

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

**Minutes from the Meeting of
May 28, 2026**

**<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/16076409084>
Meeting ID: 160 7640 9084**

John Strobel, M.D., President, called the meeting to order at 8:36 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
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.
Barai/Dunniway 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Adoption of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes from April 23, 2026.
Busk/Barai 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Discussion

Senate Bill 282

Re: Medical Spa Registration

No vote needed, discussion only.

Administrative Hearings

Summary Suspension

Abdelmessiah Guirguis, M.D., 01065798A

DAG: Carah Rochester

Respondent: Did not appear

Witness: None

Exhibit(s): None

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE continued summary suspension for an additional ninety (90) days..

McCann/Barai 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Personal Appearances

Renewal

David Pennington, M.D., 01044461A

Reason: Failure to Disclose 2025 Arrest for charges of controlled substance abuse, prescription fraud and harboring controlled substance

Counsel: Jim Voyles

Failed to appear

A motion was made and seconded to TABLE renewal application and file consumer complaint.

Strobel/Masten 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Martin Arhin, PGT, 11023826A

Just beginning second year of seven (7) years of training. Academic probation for a minimum of sixty (60) days.

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

Strobel/Barai 6-0-0.

Motion carries.

Fatima Nabi, PGT, 11021279A

Was placed on academic probation, general surgical residency. Academic probation was resolved after six (6) months after improvement. Will complete training in December. Program director submitted letter. Has accepted fellowship at IU after training is complete.

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

Barai/Busk 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Taylor Hatfield, Acu.D.S., 80000055A

Failed to appear

A motion was made and seconded to TABLE the renewal application and file a consumer complaint.
Masten/Dunniway 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Reinstatement

Virginia McGee, R.D., 37001668A

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

International Trained Physician

Mennatullah Elfwwal, M.D.

Reason: No U.S. ACGME-accredited postgraduate training

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Initial Application

Peter Bierig, M.D.

Failed to appear, missed flight.

Billie Brenner, M.D.

Appeared in person with counsel, Mike Gaerte and Ms. Sanchez representing prospective employer in Indiana.
Exhibits A-N submitted by counsel

Born, raised, and educated in Canada. Was familiar with St. Matthew's Medical School as her family vacationed her whole life in Grand Cayman where the school is located. Never anticipated having any issues with licensure due to the medical school she attended.

Is fully licensed in Michigan. Will complete residency in Michigan in June 2026. Is relocating to Northern Indiana/Illinois north suburbs after completion of residency.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE issuance of this license under a WAIVER upon receipt of three (3) year employment contract.
Barai/Dunniway 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Keyshla Chacon Nieves, PGT

Placed on academic probation during medical school, which has now been resolved by passing the exams. Graduated medical school in May 2025.

Employer/residency is aware of previous academic probation.

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

Karon Montgomery, G.C.

Misdemeanor in CO in 2022. Had monitoring in CO after the incident. Other states have granted licenses without monitoring after the incident.

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

Nathan Starke, M.D.

Took leave of absence from work, tested positive for cocaine. Left position with Methodist Hospital in Houston. Medical licensee was temporarily suspended. Entered into a voluntary monitoring agreement. Texas license reinstated in in Sept 2025.

Has enrolled with ISMA PAP. Texas is the primary monitoring state.
Has started a concierge medical practice in Texas.
Virtue Care, Lifepoint health, Joseph Pazona– Locum tenens practice – Plans for Indiana

10/23/2024 – sobriety date.
Last performed surgery in late 2024. Does not have a re-training plan in place. Last had hospital privileges in Dec. 2024.

Dr. Dunniway would like to see a surgical re-entry plan in place before granting license, the board agrees and believes this should be completed in Texas and not in Indiana.

A motion was made and seconded to TABLE this license application.
Strobel/Masten 6-0-0.
Motion carries.

Phill Vainer, PGT

Provided additional information to the board.

Began anesthesiology residency program, was removed from the program.

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

Bryan Witt, D.O.

Appeared in person with counsel, Brian Park

Resides in Florida, grew up in Indiana. Has practiced in FL since 2014. Has job lined up in Indiana at Perry County Hospital.

Has never had a medical malpractice case.

Physicians Region Hospital filed a Title IV to NPDB- Surrendered privileges while under investigation. There is pending litigation from the applicant against this practice because of this report to the NPDB.

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

Adjournment 11:42 a.m.