges are up to 53.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE Summary Suspension Extension of ninety (90) days.

Barai/McCann 7-0-0.  
Motion carries.

### **Order to Show Cause**

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

DAG: None  
Respondent: Appeared in persona with counsel, Elliott Pinkie  
Witness: Dr. Prakash  
Exhibit(s): Respondent Exhibit 1 – Letter from Abdus Lakhani, MD  
Respondent Exhibit 2 – Letter from Sarah Grcich, RN

Currently working in Shifa clinic in Valparaiso since April 2025. There was confusion on where he would be working, and he was requesting CSR address changes prior to solidifying a contract with the new group practice. He now understands the process of submitting address changes to his CSR and how to keep the probation department updated with employer and supervisor

A motion was made and seconded that there IS CAUSE for sanctions at this time, rather than annual reports the board requires quarterly reports beginning July 2025.

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

## **Personal Appearances**

### **Pre-Licensure Application**

#### **Jonathan Jones, M.D.**

Reason: Pre-Licensure Approval for IN Physician License

"I dug a hole during COVID" (gambling, stock options trading, sports betting, etc.)  
Charges filed in January 2024. Served jail time until October 2024.

Residency loan fraud for about \$73k, used other identities to procure the loans. Garnered the identity information from the dark web.

Plead guilty in Marion and Hamilton county. Served jail time, now on house arrest.

Worked a couple of other types of jobs, worked a few months at those jobs (SAT tutor, medical scribe) but was subsequently let go.

A motion was made and seconded to DENY pre-licensure application for full license.

Strobel/Barai 7-0-0.  
Motion carries.

### **Initial Application**

#### **Tyler Arscott, M.D.**

Reason: 2023 Hospital Theft, Previous Academic Probation, Previously held IN-PGT

Appeared with counsel Matthew Gutwein.

Has an offer from IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital. General surgery group.

Received confidential medical records file.

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

Barai/Mueller 7-0-0.  
Motion carries.

#### **Norele Cutrera, M.D.**

Reason: Under current FL investigation

Appeared with Counsel, Mike Gaerte

Charges were never filed in FL, she went to jail when she refused to provide identification when out riding with a large bicycle group because she felt it was not necessary.

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

Masten/Barai 7-0-0.  
Motion carries.

**Dillard Elmore, D.O.**

Reason: 10 Months PGT, 4x NBOME Level 2

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

Barai/Mueller 7-0-0.

Motion carries.

**Patricia Figert, M.D.**

Reason: Previous KY Board Action

KY license was on probation,

Indiana plans are to do locums.

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

Barai/Dunniway 7-0-0.

Motion carries.

**Joseph Guarisco, M.D.**

Reason: FTD DUI on Application

Failed to appear

**Izuchukwu Okpara, M.D.**

Reason: 2024 Criminal Charges, 2020 NV Denied License

Nevada license was denied as they require three (3) years of postgraduate training.

Has worked in wound care for the last 12-13 years.

Indiana plans, expanding mobile wound care for nursing homes. Will act as supervisor of NPs in the nursing homes.

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

Dunniway/Mueller 6-1-0.

Masten opposed

Motion carries.

**Samuel Qian, P.G.T.**

Reason: Pending 2025 Criminal Charges

IU Evansville incoming resident.

Currently in a deferment program for reckless driving/speeding.

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

Barai/McCann 7-0-0.

Motion carries.

**Saddam Zaidi, M.D.**

Reason: 2023 DUI, 2024 DUI, CT PHP Program, IOP, IOL

Hospital medicine physician. Has job offer from Reid Health

Charged with DUI twice, currently enrolled with CT PHP program for five (5) years.

Sobriety date 12.31.2024.

Molly Dagon appeared on behalf of ISMA PAP, cannot sign ISMA PAP contract prior to receiving the CT contract which is still in the drafting process.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE the issuance of this license once we have confirmation of ISMA PAP contract

Strobel/Barai 7-0-0.  
Motion carries.

### **Waiver Request**

#### **Elsayed Elbasiony, M.D.**

Reason: No U.S. ACGME Residency Training

Appeared in person with employer, Dr. John Lind, IUSOM Ophthalmology

3-year contract  
Annual reports

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE a waiver and ISSUE this license.

Barai/Mueller 7-0-0.  
Motion carries.

#### **Anil Ozcil, M.D.**

Reason: No U.S. ACGME Residency Training

Appeared in person with employer, Dr. John Lind, IUSOM Ophthalmology

2017 completed residency in Egypt, came to US in 2018.  
Has a position at IU for training in retinal surgery .  
3-year contract  
Annual reports

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE a waiver and ISSUE this license.

Barai/Mueller 7-0-0.  
Motion carries.

#### **Istvan Gergely, M.D.**

Reason: No U.S. ACGME Residency Training, No ECFMG, No USMLE, Green Card exp 7/26/23

Appeared in person with counsel, Laura Iosue

Has offer from Rush Memorial Hospital  
Melissa Kacena, PhD testified  
Brad Smith President/CEO of Rush Memorial Hospital testified  
Dr. Jeffery Ginther testified, currently doing hip and knee replacements at Rush Memorial  
Mark Rollins - testified  
Dr. Gregory Merrell – testified  
Dr. John McGoff – testified

Board requested the additional following information: Case logs for the last two (2) years, LORs from other surgeons that have worked with him in a clinical setting. Summary of academic/hospital work/cases from the university.

A motion was made and seconded to TABLE issuance of this waiver.

Dunniway/Barai 7-0-0.  
Motion carries.

### **Renewal Application**

**Danish Abdul Alla, PGT, 11023245A**  
**Appeared in person**

Corrective action plan in effect, a 90-day extension of PGY2, before moving on to PGY3.

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

Masten/McCann 6-0-0.  
Motion carries.

**Rabiah Amjad, PGT, 11023652A**  
Reason: 2024 Diversion Agreement  
Appeared in person

Pre-Trial Diversion Program  
8-hour defensive driving class  
Completed community service  
Training program is not aware of the incident  
Starts PGT Y2 next week

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

Masten/McCann 6-0-0.  
Motion carries.

**Zhenkun Guan, PGT, 11023270A**  
Reason: March 2025 Hospital Theft, 2025 ISMA Contract

Enrolled in two (2) year ISMA PAP contract. Has mentor and monitor in training program, weekly meetings.  
Molly from ISMA PAP testified that he is in compliance with contract.

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

Mueller/McCann 6-0-0.  
Motion carries.

**Lawrance Mukona, PGT, 11023063A**  
Reason: Remediation of PGT Y2 for clinical deficiencies

Corrective action plan in effect, a 90-day extension of PGY2, before moving on to PGY3.  
Elizabeth Cunningham, program director appeared in support.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE the issuance of this renewal.  
McCann/Busk 6-0-0.  
Motion carries.

**Leonard Song, PGT, 11020473A**

Reason: Pending March 2025 Criminal Case

Signed diversion plan and paid the fine

Was booked the following weekend for domestic violence

Currently on steroids severe hemophilia

Diagnosed with PTSD, was seeing a therapist 3-4x/week but financially burdened so is only going 1x/week, left residency for a short period of time

Graduating residency in October 2025

IU Methodist subspecialty and will be starting after graduating residency

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

Strobel/Masten 6-0-0.  
Motion carries.

**Adjournment 3:16 p.m.**