

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

MINUTES OF JULY 25, 2019

John Strobel, M.D., President, called the meeting to order at 8:39 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, in at 8:45 a.m.
Bharat Barai, M.D., Member
Michael Busk, M.D., Member
Scott Green, M.D., Member, out at 4:15 p.m.
Rebecca Mueller, M.D., Member, in at 9:15 a.m., out at 3:46 p.m.

Staff Present: Darren R. Covington, J.D., Board Director
Professional Licensing Agency
Kimberly A. Letko, Assistant 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., Michael Busk, M.D., Bharat Barai, M.D., Scott Green, M.D.

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

The Board voted to adopt the minutes of the May 23, 2019 meeting and the June 27, 2019 meeting.

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

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

DISCUSSION

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

Citations

Cheryl Westmoreland, MD, 01043110A – failure to timely certify death certificate

After discussion, the Board moved to IMPOSE a FINE of TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY (\$250.00) DOLLARS.

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

Geoffrey Onyeukwu, MD, 01043017A – failure to timely certify death certificate

After discussion, the Board moved to IMPOSE a FINE of TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY (\$250.00) DOLLARS.

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

Judiann Miskulin, MD, 01061067A – failure to disclose on renewal

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

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

William Forgey, MD, 01026236A – failure to disclose on renewal

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

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

David Blank, DO, 02001351A – failure to disclose on renewal

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

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

Retirement/Surrender Requests

Gwenda Breckler, DO, 02002504B – surrender of CSR (“A” license retired)
James Canavan, MD, 01077825A/B – surrender
Luis R. Saldana-Gautier, MD, 01079996A – retirement
John Ruthman, MD, 01059095A – retirement
Diane Musgrave, MD, 01032679A – retirement
Janet Clark, MD, 01027797A – retirement
Robert Gould, MD, 01027404A – retirement
Ronald Andrews, MD, 01028538A – retirement
Ronald Barbie, MD, 01045520A – retirement
Jeffrey Callen, MD, 01040060A – surrender
Dennis O’Connor, MD, 01064211A – retirement

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE ALL RETIREMENT and SURRENDER REQUESTS.

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

Shakil Siddiqui, M.D. – SPEX exam

At the May 23, 2019 Board meeting, the Board moved to approve the reinstatement of Dr. Siddiqui’s medical license upon completion of a SPEX exam.

On June 11, 2019 the Director and Assistant Director received an email from Lauren Stewart, Coordinator of Assessment Services, Federation of State Medical Boards stating that she had received an email from Dr. Siddiqui inquiring about the SPEX exam. Ms. Stewart stated that typically, if someone has been out of practice as long as Dr. Siddiqui has, she recommends a full assessment through the Post-Licensure Assessment System Program.

After discussion, the Board moved to approve the reinstatement of Dr. Siddiqui’s medical license upon completion a PLAS assessment as well as the SPEX exam.

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

FULL BOARD APPEARANCES

Vickie Fisher, Hearing Aid Dealer Committee Chairperson and Tony Gigli Hearing Aid Dealer Committee Member, appeared before the Board regarding the presentation of the revised Hearing Aid Dealer rule.

After discussion, the Board moved to approve the draft revised rule to begin the rulemaking process.

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

FULL BOARD APPLICATION REVIEW

Providence Uwimana, M.D. - Unapproved Foreign Medical School

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

Dr. Uwimana graduated from the Medical University of the Americas in St. Kitts and Nevis and completed residency training in Family Medicine at the Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine in June of 2016.

Dr. Uwimana currently has a Board certification from the American Board of Family Medicine and has an unrestricted license in the state of Pennsylvania.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Uwimana's WAIVER request and GRANT her licensure in the State of Indiana.

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

Antonio Senat, M.D – Transcript Requirement Waiver Request

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

Dr. Senat is requesting that the Board waive the transcript requirement due to the difficulty he is having contacting his medical school, State University of Haiti in Port-au-Prince, Haiti W.I. Dr. Senat has made multiple attempts to contact them to have a copy of his transcripts submitted to the Board, but to no avail. Dr. Senate graduated from the State University of Haiti in 1962.

Dr. Senat completed 2 years of residency training at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, Illinois in from 1970 to 1972 and one year at Edward Vines V.A. Hospital in Maywood, Illinois from 1973 to 1974.

Dr. Senat is Board certified in Cardiovascular Disease and Internal Medicine with the American Board of Internal Medicine and is currently licensed in Illinois.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Senat's WAIVER request and GRANT him licensure in the State of Indiana.

Strobel/McCann, 5/0/0

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

Renewal Application Review

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

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

Michael Cadena, D.O. – 02004504
Judiann Miskulin, M.D. – 01061067
Christopher Quinn, D.O. - 02004329
Charisa M. Spoo, D.O. – 02003714
Steven Winograd, M.D. - 01053404

The Board reviewed the following renewal applications and moved to APPROVE them for RENEWAL and FILE a COMPLAINT with the Indiana Attorney General's Office.

Stephen Beck, M.D. – 01036074
Daniel Borison, M.D. – 01077173

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

Tim Conrad, M.D. – 01041184
Dirk deHaas, M.D. – 01074588
Jason Finkelstein, M.D. – 01060278
Julio Galindo, M.D. - 01080465
Srinivas-Prasad Jolepalem, M.D. 01064406
Constance Tambakis-Odom, M.D. – 01077952
Michelle Zormeier, M.D. - 01050761

The Board reviewed the following renewal application and moved to TABLE until completion of an EVALUATION from the Indiana State Medical Association's Physician Assistance Program (ISMA PAP).

Juan Salgado Campo, M.D. - 01076915

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

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Robert Cozzens, D.O. – Positive response

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

Dr. Cozzens answered yes to question #7 on his application which asks:

"Have you ever been admonished, censured, reprimanded or requested to withdraw, resign or retire from any hospital or health care facility in which you have trained, held staff membership or privileges or acted as a consultant?"

Dr. Cozzens failed to get credit for his post graduate training at Ohio Health O'Bleness Hospital residency program from 2017 through 2018 due to being terminated from the program due to failing his part three (3) of COMLEX exams and failing his cardiology rotation.

After speaking to the Board, Dr. Cozzens decided to withdraw his application.

Mahendra Shah, M.D.– Positive responses

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

Dr. Shah appeared before the Board with counsel, Stacy Cook.

Dr. Shah previously appeared before the Board at the June 27, 2019 meeting regarding his positive responses to the following questions:

1. Has disciplinary action ever been taken regarding any health license, certificate, registration or permit you hold or have held?

2. Have you ever been denied a license, certificate, registration or permit to practice medicine, osteopathic medicine or any regulated health occupation in any state (including Indiana) or country, or surrendered your license?
4. Have you ever been the subject of an investigation by a regulatory agency concerning your license?
6. Have you ever been denied staff membership or privileges in any hospital or health care facility or had such membership or privileges revoked, suspended or subjected to any restrictions, probation or other type of discipline or limitations?
7. Have you ever been admonished, censured, reprimanded or requested to withdraw, resign or retire from any hospital or health care facility in which you have trained, held staff membership or privileges or acted as a consultant?
8. Have you ever had a malpractice judgment against you or settled any malpractice action?
11. Have you ever been excluded from being a Medicare / Medicaid provider?

Dr. Shah presented the following exhibits to the Board for review:

- Exhibit 1: West Virginia Consent Order
- Exhibit 2: Ohio Medical Board Entry of Order; the Report and Recommendation of Danielle R. Blue, Esq., Hearing Examiner, State Medical Board of Ohio; and an excerpt of draft minutes of the State Medical Board of Ohio from October 9, 2013.
- Exhibit 3: Ohio Court of Appeals, Tenth Appellate District, Decision rendered on September 18, 2014 for Appellant, Mahendrakumar C. Shah
- Exhibit 4: Supreme Court of Ohio Entry from April 8, 2015 denying Dr. Shah's appeal.

After speaking to the Board, Dr. Shah decided to withdraw his application.

John Lodney Stafford, M.D. – Positive responses

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

Dr. Stafford answered yes to the following question on his application:

“Have you ever been denied staff membership or privileges in any hospital or health care facility or had such membership or privileges revoked, suspended or subjected to any restrictions, probation or other type of discipline or limitations?”

Dr. Stafford's clinical privileges were revoked at Lancaster General Hospital in Lancaster, Pennsylvania in 2006 for alleged deviation from the standard of care.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Stafford's LICENSE in the State of Indiana.

Masten/Barai, 7/0/0

Aye's: Strobel, Masten, Busk, Barai, Green, McCann, Mueller
Motion carries

Sharmeen Ali Rizvi, M.D. – 01056333A - Has not practiced since 2005

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

Dr. Rizvi has not practiced medicine in a clinical setting since 2005.

Dr. Rizvi has stayed at home full time to take care of her family for the last 14 years and now that her children are older, she would like to return to the practice of medicine and reinstate her Indiana medical license. She would like to recertify with the American Board of Family Medicine and needs a license in order to qualify to take the exams.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Rizvi's REINSTATEMENT of her license on a PROVISIONAL basis once she provides the Board with a proposed mentoring/training program, and once reinstated, she will not have the ability to remove the provision until she provides proof that she has completed a minimum of three (3) months in supervised practice and completed a CPEP assessment and evaluation.

Green/Masten, 7/0/0

Aye's: Strobel, Masten, Busk, Barai, Green, McCann, Mueller
Motion carries

Masooma Saeed, M.D.– 01049825A – Has not practiced in U.S. since 2002

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

Dr. Saeed is requesting the reinstatement of her Indiana medical license, which has been expired since October 31, 2015. Dr. Saeed has not worked in the U.S. since 2002.

Dr. Saeed currently works at the Pakistan Kidney and Liver Institute and Research Center in Lahore, Pakistan as a consultant anesthesiologist, and has worked there since 2017. Dr. Saeed previously worked at Shifa International Hospital in Islamabad, Pakistan from 2002 through 2017.

After discussion, the Board moved to TABLE Dr. Saeed's application for REINSTATEMENT until she has completed a Post-Licensure Assessment System

(PLAS) assessment through the Federation of State Medical Boards and submit results to Board for review, and based upon the Board's review determine whether provisional license will be issued.

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

Jonathan Stafford, M.D. – 01024338A – Has not practiced in U.S. since 2014

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

Dr. Stafford started his own private practice, Mammography Specialists of Indiana, LLC, in 2000 and continued until 2014. His last employment was through his LLC in August of 2014 as a consulting radiologist for Indiana University Health at the Bedford Regional Medical Center, in Bedford, Indiana.

Dr. Stafford is currently working to re-enter the practice of medicine as a radiologist and is applying to re-instate his lapsed Florida license as well as his Indiana license.

Dr. Stafford plans to work as a mammography specialist via teleradiology and is required by the American College of Radiology and the Mammography Quality Standards Act of 1991 to undergo continuing education and demonstrated proficiency under the direction of an MQSA qualified mammography interpreter before he can resume his specialty area of mammography. This will include completion of the Viewbox Course through the American College of Radiology.

After discussion, the Board moved to ISSUE Dr. Stafford a PROVISIONAL LICENSE upon completion of the American College of Radiology Viewbox course.

Masten/Green, 7/0/0
Aye's: Strobel, Masten, Busk, Barai, Green, McCann, Mueller
Motion carries

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Alfredo Martin Lopez, M.D., License No. 01046966A, Cause No. 2019 MLB 0019

Respondent failed to appear in person but was represented by counsel, Sherry Fabina-Abney, regarding a Complaint and Proposed Settlement Agreement scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Erik Bryant, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Heather Orbaugh with Accurate Reporting of Indiana.

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

Both parties agreed to a settlement agreement which places Respondent's license on suspension until criminal sentence is completed. The anticipated length of his sentence is 14 months, and his earliest release date will be May of 2020.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT and SUMMARILY SUSPEND Respondent's LICENSE.

Green/Barai, 7/0/0

Aye's: Strobel, Masten, Busk, Barai, Green, McCann, Mueller
Motion carries

Jonathon W. Cavins, M.D., License No. 01064975A, Cause No. 2019 MLB 0008

Respondent failed to appear in person, but was represented by counsel, Brittany Newland, regarding an Extension of Summary Suspension 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 Heather Orbaugh with Accurate Reporting of Indiana.

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

Both parties orally agreed to extend Respondent's Summary Suspension for an additional ninety (90) days.

After discussion, the Board moved to EXTEND Respondent's SUMMARY SUSPENSION for an additional NINETY (90) DAYS.

Masten/Barai, 7/0/0

Aye's: Strobel, Masten, Busk, Barai, Green, McCann, Mueller
Motion carries

Samuel J. Byrd, M.D., License No. 01058714A, Cause No. 2016 MLB 0040

Respondent appeared in person and with counsel, Barclay Wong, regarding a Petition to Withdraw Probation 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 Heather Orbaugh with Accurate Reporting of Indiana.

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

Respondent was placed on probation on March 6, 2017 due to DUI and prescribing practices. Respondent completed treatment at PSI on Dec. 12, 2015 and signed a monitoring contract with ISMA. Monitoring agreement will be completed in December of 2019.

Respondent has complied with all terms and conditions of the Probation order.

Respondent currently works at Wabash Correctional Facility, in Wabash, Indiana, as the site medical director.

Respondent's Exhibits:

Exhibit 1: Compliance letter from Fred Frick, M.D., F.A.C.P., Indiana State Medical Association

The following witness testified on Respondent's behalf:

Anne Kelley, Indiana State Medical Association Physician Assistance Program

After discussion, the Board moved to WITHDRAW Respondent's PROBATION.

Barai/Mueller, 7/0/0

Aye's: Strobel, Masten, Busk, Barai, Green, McCann, Mueller
Motion carries

Joseph Galdun, M.D., License No. 01049238A, Cause No. 2016 MLB 0014

Respondent appeared in person and with counsel, Brittany Newland, regarding Petition to Withdraw Probation 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 Heather Orbaugh with Accurate Reporting of Indiana.

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

Michael Busk, M.D. recused himself since he worked for the same employer as the Respondent.

Respondent currently practices at St. Vincent Heart Center, Internal Medicine, as a hospitalist. Respondent has been sober from March 15, 2016 to present.

Respondent is still under ISMA monitoring contract until 2021 and has been compliant with all terms and conditions of his Probation.

Respondent admitted the following exhibits into evidence:

Exhibit 1: Compliance letter from Fred Frick, M.D., F.A.C.P., Indiana State Medical Association

The following witness testified on Respondent's behalf:

Anne Kelley, Indiana State Medical Association Physician Assistance Program

After discussion, the Board moved to WITHDRAW Respondent's PROBATION.

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

Satyanarayana G. Raju, D.O., License No. 02002114A, Cause No. 2016 MLB 0043

Respondent appeared in person and with counsel, Michael Roth, regarding Petition to Withdraw Probation 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 Heather Orbaugh with Accurate Reporting of Indiana.

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

Respondent was placed on probation for a minimum of 2 years in 2017.

Respondent stated that he has the opportunity to accept an inpatient rehab position at Health South Deaconess in Evansville, Indiana and is asking the Board to withdraw his probation so he may accept the position.

After discussion, the Board moved to DENY WITHDRAW

McCann/Masten, 3/4/0
Ayes: McCann, Masten, Busk
Nays: Mueller, Barai, Strobel, Green
Motion failed

After further discussion, the Board moved to WITHDRAW PROBATION

Mueller/Barai, 4/3/0
Ayes: Mueller, Barai, Strobel, Green
Nays: McCann, Masten, Busk
Motion carries

Barry S. Ring, M.D., License No. 01051861A, Cause No. 2018 MLB 0003

Respondent appeared in person and with counsel, Derek Peterson, regarding Petition to Modify Probation 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 Heather Orbaugh with Accurate Reporting of Indiana.

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

Respondent appeared to request that the Board modify the Probation Order.

Respondent admitted the following exhibit into evidence:

Exhibit 1: Respondent's Consent Order with IDFPR, signed January 10, 2019

The following witness testified on behalf of the Respondent:

Bernard Henry, J.D.

After discussion, the Board moved to MODIFY PROBATION with new terms and conditions.

Strobel/Barai, 4/1/0, Busk opposed, Mueller & McCann out for vote
Ayes: Barai, Strobel, Masten, Green
Nays: Busk
Motion carries

Stephen B. Mason, M.D., License No. 01071644A, Cause No. 2018 MLB 0010

Respondent appeared in person and with counsel, Ronald Elleberger, regarding a Final Hearing scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Melinda Pickett, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Heather Orbaugh with Accurate Reporting of Indiana.

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

On December 2, 2016 Respondent pled guilty to one count of Conspiracy to Commit Health care Fraud in Michigan due to conducting visits to Medicare beneficiaries who were unqualified for such visits and billing them as if they were qualified, therefore engaging in fraud or material deception in the course of professional services or activities.

On August 22, 2017 he was sentenced to eighteen (18) months in prison followed by twenty-four (24) months of supervised release and was ordered to pay one million, forty-three thousand and four hundred and one (\$1,043,401.00) dollars in restitution.

Respondent admitted the following exhibits into evidence:

- Exhibit 1: Letter from Ron Elleburger, Respondent's counsel
- Exhibit 2: Letter from Andrew Ratcliffe
- Exhibit 3: Letter from David Alexander Psychologist H.S.P.P.
- Exhibit 4: Letter from Rebecca Seifert, MSW
- Exhibit 5: Letter from Bruce W. Nugent, M.D.
- Exhibit 6: Letter from Frank A. Witzmann, Ph.D.
- Exhibit 7: Letter from Gregory L. Spangler, M.D.
- Exhibit 8: Letter from Xianyin Lai, Ph.D.
- Exhibit 9: Letter from Mark W. Sawka, M.D.
- Exhibit 10: United States Motion for 5K1.1 Reduction of Sentencing and Memorandum in Aid of Sentencing for Respondent
- Exhibit 11: Respondent's Judgement in a Criminal Case, United States District Court, Eastern district of Michigan
- Exhibit 12: Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Consent Order for Respondent
- Exhibit 13: Letter from Respondent's Wisconsin counsel
- Exhibit 14: Respondent's Wisconsin Stipulation
- Exhibit 15: Respondent's Wisconsin Final Decision and Order
- Exhibit 16: Letter from Christine Shepler, R.N., B.S.N., Q.A.Q.I, Director of Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement at Shalom Health Care Center
- Exhibit 17: Respondent's Honorable Discharge from the United States Air Force
- Exhibit 18: Respondent's Stipulated Order Resolving Writs of Garnishment and Current Collection Actions with United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan
- Exhibit 19: Respondent's professional fees
- Exhibit 20: Copy of Respondent's supplemental to paycheck
- Exhibit 21: Letter from David Alexander Psychologist H.S.P.P.
- Exhibit 22: Respondent's Wisconsin Order Granting Limited License

The following witnesses testified on Respondent's behalf:

David Alexander Psychologist H.S.P.P.

Christine Shepler, R.N., B.S.N., Q.A.Q.I, Director of Compliance at Shalom Health Care Center

After discussion, the Board moved to find Respondent in violation of all four (4) counts.

Masten/Barai, 5/0/0

Ayes: Busk, Barai, Strobel, Masten, McCann

Motion carries

After further discussion, the Board moved to PLACE Respondent's LICENSE on INDEFINITE SUSPENSION for no less than three (3) years, with terms and conditions, and IMPOSE a FINE of ONE THOUSAND (\$1,000) DOLLARS PAYABLE within ONE (1) YEAR from the date of the order.

Strobel/Masten, 5/0/0
Ayes: Busk, Barai, Strobel, Masten, McCann
Motion carries

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

Respondent failed to appear in person or with counsel regarding a Petition for Summary Suspension 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 Heather Orbaugh with Accurate Reporting of Indiana.

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

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) issued Respondent an Order to Compel Examination due to Respondent's substance abuse issues. IDFPR filed a complaint and placed Respondent's license on Suspension.

The State admitted the following exhibits into evidence:

- Exhibit A: Respondent's Order from the State of Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR)
- Exhibit B: IDFPR Records for Respondent
- Exhibit C: IDFPR Records for Respondent

After discussion, the Board moved to SUMMARILY SUSPEND Respondent's License.

Barai/Busk, 5/0/0
Ayes: Busk, Barai, Strobel, Masten, McCann
Motion carries

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

Respondent failed to appear in person or with counsel regarding a Petition for Summary Suspension 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 Heather Orbaugh with Accurate Reporting of Indiana.

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

Both parties agreed to a summary suspension due to Respondent's multiple disciplinary actions taken by various states in response to allegations of controlled substance

prescribing issues while practicing telemedicine, and lack of basic knowledge or clinical competency.

After discussion, the Board moved to ACCEPT AGREEMENT and SUMMARILY SUSPEND Respondent's LICENSE.

McCann/Barai, 4/0/0
Ayes: Barai, Strobel, Masten, McCann
Motion carries

Felix Brizuela, D.O., License No. 02004840A Cause No. 2018 MLB 0014

The State of Indiana was represented by Ryan Eldridge, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Heather Orbaugh with Accurate Reporting of Indiana.

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

The State requested that the Board hold Respondent in Default.

After discussion, the Board moved to HOLD Respondent in DEFAULT.

Masten/Barai, 4/0/0, Busk out for vote
Ayes: Barai, Strobel, Masten, McCann
Motion carries

The State presented the following exhibits into evidence:
Exhibit A: West Virginia Documentation of Respondent's license
Exhibit B: Respondent's Criminal Docket in West Virginia
Exhibit C: Respondent's Indictment Counts One through six
Exhibit D: Respondent's Verdict in West Virginia
Exhibit E: Letter from Respondent

After discussion, the Board moved to find Respondent in violation of all counts.

Masten/Strobel, 5/0/0
Ayes: Busk, Barai, Strobel, Masten, McCann
Motion carries

After discussion, the Board moved REVOKE Respondent's license and IMPOSE a FINE of THREE THOUSAND (\$3,000.00) DOLLARS PAYABLE within NINETY (90) DAYS.

Masten/Barai, 5/0/0
Ayes: Busk, Barai, Strobel, Masten, McCann
Motion carries

Robert Cook, M.D., License No. 01051536A Cause No. 2019 MLB 0010

The State of Indiana was represented by Zana Claire Dyer, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Heather Orbaugh with Accurate Reporting of Indiana.

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

The State requested that the Board hold Respondent in Default.

After discussion, the Board moved to HOLD Respondent in DEFAULT.

Masten/McCann, 5/0/0
Ayes: Busk, Barai, Strobel, Masten, McCann
Motion carries

The State presented evidence that the Ohio Medical Licensing Board indefinitely suspended Respondent's license in 2017 due to aiding and abetting individuals who were engaged in the unlicensed practice of medicine. After completing all terms and conditions of his suspension in Ohio, his license was reinstated to active practice on Probation in April of 2017, with terms and conditions.

The State admitted the following exhibits into evidence:

- Exhibit A: Certified Copy of Ohio Discipline on Respondent's license
- Exhibit B: Ohio Medical Board Agenda
- Exhibit C: Respondent's termination of Probation in Ohio

After discussion Board moved for a positive finding on both counts.

McCann/Masten, 5/0/0
Ayes: Busk, Barai, Strobel, Masten, McCann
Motion carries

After final discussion, the Board moved to ISSUE a LETTER of REPRIMAND and IMPOSE a FINE of ONE THOUSAND (\$1,000) DOLLARS.

McCann/Masten, 5/0/0
Ayes: Busk, Barai, Strobel, Masten, McCann
Motion carries

Kendal Freeman, M.D., License No. 01078412A Cause No. 2018 MLB 0029

The State of Indiana was represented by Tina Mann, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Heather Orbaugh with Accurate Reporting of Indiana.

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

The State requested that the Board hold Respondent in Default.

After discussion, the Board moved to HOLD Respondent in DEFAULT.

Masten/McCann, 5/0/0
Ayes: Busk, Barai, Strobel, Masten, McCann
Motion carries

Respondent's Michigan license was revoked and he was fined \$50,000.00 due to controlled substance prescribing issues and practicing without a license.

The State admitted the following exhibits into evidence:

Exhibit A: Respondent's Final Order and Complaint from Michigan
Exhibit B: Michigan's Compiled Laws: Grounds for disciplinary subcommittee action; investigation

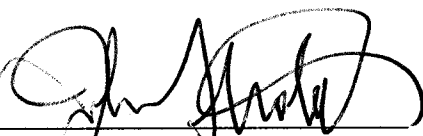
After discussion, the Board moved to find Respondent in VIOLATION of all counts.

Barai/Masten, 5/0/0
Ayes: Busk, Barai, Strobel, Masten, McCann
Motion carries


After further discussion The Board moved to REVOKE Respondent's LICENSE and IMPOSE a FINE of THREE THOUSAND (\$3,000.00) DOLLARS.

Barai/Masten, 5/0/0
Ayes: Busk, Barai, Strobel, Masten, McCann
Motion carries

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.



John Strobel, M.D., President



Kirk Masten, M.D., Vice President