

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

**Minutes from the Meeting of
April 24, 2024**

John Strobel, MD, President, called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. and declared a quorum in accordance with IC 25-26-13-3(d), 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
Michael Busk, MD
Bharat Barai, MD
Victoria McCann, JD
Heidi Dunniway, MD
Rebecca Mueller, MD

PLA Staff:

Christine Maslan, Board Director
Kiko Dixon, Assistant Director

Advisory Counsel:

Adam Harvey, JD

Court Reporter:

Accurate Reporting – Margie Addington

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda.
Barai/Mueller 7-0-0
Motion carried

Adoption of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes from March 21, 2024.
Muller/Dunniway 7-0-0
Motion carried

Discussion Items

1. OAG Report - presented by Amy Osborne
2. Director's Report – presented by Christine Maslan
3. FSMB Report – Dr Messina and Dr. Mueller
4. Legislative Update – Doug Boyle
5. Volunteer Healthcare Facility Location – File Review
Motion was made and seconded to APPROVE license
Dunniway/Barai 7-0-0
6. Alternate board member – does the statute allow for an alternate board member?

Personal Appearances

Initial Application

Monique Brotman, DO

Dr. Brotman appeared on behalf of this matter without counsel.
PR on application, pled guilty to fraud in 2022 in IL, IL license is suspended.
Status hearing in July in front of IL board.
Advised to withdraw application and come back once IL discipline is resolved.

Applicant requests to withdraw application.

Ryan Sondergard, DO

Dr. Sondergard appeared on behalf of this matter with counsel, Elliott Pinkie.
MO board complaint in 2021, incident occurred in 2019. Resigned from the VA during probationary employment period. Applied for OH license, they asked him to permanently withdraw his application.

Applicant requests to withdraw application

Taichi Imamura, MD

Dr. Imamura appeared on behalf of this matter without counsel.
Needs Indiana license for telehealth to practice emergency medicine for detention center counseling. Has two medical malpractice cases.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE issuance of this license.
Masten/Dunniway 7-0-0
Motion carried

Douglas Jackson, MD

Dr. Jackson appeared on behalf of this matter without counsel.

Has not practiced medicine, radiology/oncology, in twenty-six (26) years. Has applied for licensure in Florida with no luck.

Applicant requests to withdraw application.

Millard Collins, MD

Failure to appear

Mohammed Hamoui, MD

Failure to appear

Creso Bulcao, MD

Dr. Bulcao appeared on behalf of this matter without counsel.

Orthopedic spine surgeon has not practiced in the US since residency in about 2013 when he did a general surgery internship in Maryland. Has not passed USMLE Step 3. Has been working in Brazil, last surgery in October 2023.

Applicant requests to withdraw application.

Peter L. Smith, MD

Dr. Smith appeared on behalf of this matter with counsel, Tony Ridolfo.

Positive response on application. Voluntarily enrolled in Vanderbilt anger management program, completed 9.25.2023.

Has been working in NJ.

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

Barai/Masten 6-0-1

Mueller voted Nay

Motion carried

St. Matthew's University

Request to come off the Indiana disapproved schools list.

Patrick Donnellan, COO of St. Matthew's University appeared on behalf of this matter with counsel, Shelley Jackson.

2022 USMLE passing rate: 88%. Matching rate: 96% were placed in residency in Canada and US.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE institution be removed from the disapproved list based on inclusion in World Directory of medical schools.

Strobel/Dunniway 7-0-0

Motion carried

Waiver Request

Fidel Valero Moreno, MD

Failure to appear

Shehbaz Ansari, MD

Dr. Ansari appeared on behalf of this matter with chair of radiology of Rush University Medical Center in support of Dr. Ansari.

Needs waiver request for transcripts, went to medical school in Iraq does not have access to her transcripts.

Currently licensed in IL.

A motion was made and seconded to GRANT the waiver request and APPROVE issuance of this license. Employer to provide letter once per year to notify us that they are still employed, licensee needs to notify us if they change employment.

Barai/Mueller 7-0-0

Motion carried

Reinstatement

Caitlin Cloutier, RD

Failed to appear

Jenna Hruban, RD

Has maintained national registration, was licensed in IN prior to license requirement.

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

Dunniway/Strobel 7-0-0

Motion carried

Stephanie Davis, MD

A motion was made and seconded to TABLE this application.

Strobel/Masten 7-0-0

Motion carried

Renewal

Beth Balfour, MD, 01077228A

Dr. Balfour appeared on behalf of this matter without counsel.

Has not practiced medicine in five (5) years. Has renewed license, currently in active status.

Presented the board with a re-entry program for internal medicine. SPEX or CPEP and have receipt for the board to review, residency at IU.

No need to vote.

Michael Hu, MD, 01053511A

Failure to appear

Administrative Hearings

Appeals

Joseph Jude Babu, M.D., 01089537A - Cause No.: 2024 MLB 0014

Appeal of Renewal Denial

DAG: None

Respondent: Appeared virtually, with counsel Michael Gaerte appearing in person.

Exhibit(s): Respondent's Ex A – AZ agreement

Respondent's Ex B – Letter from Community Bridges

Witness(es): None

Licensed in 12+ states

Date of OWI – 2023, prior incident in 2011.

A motion was made and seconded to GRANT the appeal of license renewal denial and RENEW license with \$250 citation and refer to OAG.

McCann/Masten 7-0-0.

Motion carried

Bashar Edmon Miami, M.D., 01058370A - Cause No.: 2024 MLB 0010

Matter continued

Charles Amonle Kwaw, M.D., 01046955A - Cause No.: 2024 MLB 0012

Appeal of Renewal Denial

DAG: None

Respondent: Appeared without counsel

Exhibit(s): None

Witness(es): None

Answer in affirmative on the application was in error. Was out of the country, did not receive emails.

A motion was made and seconded to GRANT the appeal of license renewal denial and RENEW license.

Barai/McCann 7-0-0
Motion carried

Summary Suspension Renewals

Scott Edward Mimms, M.D., 01068514A – Cause No.: 2023 MLB 0002

Summary Suspension Extension

DAG: Britney McMahan
Respondent: Did not appear
Exhibit(s): None
Witness(es): None

116 counts against his medical license.
OAG asks to vacate the summary suspension.

A motion was made and seconded to VACATE the hearing.

Masten/Busk 7-0-0
Motion carried

Petitions for Probation Withdraw/Modification

Maksym Stefan Dymek, M.D., 01069778A - Cause No.: 2019 MLB 0004

Probation Withdrawal

DAG: None
Respondent: Appeared without counsel
Exhibit(s): None
Witness(es): None

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE the probation withdrawal.

Barai/McCann 7-0-0
Motion carried

Final Hearings

Tim Alward, M.D., 01023808A - Cause No.: 2023 MLB 0018

Final Hearing

DAG: Jackson Yerkes
Respondent: Did not appear
Exhibit(s): None
Witness(es): None

OAG requests Notice of Proposed Default (NOPD).

A motion was made and seconded to issue a Notice of Proposed Default.
Masten/Busk 7-0-0
Motion carried

Barai/Dunniway 7-0-0
Motion carries

Robert O. Bigler, M.D., 01034584A - Cause No.: 2023 MLB 0032

Matter continued

Glen Edward Leer, D.O., 02001252A - Cause No.: 2023 MLB 0019

Matter continued

Quang Le Nguyen, M.D., 01086606A - Cause No.: 2024 MLB 0002

Final Hearing

DAG: Alex James
Respondent: Counsel Mike Roth appeared on behalf of this matter
Exhibit(s): None
Witness(es): None

A motion was made and seconded to dismiss the complaint with prejudice.

Masten/Barai 7-0-0.
Motion carries

There being no further business the Board **ADJOURNED** at 2:05 p.m.