

Medical Licensing Board of Indiana

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

**Minutes from the Meeting of
January 22, 2026**

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

Meeting ID: 160 7640 9084

John Strobel, M.D., President, called the meeting to order at 8:41 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 – left at 5pm
Kirk Masten, DO
Michael Busk, MD
Victoria McCann, JD
Rebecca Mueller, MD – left at 4:45pm
Bharat Barai, MD

Board Members Absent

Heidi Dunniway, MD

PLA Staff

Christine Maslan, Board Director
Kiko Dixon, Assistant Board Director

Advisory Counsel

Adam Harvey, JD

Court Reporter:

Accurate Reporting – Margie Addington

Election of Officers

John Strobel, MD – Board President
Kirk Masten, DO – Vice President and Board Liaison
Victoria McCann, JD – Secretary

A motion was made and seconded to re-elect officers with all continuing in current roles.
Strobel/Busk 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the amended agenda.
Barai/McCann 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Adoption of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes from December 4, 2025.
Masten/Busk 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Adoption of Proposed Rule:

A motion was made and seconded to adopt proposed late fee rules.
Barai/Masten 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Administrative Hearings

Final Hearings

Patrick Sheets, M.D., 01054176A, Cause No.: 2025 07-MED-0023

DAG: Carah Rochester and Ryan Eldridge
Respondent: Appeared with counsel, Rachel Russell
Witness: Regina Sheets, Scott Nowland from the DEA, Kendra Reyes, Jamie Scholl, Jennifer Jordan, Cassie McDaniel OAG investigator, Samantha Johnson, Kimberly Kardules
Exhibit(s): State Ex 1
State Ex 2
State Ex 3
State Ex 4
State Ex 5
State Ex 6
State Ex 8
State Ex 9
State Ex 10
State Ex 11
State Ex 12
State Ex 15 (provided at meeting)
Respondent Ex A
Respondent Ex C
Respondent Ex D
Respondent Ex E
Respondent Ex F
Respondent Ex H

Approve State's amendment of Count 3 – corrected Scribner's error
Strobel/Masten 6-0-0

State moves to dismiss count 9 from the complaint
Strobel/Masten 6-0-0

Witnesses:

Witness 1: State – In Person

Regina Sheets

Going through a divorce with Patrick Sheets going on for 3 years after 10 years of marriage.
Summer 2023 – Summer 2025 medical records were brought to the shed. Any records older than 7 years can be burned in the burn barrel. Asked his wife to review medical files of patients.

Witness 2: State - Remote

Kendra Reyes

HR Director for 1 year

Practice management for physicians for 11 years, practiced with Dr. Sheets for a month (tried to management things such as work with the staff, write notes for patient accounts)

First worked for Cerebro Care (out of MA – they had multiple practices. Neurologist group bought out by a national group) as an employer with her sister, Kayla Hofferth (her sister) until doors closed with May 1st, 2024, starting on payroll in June 2024.

Witness 3: State - Remote

Scott Nowland (DEA)

Merrillville, IN Office, Diversion Investigator for 22 years since 2004

DOJ did not approve witness until Tuesday 1.20.2026

June 17th 2025 he inspected the property and found 20+ boxes of medical records

Location where medical records were stored did not have a lock on the door and the door was wide open.

Records were reported by Regina Sheets to the DEA

Witness 4: State – In Person

Jamie Scholl

LPN since 2001, started being a patient with Dr. Sheets in 2007

Patient at his office, became a nurse 2017-2023, 2020-2023 as office manager

Paper/What's App/Text message

Resigned from the clinic before two weeks' notice was up because Dr. Sheets changed all of her passwords to be able to do her job. She was accused of stealing money from the clinic by Dr. Sheets.

Witness 5: State – In Person

Jennifer Jordan

2015 became patient, started working at Dr. Sheets office in 2018 as a medical assistant and used to hold a CNA. She put in her two weeks' notice and was terminated that same evening notice was submitted.

Witness 6: State – In Person

Cassie McDaniel

Investigator with OAG in Indiana for about 3 years reviewing complaints, analyzing evidence for further review

BOP suspended license based on summary suspense and surrender of DEA

Witness 7: State – In Person

Samantha Johnson

Addicted to methamphetamine, received Adderall,

Her neighbor and Dr. Sheets had a romantic and sexual affair

States that Dr. Sheets said that if she wanted to receive medication that she would have to go to a different property and provide oral

States that Dr. Sheets provided her with an abortion pill

Witness 8: Respondent – Remote

Kim Kardules

Worked 4 months on site

Witness 9: Respondent

Dr. Sheets

Has been practicing in Indiana for 24-25 years

Denies prescribing Adderall as weight loss. Used narcolepsy and sleep apnea, binge eating disorder
Manufacturing issues
He believes that there are instances that have exemptions but is "prolife" supporter
Sexual relations happened when people were not his patients at the time
Has confirmed that Medicare investigation

State dismissed Count 8 and Count 9

Rachel Russell offers Proffer

Count 1: Positive Finding
Masten/Busk 5-1-0
Mueller opposed

Count 2: Positive Finding
Barai/Masten 5-1-0
Mueller opposed

Count 3: Positive Finding
McCann/Masten 6-0-0

Count 4: Positive Finding
Strobel/McCann 6-0-0

Count 5: Positive Finding
Masten/Busk 6-0-0

Count 6: Positive Finding
Masten/McCann 5-1-0
Barai opposed

Count 7: Positive Finding
Strobel/Busk 6-0-0

Count 10: Positive Finding
McCann/Masten 6-0-0

A motion was made and seconded to REVOKE the license.
McCann/Masten 4-1-0.
Barai opposed
Motion carries.

Venu Vemuri, D.O., 02003231A Cause No.: 2025 09-MED-0025

DAG: Ryan Eldridge
Respondent: Did not appear
Witness: None
Exhibit(s): None

PSA received

A motion was made and seconded to ACCEPT proposed settlement agreement placing the license on probation with terms and conditions.

Barai/McCann 4-0-0.

Motion carries

Motion for Summary Judgement

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

DAG: Carah Rochester

Respondent: Did not appear

Witness: None

Exhibit(s): None

A motion was made and seconded to GRANT the state's motion for summary judgment.

Barai/Busl 4-0-0.

Motion carries

Motion to issue a notice of proposed default.

Barai/McCann 4-0-0

Motion carries

Cease and Desist

Claudia Hanau, Unlicensed, Cause No.: 2025 06-MED-0018

Motion was made and seconded to TABLE to February meeting.

Christine Pedro, M.D. license pending: Cause No. 2026 01-MED-0001

Petition for Review of Assessment of citation on initial application.

DAG: Not applicable

Respondent: Appeared with counsel, Mike Gaerte

Witness: None

Exhibit(s): Respondent's Exhibit A – Letter of support from Dr. Rouben
Respondent's Exhibit B – Letter from Dr. Gonzalez-Correa, California residency program
Respondent's Exhibit C – Letter of support from Dr. Carter
Respondent's Exhibit D – Letter of support from Dr. Ng
Respondent's Exhibit E – Letter of support from Dr. Farhadian
Respondent's Exhibit F – California order
Respondent's Exhibit G – California letter removing probation
Respondent's Exhibit H – NPDB report
Respondent's Exhibit I – Agreement between Dr. Pedro and Beacon Medical Group, Inc.
Respondent's Exhibit J – Indiana statute IC 25-22.5-2-8

A motion was made and seconded to withdraw the citation.

Barai/McCann 4-0-0

Motion carries

Personal Appearances

Reinstatement

Rebecca Sasak, L.Ac., 84000109A

Practicing without a license since Sept 30, 2022
DOR hold has now been removed.

A motion was made and seconded to REINSTATE the license and refer to the OAG.
Barai/McCann 4-0-0
Motion carries

Renewal Application – Failure to Disclose (NPDB)

Sheikh Ahmed, M.D., 01046864A

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license and impose a \$250 citation
Barai/Masten 4-0-0.
Motion carries.

Renewal Application – Failure to Disclose (Other)

Jason Lee, M.D., 01075242A

Noncompliant with ISMA.
12 no shows, 13 missed check-ins that were eventually completed.

5.31.25 missed breathalyzer and follow up checks.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license contingent on re-enrollment
with ISMA PAP.
McCann/Barai 4-0-0.
Motion carries.

James Staheli, D.O., 02006609A

Reason: KY Consent Order; Tabled from December 4, 2025 (Failure to appear)

A motion was made and seconded to DENY renewal of this license
Masen/Busk 4-0-0
Motion carries

Renewal Application – Other

David Hardin, M.D., 01039780A

Motion was made and seconded to TABLE to February meeting.
Masten/Barai 4-0-0

Renewal Application – Other (IMLCC)

Amgad Botros, M.D., 01094943A

Motion to renew/change obtained by method from compact to standard application upon receipt of
probable cause affidavit for review and approval by the board.
McCann/Masten 4-0-0
Motion carries

Renewal Application – Positive Response

Anthony Adelson, M.D., 01073672A

Radiologist practicing from 30 years.
Read original mammogram.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license
Masten/McCann 4-0-0.
Motion carries.

Courtney Arrington, M.D., 01045410A

Reason: Title IV, Tabled from December 4, 2025

Removed from patient care from the Air Force in about June 2025.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license and refer to the OAG
Masten/McCann 4-0-0.
Motion carries.

Ellena Boddie, M.D., 01057385A

Motion was made and seconded to TABLE to February meeting.
Barai/McCann 4-0-0
Motion carries.

Robert Campbell II, M.D., 01047292A

Motion was made and seconded to TABLE to February meeting.
McCann/Masten 4-0-0.
Motion carries.

Matthew Glowacki, D.O., 02001236A

In practice since 1973.
Currently works for urgent care. One lawsuit in 42 years of practice.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license
Masten/Busk 4-0-0.
Motion carries.

Shane Guffey, M.D., 01061950A

Motion was made and seconded to TABLE to February meeting.

Jay Joshi, M.D., 01074818A

Appeared in person with counsel, Bob Saint

Altercation with wife, violated protective order. Plead guilty to two counts of domestic battery.
Sentenced to 180 days incarceration.
July 2025 was last time they saw patient
Does not meet requirements for licensure in IL unless he completes a year of fellowship

A motion was made and seconded to DENY renewal of this license.
McCann/Masten 3-1-0.
Barai opposed
Motion carries.

Theresa Kordish, D.O., 02003264A

Appeared in person with counsel, Bob Saint

Five-year exclusion from federal healthcare, 3-year USDC probation, charged with lower class D felony, and loss of clinical privileges.

Has full unrestricted license in Michigan.

Board certified family medicine and renewed certification

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license and refer to OAG

McCann/Barai 4-0-0.

Motion carries.

Walter Langheinrich, M.D., 01042688A

Neurosurgeon in Indiana. Has been retired for three years. Has had three DUIs, still consumes alcohol at social occasions.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license pending ISMA evaluation.

Masten/McCann 4-0-0.

Motion carries.

David Nebbeling, D.O., 02003625A

Continued to February meeting.

Joseph Palumbo, D.O., 02005412A

Continued to February meeting.

Youseef Rezk, M.D., 01075866A

Appeared without counsel

Suspension of clinical privileges February 2025, reinstated in October 2025 after investigation.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license and refer to the OAG

Masten/McCann 4-0-0.

Motion carries.

Ryan Rolf, M.D., 01057615A

Continued to February meeting.

Jamiere Smith, M.D., 01041991A

Illinois license currently on probation.

A motion was made and seconded to DENY renewal of this license.
Barai/Masten 4-0-0.
Motion carries.

Melissa VanSickle, M.D., 01080001A

Withdrew renewal

Michael Westfall, D.O., 02002226A

Continued to February meeting.

Vaughn Whittaker, M.D., 01081779A

Clinical privileges were suspended and he was placed on administrative leave in January 2025 by hospital in New York while under investigation.
Still has full privileges in other hospitals.
Letters of support submitted.
Specializes in renal transplants.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license and refer to OAG
Barai/Masten 4-0-0.
Motion carries.

Thomas Whitten, M.D., 01055526A

Originally scheduled December 4, 2025
Appeared in person with counsel, Barclay Wong

Complication that led to investigation at Community Hospital in Anderson, IN
Currently has privileges at two hospitals in St. Vincent system.
10 med mal claims in 30 years.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license.
Barai/Masten 4-0-0.
Motion carries.

Brian York, D.O., 02007390A

Appeared with counsel Bill Frederick

DUI received 60-day counter measure program. Did not receive probation or jail time. Passed all screenings. First offense.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license pending evaluation with ISMA .
Masten/McCann 4-0-0
Motion carries

Initial Application

Jerry Chow, M.D.

Continued to February meeting.

Leslie Dean, M.D.

2024 DUI in SC

Practicing in Georgetown, SC.

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

McCann/Masten 4-0-0.

Motion carries

Ronald Intelisano, D.O.

Reason: OIG Exclusion, Cease + Desist, Suspension of NJ license

Was approved to be rescheduled for 1.22.26 – board will need to redo decision of the matter.

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

Masten/Barai 4-0-0.

Motion carries.

Kemal Kucuk, M.D.

Continued to February meeting.

Waleed Sultan, M.D.,

Approximate seven-year gap between USMLE and beginning residency program in Johnstown, PA
Currently has active unencumbered PA and LA licenses.

Grad med school 2013, did a year of training in Egypt, relocated to US in 2015, did not match for a few cycles and matched to a residency.

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

Masten/Busk 4-0-0.

Motion carries.

Adjournment 6:21 p.m.