

Medical Licensing Board of Indiana

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

**Minutes from the Meeting of
April 23, 2026**

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

Meeting ID: 160 7640 9084

John Strobel, M.D., President, called the meeting to order at 8:45 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
Victoria McCann, JD
Bharat Barai, MD – stepped away 10:16 a.m. to 11:25 a.m.
Michael Busk, MD

Board Members Absent

Rebecca Mueller, MD

PLA Staff

Christine Maslan, Board Director
Kiko Dixon, Assistant Board Director

Advisory Counsel

Leif Johnson, JD

Court Reporter:

Accurate Reporting – Margie Addington

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the amended agenda.
Masten/Busk 4-0-0.

Adoption of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes from March 26, 2026.
Busk/Barai 4-0-0.

Rule Readoptions - Title 844

A motion was made and seconded to approve the rules readoptions.
Barai/Busk 4-0-0.

Administrative Hearings

Proposed Settlement Agreement

Jay Joshi, M.D., 01074818A Cause No.: 2026 02-MED-0006

DAG: Ryan Eldridge
Respondent: Robert Saint
Witness: Dr. Joshi
Exhibit(s): None

Proposed settlement agreement submitted 4/21/26 placing license on probation for a minimum of six (6) months of active practice.

Chittaranjan Patel, MD submitted as a preceptor for Dr. Joshi while his license is on probation he is willing to do chart reviews and anything else the board may like. Dr. Patel's office is in Whiting, IN.

Renewal/reinstatement of currently expired license

The board has concerns regarding rewarding the licensee for having an administrative complaint filed against them that is accelerating the renewal that was denied the January 2026 renewal.

Deny reinstatement of license.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE proposed settlement agreement, but the license is not reinstated

McCann/Masten 5-0-0.
Dunniway recused.

Motion carries.

Probation Withdraw

Darin Harden, M.D., 01045219A Cause No.: 2014 MLB 0007

DAG: Ryan
Respondent:
Witness:
Exhibit(s):

Failed to appear

Erina McKinney, PGT 11023863A Cause No.: 2024 06-MED-0020

DAG: None
Respondent: Appeared in person with counsel, Brendan Hogan
Witness: Dr. McKinney
Exhibit(s): Petitioner's Exhibit A - Order granting applicant's license on probation file stamped 6.27.2024

Petitioner's Exhibit B - Letter from Deaconess Family Medicine Residency dated 7.1.2024
Petitioner's Exhibit C - Email from ISMA PAP dated 7.8.2024
Petitioner's Exhibit D - Quarterly Updates from Deaconess Family Medicine Residency
Petitioner's Exhibit E - Letter from Deaconess Family Medicine Residency dated 12.22.2025

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE withdrawal of probation.
Dunniway/Barai 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Ryan Thomas, D.O., 02002533A Cause No.: 2023 MLB 0031

DAG: Alex James
Respondent: Appeared in person with counsel, Elliott Pinkie
Witness: Dr. Thomas, Molly Dagon of ISMA PAP
Exhibit(s):

Current employer: Northside Anesthesia Services
Molly Dagon with ISMA PAP testified that Dr. Thomas is in compliance, has one more year on contract.

A motion was made and seconded to ACCEPT petition for withdrawal of probation.
Strobel/Barai 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Petition for Review

Hassan Kieso, M.D., 01051089A Cause No.: 2026 03-MED-0009

DAG: None
Petitioner: Appeared in person without counsel
Witness: Dr. Kieso
Exhibit(s): Petitioner's Exhibit A – NPDB report

Trained in Indiana, currently employed in Illinois.
Renewal was denied, did not provide requested NPDB report, failed to appear at personal appearance.
Provided NPDB report during the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to REVERSE the denial and GRANT license renewal.
Strobel/Barai 6-0-0
Motion carries.

David Nebbeling, D.O., 02003625A Cause No.: 2026 03-MED-0010

DAG: None
Respondent: Appeared in person without counsel
Witness: Dr. Nebbeling, Molly Dagon of ISMA PAP
Exhibit(s): Petitioner's Exhibit A

Has a signed contract with Michigan PAP, does not have a contract with ISMA PAP.
Molly Dagon testified that Dr. Nebbeling cancelled meeting with ISMA PAP and has not been in contact since the initial appointment that was cancelled.
Excluded from Medicare and Medicaid.

Currently practicing in Michigan, comes to Indiana for compounded drug, ACD, which is not available in Michigan. Sometimes sees patients in Indiana.
Dr. Nebbeling consented to probation of license if the board sees fit to renew on probation.

Board would like signed contract with ISMA PAP.

A motion was made and seconded to TABLE appeal of license renewal for six (6) months.
Strobel/Masten 5-0-0.
Motion carries.

Cease and Desist

Kella Rigney, UNLICENSED Cause No.: 2026 03-MED-0016

Re: Proposed Order

DAG: Rebekah Hammond

Respondent: Did not appear

Witness: None

Exhibit(s): None

Agreed proposed order received 4/21/2026.
Has no active healthcare license in the state of Indiana.

A motion was made and seconded to ACCEPT the Agreed Proposed Order.
Strobel/Masten 5-0-0.
Motion carries.

Motion to Dismiss

Julian Ungar-Sargon, M.D., 01040129A Cause No.: 2026 01-MED-0003

Re: Counts 1 & 2 of Administrative Complaint, Petitioner's Response on Motion to Dismiss

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VHL Location Review

Memorial Family Medicine Residency – Street Medicine South Bend

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE voluntary healthcare location.
Dunniway/McCann 5-0-0.
Motion carries.

Personal Appearances

Provisional License Review

Lynette Watkins, M.D., 01058465A Cause No.: 2025 06 MED 0017

Appeared in person with counsel, Brian Park

Review of Dr. Watkins' provisional license. Conditions of provisional licensure met.

A motion was made and seconded to RENEW the provisional license.
Dunniway/Strobel 5-0-0.
Motion carries.

Initial Application

Douglas Blakely, AA

Appeared in person without counsel.

Currently licensed in FL and DC. Currently lives and practices in Florida.

Completed assessment in 2024.

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

Strobel/Masten 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Luis Nicholas Garcia, M.D.

Appeared in person with counsel, Patrick Callahan

Was on probation while in medical school, did not disclose this on his PGT application.

Has employment contract with US Navy after completion of residency.

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

Strobel/Masten 5-0-0.

Motion carries.

Scott Gestrich, M.D.

Appeared in person without counsel.

Employed through UPMC (Pennsylvania) left that employment while under investigation. Ohio, PA, and IL have issued reprimands.

No licenses have been restricted.

NM, WA, and SC licenses have all been issued in the last few weeks with no restrictions.

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

Dunniway/McCann 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Karon Montgomery, G.C.

Failed to appear

Rogelio Perez, M.D.

Incident occurred in FL, no action taken against any licenses.

Currently licensed in CT and FL. Attempting to transition practice back to Indiana.

Has job offer as a hospitalist at Parkview in Fort Wayne

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE issuance of this license.
Strobel/Dunniway 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Roderick Saxey, M.D.

Appeared in person without counsel.

Radiologist, was practicing in WA, retired then moved to Indiana. Does not have an active current license in any state has not had an active license since June 2024.

Hired by teleradiology company. Company policy is that they need a license in the state they are residing which would be Indiana.

A motion was made and seconded to TABLE application pending active license in another state.
Strobel/Masten 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Elaine Wanstreet, R.D.

Appeared in person without counsel.
Holds no active licenses in any other state.
Has current CRD license.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE issuance of this license.
Strobel/Masten 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Gregory White, M.D.

Appearance canceled, applicant is deceased.

Waiver Requests

Muhammad Musani, M.D.

Reason: Exceeds examination requirements of USMLE to pass all steps within 7 years

Appeared in person with Adam Kurtz, VP of operations at Parkview Behavioral Health Institute, Park Center

Passed first two (2) steps of USMLE then moved back to home country, now finishing residency in US and completed third step.

Has numerous Letters of Recommendation on file.
Has three (3) year contract.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE waiver request and issue this license.

Barai/Masten 6-0-0
Motion carries.

Adjournment 12:05 p.m.