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**MINUTES OF JULY 23, 2020**

John Strobel, M.D., President, called the meeting to order at 8:09 a.m. and declared a quorum in accordance with IC 25-22.5, pursuant to public notice posted on line at the board's website and on the state calendar at least forty-eight (48) hours before the time of the meeting.

Members Present by Telephone: John Strobel, M.D., President  
Kirk Masten, D.O., Vice President  
Victoria McCann, J.D., Secretary (in at 8:20a.m.)  
Bharat Barai, M.D., Member  
Michael Busk, M.D., Member  
Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Member (in at 8:42a.m.)  
Heidi Dunniway, M.D., Member (observing)

Staff Present by Telephone: Laura Turner, J.D., Board Director  
Professional Licensing Agency  
Jody Edens, Assistant Director  
Professional Licensing Agency  
Donna Moran, Litigation Specialist  
Professional Licensing Agency  
Brian Park, J.D. Deputy Attorney General  
Office of the Attorney General

The Board voted by roll call to adopt the agenda.

Barai/Busk, 4/0/0  
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:  
Kirk Masten, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk  
The following board members objected: none  
The following board members abstained: none

The Board voted by roll call to adopt the minutes of May 26, 2020 and June 25, 2020 as written.

Barai/Masten, 4/0/0  
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:  
Kirk Masten, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk  
The following board members objected: none  
The following board members abstained: none

Laura Turner, J.D., Board Director introduced Heidi Dunniway, M.D. who appeared virtually as the Board's newest board member. Dr. Dunniway is in Evansville Indiana and is employed with St. Vincent. The members all welcomed Dr. Dunniway.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

#### **Faizuddin Shareef, D.O., License 02003711A, Cause No. 2008 MLB 0026**

Respondent appeared telephonically and was not represented by counsel regarding a Reinstatement scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Patricia Gibson, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter, Margie Addington with Accurate Reporting Services also appeared telephonically.

Let the record reflect that Bharat Barai, M.D. recused himself from this matter and left the meeting.

Dr. Shareef's medical license was placed on Indefinite Suspension after a hearing on May 23, 2019. Prior to the hearing in May, Dr. Shareef's license was placed on Summary Suspension on July 26, 2018 after eight (8) of his patients died from opioid related overdoses.

The Board placed the following requirements on Dr. Shareef in order to reinstate:

- Indefinite Suspension for no less than one (1) year
- Complete Center for Personalized Education for Professionals (CPEP) courses in Basic Pain Management and Prescribing Controlled Drugs
- Complete Clinical Competency Assessment and Educational Intervention through CPEP
- Undergo a psychological evaluation, including a mental status exam through Indiana State Medical Association Assistance Program (ISMA PAP) recommended provider.
- Complete Medical Record Keeping Seminar through CPEP

Dr. Shareef registered for the CPEP clinical competency assessment and educational intervention but his payment information was not acceptable.

Dr. Shareef completed the Multidisciplinary Comprehensive Assessment Program of Chicago (MCAP) which was recommended by ISMA (PAP). The recommendations from this assessment are as follows:

**1. Monitoring with ISMA** – Dr. Shareef is advised to be monitored with ISMA or a physician health program in the state in which he practices medicine for the lifetime of his career.

**2. Lifetime Ban on the Ability to Prescribe Buprenorphine or Treat Substance Disordered Patients** – Dr. Shareef is advised to refrain from the practice of addiction medicine in any capacity or the future ability to prescribe buprenorphine or methadone.

**3. Neurological Work-Up** – Dr. Shareef is advised to obtain a neurological work-up prior to his return to the practice of medicine because the reasons for the cognitive deficits in this assessment are unclear.

**4. Practice Monitor until Repeat Neurocognitive Testing is Within Normal Range** – Dr. Shareef is advised to obtain a practice monitor to ensure the safety, effectiveness, and competence of his medical practice. This practice monitor must not be an employee or friend of his, must be another physician, and must report to ISMA on a monthly basis. Dr. Shareef is advised to retake the neurocognitive testing no sooner than July 2020 (three months) before he can return to the practice of medicine without a practice monitor.

**5. Comply with Board Order** – As stated in the Board Order, Dr. Shareef must complete the Center for Personalized Education for Professionals (CPEP) course in Basics of Chronic Pain Management and Prescribing Controlled Drugs and a Clinical Competence Assessment through CPEP.

**6. Practice Restrictions** – Dr. Dr. Shareef is advised to only work as an employee in the practice of medicine in the future to ensure oversight.

The evaluation and recommendations were submitted by Daniel H. Angres M.D., Medical Director/MCAP of Chicago & Positive Sobriety Institute; Anish John M.D., Associate Medical Director/Positive Sobriety Institute and Kathy Bettinardi-Angres APN-BC, MS, RN, CADC, Coordinator/MCAP of Chicago

His psychiatric evaluation raises serious issues.

Dr. Shareef has not completed anything through CPEP as ordered by the Board.

In October 2019 he left the country and went back to India. He last worked as a physician in the United States in 2018.

His New York license has been revoked and his Illinois and Montana licenses have also been suspended. He applied for a license in Canada and it was denied based upon the Indiana action.

Respondents Exhibits:

A – CE Certificate

B – MCAP of Chicago Evaluation

C – Partial copies of Board orders

- D – CE Certificate
- E – Article regarding Curtis Hill, AG
- F – Midwest Neurological Associates – exam evaluation

State Exhibits

- 1 – Information from Mayo Clinic on personality disorders
- 2 – CPEP brochure
- 3 – Email from CPEP

After having considered the evidence presented and taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence and orders in this matter the Board moved to DENY Dr. Shareef's request to reinstate.

Masten/Mueller, 5/0/0  
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:  
Victoria McCann, Kirk Masten, John Strobel, Rebecca Mueller, Michael Busk  
The following board members objected: none  
The following board members abstained: none

**Bashir Ahmed Sheikh, M.D., License 01056956A, Cause No. 2015 MLB 0045**

Respondent did not appear telephonically and was not represented by counsel regarding a Reinstatement scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Erika Steuerwald, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter, Margie Addington with Accurate Reporting Services also appeared telephonically.

The State requested the Board to issue a notice of proposed dismissal since the Respondent did not appear for this matter.

After having considered the evidence presented and taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence and orders in this matter the Board moved to issue a NOTICE OF PROPOSED DISMISSAL.

Masten/Mueller, 5/0/0  
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:  
Bharat Barai, Kirk Masten, John Strobel, Rebecca Mueller, Michael Busk  
The following board members objected: none  
The following board members abstained: none

**Anis G. Chalhoub, M. D., License No. 01073128A, Cause No. 2020 MLB 0007**

Respondent did not appear telephonically and was not represented by counsel regarding a Final Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by

Patricia Gipson, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter, Margie Addington with Accurate Reporting Services also appeared telephonically.

Dr. Chalhoub is in the Federal Penitentiary in Kentucky for health care fraud. He was sentenced to forty-two (42) months in prison; three (3) years' probation and is required to pay back \$200,000 in restitution.

After having considered the evidence presented and taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence and orders in this matter the Board moved to issue a NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEFAULT.

Barai/Masten, 5/0/0  
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:  
Bharat Barai, Kirk Masten, John Strobel, Rebecca Mueller, Michael Busk  
The following board members objected: none  
The following board members abstained: none

**Mangesh Kanvinde, M.D., License No. 01059611A, Cause No. 2020 MLB 0014**

Respondent did not appear telephonically and was not represented by counsel 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, Margie Addington with Accurate Reporting Services also appeared telephonically.

A proposed settlement agreement between the Respondent and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board. The proposed settlement agreement included a LETTER OF REPRIMAND; a \$500 FINE and Eight (8) hours of CONTINUING EDUCATION in Telemedicine and appropriate uses of Telemedicine.

After reviewing the proposed settlement agreement and taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence and orders in this matter the Board moved to APPROVE the SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

Mueller/Busk, 5/0/0  
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:  
Bharat Barai, Kirk Masten, John Strobel, Rebecca Mueller, Michael Busk  
The following board members objected: none  
The following board members abstained: none

**Geoffrey Onyeukwu, M.D., License No. 01043017A, Cause No. 2020 MLB 0025**

Respondent appeared telephonically and was represented by counsel, John Cantrell regarding a Petition for Summary Suspension scheduled before the Board. The State of

Indiana was represented by Natalie Stiff, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter, Margie Addington with Accurate Reporting Services also appeared telephonically.

On July 22, 2020 the Respondent surrendered his DEA, which in turn by law automatically suspends his state controlled substance registration, therefore the State filed a motion to withdraw the Summary Suspension as the Respondent can no longer prescribe, dispense or administer controlled substances.

After having considered the evidence presented and taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence and orders in this matter the Board moved to VACATE the SUMMARY SUSPENSION request.

Barai/Masten, 6/0/0  
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:  
Victoria McCann, Kirk Masten, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk, Victoria McCann  
The following board members objected: none  
The following board members abstained: none

**Robert Tenofsky Ealy, M.D., License No. 01049535A, Cause No. 2018 MLB 0024**

Respondent did appear telephonically and was represented by counsel, Janet McSharar regarding a Final Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Alyssa Servies, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter, Margie Addington with Accurate Reporting Services also appeared telephonically.

A proposed settlement agreement between the Respondent, his counsel and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board. The proposed settlement agreement included a LETTER OF REPRIMAND.

After reviewing the proposed settlement agreement and taking official. judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence and orders in this matter the Board moved to APPROVE the proposed SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

Strobel/Masten, 6/0/0  
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:  
Victoria McCann, Kirk Masten, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk, Victoria McCann  
The following board members objected: none  
The following board members abstained: none

**Leslie Glick, M.D., License No. 01050774A, Cause No. 2020 MLB 0012**

Respondent appeared telephonically and was represented by counsel, Steven Cohen regarding an APPEAL OF DENIAL of license renewal scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was not represented in this matter and the court reporter sworn in for this matter, Margie Addington with Accurate Reporting Services also appeared telephonically.

Dr. Glick did not appear at the February 27, 2020 Medical Licensing Board meeting for her scheduled personal appearance regarding a positive response on her renewal application. This was the last month the Board had to act upon license renewals and since she failed to appear and did not provide the Board sufficient explanation regarding her positive response the Board DENIED her renewal application.

The Respondent's attorney filed a Petition for Temporary Order which was heard by the Board at the Board's April 9, 2020 meeting. The Board moved to APPROVE the Temporary Order and placed Dr. Glick's license status on VALID TO PRACTICE WHILE REVIEWED allowing her to continue to practice until her appeal is heard by the Board.

Dr. Glick submitted information regarding her malpractice action that concluded twenty-one (21) years ago.

After having considered the evidence presented and taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence and orders in this matter the Board moved to GRANT the APPEAL and renew Dr. Glick's license on active status.

Strobel/Mueller, 6/0/0  
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:

Victoria McCann, Kirk Masten, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk, Rebecca Mueller

The following board members objected: none

The following board members abstained: none

**Lee C. Laney, M.D., License No, 01056701A, Cause No. 2018 MLB 0037**

Respondent appeared telephonically and was not represented by counsel regarding an Appeal of Denial scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was not represented in this matter and the court reporter sworn in for this matter, Margie Addington with Accurate Reporting Services also appeared telephonically.

Dr. Laney has held a medical license in Indiana since 1983.

He surrendered his license in Ohio.

The Michigan Medical Board placed his license on Probation and issued a Fine for failure to report the Ohio action.

He is currently living in Oregon, but is not licensed there.

After discussion the Board is requesting the following additional information:

- A copy of the complaint from the Ohio Board
- His NPDB report
- His AMA report
- Letters from co-workers and his employers
- Proof his Michigan license is active clear and free
- Proof of no malpractice action

After having considered the evidence presented and taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence and orders in this matter the Board moved to TABLE this matter for the additional information requested.

Strobel/Masten, 6/0/0  
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:

Victoria McCann, Kirk Masten, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk, Rebecca Mueller

The following board members objected: none

The following board members abstained: none

### **FULL BOARD APPEARANCES**

#### **Faisal Siddiqui, M.D., Initial App – USMLE 10 Year Rule Waiver request:**

Dr. Siddiqui appeared telephonically and was not represented by counsel regarding a request for a waiver of the USMLE 10 year rule.

According to 844 IAC 4-4.5-12:

- (1) A score of seventy-five (75) is the minimum passing score for Step III of the USMLE of the United States Medical License Exam (USMLE).
- (2) An applicant may have a maximum of three (3) attempts to pass each step of the USMLE. Therefore, upon the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) seating of each step of the exam, the applicant must obtain a passing score.
- (3) All steps of the USMLE must be taken and successfully passed within a ten (10) year period. This ten (10) year period begins with the applicant passes a step, either step I or step II. In counting the number of attempts regarding USMLE steps, previous attempts on the National Board Medical Exam (NBME) and the examination of the Federation of State Medical Board (FSMB) are included.

Dr. Siddiqui has active licenses in Pennsylvania, New York and Illinois. His NPDB report is clear and he currently practices at Hanover in Illinois.

Dr. Siddiqui indicated to the Board that his J1 visa was not renewed in 2011 therefore he had to leave the United States before he was able to take step III of the USMLE. It took



seven (7) to eight (8) years to get his J1 visa renewed.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE the Waiver Request for Dr. Siddiqui.

Barai/Masten, 5/0/0  
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:  
Victoria McCann, Kirk Masten, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk  
The following board members objected: none  
The following board members abstained: none

**Magdy El-Sayed Ahmed, M.D., Initial App – USMLE Three (3) Attempts Rule Waiver request:**

Dr. El-Sayed Ahmed appeared telephonically and was not represented by counsel regarding a request for a waiver of the USMLE three (3) attempts rule.

According to 844 IAC 4-4.5-12:

- (1) A score of seventy-five (75) is the minimum passing score for Step III of the USMLE of the United States Medical License Exam (USMLE).
- (2) An applicant may have a maximum of three (3) attempts to pass each step of the USMLE. Therefore, upon the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) seating of each step of the exam, the applicant must obtain a passing score.
- (3) All steps of the USMLE must be taken and successfully passed within a ten (10) year period. This ten (10) year period begins with the applicant passes a step, either step I or step II. In counting the number of attempts regarding USMLE steps, previous attempts on the National Board Medical Exam (NBME) and the examination of the Federation of State Medical Board (FSMB) are included.

He passed Step I in 2005 on his first attempt; he passed the clinical knowledge of Step II on his second attempt in 2006 and the clinical skills on the fourth attempt in 2007; he passed Step III on the fourth attempt in 2011.

Dr. El-Sayed Ahmed is licensed in the following states: Florida, Texas, Ohio and Georgia.

He obtained his ECFMG certification in 2007. He completed his Postgraduate training at Texas Heart Institute and the Children National Medical Center in Washington District of Columbia.

He is currently employed with Mayo Clinic in Florida and has a job offer with the Transplant Center at Indiana University.

He has no disciplinary action and no malpractice actions.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE the Waiver Request for Dr. El-Sayed Ahmed.

Masten/Barai, 5/0/0  
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:  
Victoria McCann, Kirk Masten, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk  
The following board members objected: none  
The following board members abstained: none

**Heather Benson, M.D., Initial App – USMLE Three (3) Attempts Rule Waiver request:**

Dr. Benson appeared telephonically and was not represented by counsel regarding a request for a waiver of the USMLE three (3) attempts rule.

According to 844 IAC 4-4.5-12:

- (1) A score of seventy-five (75) is the minimum passing score for Step III of the USMLE of the United States Medical License Exam (USMLE).
- (2) An applicant may have a maximum of three (3) attempts to pass each step of the USMLE. Therefore, upon the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) seating of each step of the exam, the applicant must obtain a passing score.
- (3) All steps of the USMLE must be taken and successfully passed within a ten (10) year period. This ten (10) year period begins with the applicant passes a step, either step I or step II. In counting the number of attempts regarding USMLE steps, previous attempts on the National Board Medical Exam (NBME) and the examination of the Federation of State Medical Board (FSMB) are included.

Dr. Benson indicated that she recently finished her residency at Indiana University. She has obtained her Ph.D. as well as her M.D. degree.

The Board reviewed letters of recommendation from Rana Berry, M.D., MPH, Assistant Professor of Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology and from Chemen Neal, M.D., FACOG, CPCC, VAMWA, Assistant Professor Obstetrics and Gynecology, Director Wellness Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology both at Indiana University School of Medicine.

Dr. Benson passed Step I in 2013 on her first attempt; passed Step II in 2015 Clinical Knowledge on her fourth attempt and the Clinical Skills in 2015 on her first attempt; passed Step III in 2019 on her third attempt.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE the Waiver Request for Dr. Benson.

Barai/McCann, 5/0/0  
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:  
Victoria McCann, Kirk Masten, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk  
The following board members objected: none  
The following board members abstained: none

## **PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

### **James Kessler, M.D., Initial Application**

Dr. Kessler appeared telephonically and was not represented by counsel regarding a positive response on his initial application.

Dr. Kessler is a practicing Radiologists and has been for the past ten (10) years.

In 2011, he worked for a company called Imaging Cloud Health Care, which he started with some friends. He eventually worked with the IT department regarding a unified single database. The Company had issues and went bankrupt.

The new owners NRAD Medical Associates found the data on his office computer as he kept a back of approximately 100,000 patients on his hard drive. When the new owners found the data he was terminated and they sent out letters to the 100,000 patients of a data breach. Some of the patients filed law suits against him.

In New York on April 24, 2014, Dr. Kessler was charged with inappropriately accessing, and thereby revealing to himself, patient information maintained by NRAD Medical Associates, P.C. He eventually plead guilty to disorderly conduct.

The New York Medical Board issued a Fine in the amount of \$10,000; Pennsylvania Medical Board issued a Fine in the amount of \$5,000 and the Connecticut Medical Board issued a Reprimand/Censure. All licenses are active at this time.

On July 1, 2020, Dr. Kessler started employment with Radiology Partners in New York.

After this incident, Dr. Kessler has obtained full unrestrictive licensure in five (5) other states.

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

Barai/Masten, 6/0/0  
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:

Victoria McCann, Kirk Masten, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk, Rebecca Mueller

The following board members objected: none

The following board members abstained: none

### **Timothy Swain, M.D., Initial App**

Dr. Swain appeared telephonically and was not represented by counsel regarding a positive response on his initial application.

Corpus Christi Medical Center summarily suspended Dr. Swain's clinical privileges on

June 10, 2014 after reviewing a case in which his clinical competency and professional conduct were called into question. On August 4, 2014 after further investigation of this case and others, the Medical Executive Committee (MEC) voted to recommend that the suspension be continued. Dr. Swain requested mediation. Prior to mediation and prior to the conclusion of the MEC's investigation Dr. Swain's privileges expired on their own terms and he discontinued his practice at Corpus Christi Medical Center.

Based upon the investigation and information from Corpus Christi Medical Center Texas Medical Board issued a consent order for failure to maintain adequate or accurate records and a Fine of \$2,000.

The Pennsylvania Medical Board also issued a Reprimand/Censure on Dr. Swain's license and a Fine of \$1,000.

The Illinois Medical Board followed with a Letter of Reprimand and a Fine of \$500 based upon sister state action.

In Illinois he has an active malpractice action that was initiated in 2017.

After discussion, the Board requested the following additional documentation/information be submitted in this matter:

- Letters of recommendation from employers and/or co-workers commenting on his behaviors and clinical skills
- His STS data from Hospitals where he was employed.

After further discussion, the Board moved to TABLE this matter for the additional documentation. Dr. Strobel will review the information when submitted.

Strobel/Barai, 6/0/0  
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:

Victoria McCann, Kirk Masten, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk, Rebecca Mueller

The following board members objected: none

The following board members abstained: none

### **Jacob Dewitt, M.D., Initial App**

Dr. Dewitt appeared telephonically and was not represented by counsel regarding a positive response on his initial application.

Dr. Dewitt explained to the Board that while his departure from St. Vincent's Hospital was voluntary he was on probation with them when he left.

He was placed on probation after having family issues which prevented him from completing his notes and medical records timely. He indicated he had to leave early, come in late due to daycare issues with his children.

He passed all his exams the first time.

He want to practice as a General Practitioner and do telehealth until his children are in school full time.

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

Masten/Mueller, 6/0/0  
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:

Victoria McCann, Kirk Masten, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk, Rebecca Mueller

The following board members objected: none

The following board members abstained: none

**Linda Meehan, D.O., License No. 02002888A, Reinstatement Renewal**

Dr. Meehan did not appear telephonically and was not represented by counsel regarding her reinstatement renewal application.

After discussion, the Board moved to TABLE this matter.

CONSENSUS  
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:

Victoria McCann, Kirk Masten, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk, Rebecca Mueller

The following board members objected: none

The following board members abstained: none

**Emad Kowatli, M.D., License No. 01056842A, Reinstatement Renewal App**

Dr. Kowatli appeared telephonically and was not represented by counsel regarding his reinstatement renewal application.

He is currently practicing in Dubai India. He last practiced in the United States thirteen (13) years ago.

In 1998, the Russell County Medical Center revoked his clinical privileges for unprofessional conduct. This was based upon four (4) issues, changing of orders when called in as a consultant without discussing the patient's care with the attending physician; going beyond the scope of requested consultation; refusing to utilize the Hospital's blood transfusion consent form and refusing to disclose the risk of transmission of HIV to patients having a blood transfusion; failing to obtain appropriate informed consent for a procedure; and making abusive and threatening comments to Hospital employees.

In May 2005, the West Virginia Medical Board initiated a complaint against Dr. Kowatli, based upon his entering a guilty plea to two (2) misdemeanors in court. In addition Dr. Kowatli made a misrepresentation in connection with the same on his WV renewal application.

He entered into a consent order with the West Virginia Medical Board. The consent order included a public Reprimand for unprofessional and unethical conduct relating to his guilty plea to the misdemeanors of driving left of center and obstructing an officer and falsifying his license renewal.

In May 2006, the Illinois Medical Board placed Dr. Kowatli's license on refuse to renew indefinitely based upon the West Virginia action.

After discussion, the Board TABLED this matter for additional information. The Board requests the following:

- Letter from his current Hospital that they are JCH accredited and comments regarding Dr. Kowatli's skill set
- Evidence of his board certification
- His medical directors credentials

Barai/Masten, 5/0/0  
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:  
Kirk Masten, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk, Rebecca Mueller  
The following board members objected: none  
The following board members abstained: none

**Niloufar Hafezi, M.D., License 11020608A, Renewal App**

Dr. Hafezi appeared telephonically and was represented by counsel, David Jose regarding a positive response on her renewal application.

Dr. Hafezi graduated from medical school at the University of Illinois.

She completed one (1) year of a two (2) year residency in clinical research at Riley Hospital.

After working all day, she flew home to attend a wedding reception. She left the reception around midnight driving home after having one (1) glass of wine.

She was exhausted and didn't think she could continue driving home, so she pulled over and parked in a Park and fell asleep in her car, she was approximately one (1) block from home. The Police work her up and did a breathalyzer which indicated a BAC of .056 which is below the legal limit, but she was still charged with an OWI.

The case is still open at this time, she is fighting it because the BAC was below the legal limit so she shouldn't have been charged with an OWI.

She state she only drinks at social gatherings, which she has very few due to the demands of her residency.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Hafezi's license renewal.

Masten/Barai, 5/0/0  
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:  
Kirk Masten, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk, Rebecca Mueller  
The following board members objected: none  
The following board members abstained: none

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **Fnu Jaydev, M.D., License No. 01081522A – December 2019 Minutes**

Staff found that Dr. Jaydev's name appeared on the list of renewals denied by the Board during their December 2019 meeting.

Dr Jaydev's license was already renewed prior to the meeting and the information that the Board reviewed with his license renewal did not belong to him, it was for another physician. It was a simple mix-up by previous staff.

After discussion with Brian Park, the Board's counsel, the Board moved to CORRECT the December 2019 minutes by removing Dr. Jaydev's name from the listing of denied renewals. The corrected minutes should then replace the ones posted on the State's calendar.

Stobel/Masten, 6/0/0  
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:  
Victoria McCann, Kirk Masten, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk, Rebecca Mueller  
The following board members objected: none  
The following board members abstained: none

#### **Rule Readoption**

Participating Members: Victoria McCann, Kirk Masten, John Strobel, Bharat Barai, Michael Busk, Rebecca Mueller

Laura Turner, J.D., Board Director gave the Board copies of the following rules that need to be readopted; 844 IAC 5-6-1; 844 IAC 5-6-4; 844 IAC 5-6-6; 844 IAC 5-6-7;

844 IAC 5-6-9; 844 IAC 5-6-10. She requested that they review the rules for discussion and a vote at the August meeting.

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 2:47 p.m.