

VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE
Minutes of the June 1, 2022 Board Meeting
108 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT
and remote via Teams

Approved

1. Call to Order; Call the Roll; Acknowledge Guests:

Saran McClain, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM

Members Present:

Richard Bernstein, MD; Maureen Bogosian; Brent Burgee, MD; Richard Clattenburg, MD; Gail Falk; Matt Greenberg, MD; Rick A. Hildebrant, MD; Suzanne Jones, PA-C; Leo LeCours; David Liebow, DPM; Sarah McClain; Christine Payne, MD; Marga Sproul, MD; Margaret Tandoh, MD; Robert E. Tortolani, MD.

Others in Attendance

David Herlihy, Executive Director; Paula Nenninger, Investigator; Scott Frennier, Investigator; Karen LaFond, Operations Administrator; Justin Sheng, AAG; Megan Campbell, AAG; Kurt Kuehl, AAG; Jessa Barnard, Director, Vermont Medical Society; George Belcher, Esq.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the May 4 and May 18, 2022 Board Meetings:

Dr. Hildebrant moved to accept the minutes of the May 4 and May 18, 2022 meetings. Dr. Bernstein seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

3. Board Issues (Ms. McClain):

Ms. McClain mentioned that the South Investigative Committee members have agreed to meet in person this month, for the first time in two years, and she encouraged members on North and Central committees to also discuss their preferences for meeting.

Ms. McClain informed the members that the Board mission statement is now on the website.

4. Administrative Updates (Mr. Herlihy):

Mr. Herlihy mentioned that the Annual Meeting of the Podiatric Medical Boards is meeting today and Dr. Liebow will be in attendance. He hopes to join the meeting after the board meeting.

Mr. Herlihy shared two items of note on the topic of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). First, the most recent edition of the Journal of Medical Regulation included a commentary that members may want to read titled *The Role of Regulatory Boards in Combating Racism and Promoting Diversity*. Also, as of June 1, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine is requiring its licensees to take 2 CME credits on the topic of implicit bias in healthcare. The

Massachusetts Board is also now maintaining a list of available CME activities on implicit bias. He will email members links to the commentary and the free on-line courses.

Dr. Hildebrant expressed concern over requiring additional CMEs of physicians, considering the number of mandatory topic CMEs licensees are currently required to take. Mr. Herlihy clarified that he was sharing this information to help members be prepared for the anticipated discussion about how regulatory boards may be asked to promote health equity in Vermont. .

Mr. Herlihy informed members that staff will be sending an email to all licensees in coming weeks. The list of topics to be addressed includes: CME requirements and questions that have been raised about whether licensees are mandated to take certain courses for a fee; additional information about licensees being targeted in fraudulent scams; a summary of and link to the new Board Rules; information about Act 61 of 2021 on the topic of so-called stem cell treatments that are not FDA approved; and an announcement about lead testing of babies that the Health Department has asked the Board to distribute to licensees.

Mr. Herlihy acknowledged that some members had expressed frustrations over recent difficulty accessing Board documents on the HSIN site. The problems were believed to have been caused by an update on the HSIN platform. He reminded members of the work-arounds Ms. LaFond emailed and stated the issue is impacting all users of the system. Members asked about other options and both Mr. Herlihy and Ms. LaFond noted one of the issues is the need to meet HIPAA requirements and other confidentiality/security requirements. It is the hope that the licensing system will be upgraded in the coming year and would allow us to use one system, but there is not much more that can be done at this time.

5. Presentation of Applications:

Applications for physician, physician assistant and limited temporary physician licensure were presented and acted upon as detailed in Appendix A, incorporated by reference into these minutes.

Ms. McClain moved for the issuance of physician licenses and physician assistant licenses. (See Appendix A)

Dr. Hildebrant made a motion to accept all applicants for licensure as presented. Seconded by Dr. Bernstein. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: none.

Ms. McClain moved for the issuance of limited temporary licenses to practice medicine. (See Appendix A)

Recommended by Ms. Jones for licensure. Seconded by Dr. Bernstein. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: none.

6. Other Business:

Discussion of actions approved by the FSMB House of Delegates on April 30, 2022.

Ms. McClain led a discussion how actions taken by FSMB at its annual meeting should be

evaluated by the Board to determine if policies should be updated or established. She proposed forming ad hoc committees to discuss the FSMB update to the Model Policy on the Appropriate Use of Telemedicine Technologies in the Practice of Medicine and the Interim Report of the FSMB Workgroup on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Medical Regulation. It was noted that the options for modifying the Board's statement on misinformation and COVID-19 are limited given the boundaries established by applicable court decisions and that the review of the report on emergency preparedness is a project suitable for staff to first consider. A member opined that the issue of misinformation being put out by physicians is worthy of further consideration and proposed looking at three issues with one assigned to each of the Investigative Committees for review. Another member felt that ad hoc committees would offer the advantage of having people participate on the issues that most interest them, as compared to assigning the topics to Investigative Committees. Ms. McClain said that she would be interested in working on the DEI topic. Dr. Hildebrant expressed interest in review of the telemedicine policy. An email will be sent to members asking for their preference of topics to work on and the process will be further considered at the July meeting.

- **Vermont Practitioner Health Program - Discussion of a proposal to amend instructions on the applications for licensure by adding language saying:**

Members discussed the concept of rewording the following question that is on board applications:

Note for Vermont Practitioner Health Program (VPHP) participants: You may answer No to questions 87 & 90 if you have informed VPHP of your behavior or condition, have been evaluated, and you are complying with all of VPHP's requirements for evaluation, treatment, and/or monitoring.

Members opted to table this item until the July meeting to allow for further review and consideration of how best to communicate with licensees about VPHP and the Board's commitment to encouraging licensees to seek support in dealing with all difficulties that may impair their ability to practice.

7. Recess; Convene hearing to discuss any stipulations or disciplinary matters that are before the Board:

- **In re: Eike Blohm, MD – Stipulation and Consent Order – MPS 040-0420**

Ms. Campbell addressed the Board, summarizing the facts leading up to the Stipulation and Consent Order. Mr. LeCours made a motion to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order. Dr. Clattenburg seconded the motion.

Ms. LaFond recorded the roll-call vote. The motion passed; Yeas: Dr. Bernstein, Mr. LeCours, Ms. McClain, Dr. Sproul, Dr. Burgee, Ms. Bogosian, Dr. Clattenburg, Dr. Payne. Opposed: none; Abstained: none; Recused: Dr. Greenberg, Dr. Tandoh and South Investigative Committee

- **In re: William F. Long – Cessation of Practice Agreement – MPC 039-0522, MPC 043-0522, MPC 045-0522**

Ms. Campbell addressed the Board, summarizing the facts leading up to the Cessation of

Practice Agreement. Dr. Liebow made a motion to approve the Cessation of Practice Agreement. Dr. Sproul seconded the motion.

Ms. LaFond recorded the roll-call vote: The motion passed; Yeas: Dr. Bernstein, Mr. LeCours, Ms. McClain, Dr. Sproul, Dr. Tandoh, Dr. Liebow, Ms. Jones, Dr. Tortolani; Opposed: none; Abstained: none; Recused: Dr. Hildebrant and Central Investigative Committee

• **In re: Mia J. Hockett, MD – Cessation of Practice Agreement – MPS 093-0821**

Mr. Kuehl addressed the Board, summarizing the facts leading up to the Cessation of Practice Agreement. Dr. Bernstein made a motion to approve the Cessation of Practice Agreement. Dr. Tandoh seconded the motion.

Ms. LaFond recorded the roll-call vote: The motion passed; Yeas: Dr. Bernstein, Mr. LeCours, Ms. McClain, Dr. Burgee, Ms. Bogosian, Dr. Clattenburg, Ms. Falk, Dr. Greenburg, Dr. Payne; Opposed: none; Abstained: Dr. Sproul; Recused: South Investigative Committee

8. Reconvene meeting; Executive Session to Discuss:

- **Investigative cases recommended for closure**
- **Other matters that are confidential by law, if any**

Dr. Hildebrant made a motion at 1:40PM PM to go into Executive Session to discuss confidential matters related to investigations. Dr. Tortolani seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

9. Return to Open Session; Board Actions on matters discussed in Executive Session:

Dr. Tortolani made a motion at 2:38 PM to return to Open Session. Dr. Hildebrant seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

Mr. LeCours, North Investigative Committee, asked to close:

MPN 024-0322 – Letter #1

Dr. Clattenburg made a motion to close the cases presented. Dr. Greenburg seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: North Investigative Committee.

Dr. Payne, Central Investigative Committee, asked to close:

MPC 162-1021 – Special Letter #1

MPC 030-0422 – Special Letter #1

MPC 011-0122 – Special Letter #1

Mr. LeCours made a motion to close the cases presented. Dr. Tortolani seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: Central Investigative Committee.

Dr. Liebow, South Investigative Committee, asked to close:

MPS 175-1221 – Special Letter #1

Dr. Clattenburg made a motion to close the cases presented. Mr. LeCours seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: 3 and South Investigative Committee.

10. Board Actions on Committee recommendations regarding any non-confidential matters:
None

11. Upcoming Board meetings, committee meetings, hearings, etc.: [\(Locations are subject to change. You will be notified if a change takes place.\)](#)

- June 9, 2022, North Investigative Committee Meeting, 9 AM, *108 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT and remote via Teams*
- June 10, 2022, Central Investigative Committee Meeting, 9 AM, *108 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT and remote via Teams*
- June 15, 2022, Board Meeting on pending applications, 12:10 PM, *108 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT and remote via Teams*
- June 15, 2022, South Investigative Committee Meeting, 12:15 PM, **Asa Bloomer Office Building, 4th Floor, Rm 429, Rutland, VT** *and remote via Teams*
- July 6, 2022, Licensing Committee Meeting, 11:00 AM, *108 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT and remote via Teams*
- July 6, 2022, Board Meeting, 12:00 PM, *108 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT and remote via Teams*

12. Open Forum:

13. Adjourn: Ms. McClain declared the meeting adjourned at 2:48PM

APPENDIX A

PRESENTATION OF FULL APPLICATIONS

June 1, 2022

Note: Applicants listed below have been notified that their applications for licensure appear to be complete and may be presented at the next scheduled Board Meeting.

**** Must pass through licensing prior to being presented.**

Name	School	Specialty	Practice Location
**Alsabban, Khalid MD	King Abdulaziz Univ. (Saudia Arabia)	Diagnostic Radiology (BC)	Northwestern Medical Ctr.
Amoresano, Elaine MD	Rutgers	Pathology	OCME
**Amado, Jeffrey MD	SUNY Stonybrook	Anesthesiology (BC)	UVMC
Angelo, Alexandra PA-C	Duquesne University		APD Ortho Surgery
Burstein, Danielle MD	Case Western University	Pediatric Cardiology (BC)	UVMC
**Crismon, Heidi MD	Georgetown University	Emergency Medicine (BC)	Capitol Medical Center
Dale, Andrea MD	University of Wisconsin	Family Practice (BC)	NC Primary Care
Gupta, Tanush MD	Maulana Azad Med College (India)	Internal Medicine (BC)	UVMC
**Herbst, Timothy MD	University of Connecticut	Radiology (BC)	Northwestern Medical Ctr
**Kaufman, Alice MD	Tufts University	Family Medicine	Brattleboro Family Med
Lee, Richard MD	Albert Einstein College of Medicine	Medical Oncology (BC)	Telemedicine
Maas, Jordan PA-C	University of Colorado		Twin Health
Macksoud, Kathryn PA-C	Franklin Pierce University		TBD
Madva, Elizabeth MD	Weill Medical College	Psychiatry (BC)	Mass General Hosp.
McLain, Carla MD	Tulane University	Emergency Medicine (BC)	Anthem
Pannu, Sidak MD	George Washington University	Radiology	DHMC
Pinkert, Hans MD	Johns Hopkins University	Neurology (BC)	CVMC
**Puryear, Jerome MD	Marshall University	Neuroradiology (BC)	TBD
Rubinson, Douglas MD	Harvard	Internal Medicine (BC)	Dana Farber
**Sahakyan, Karine MD	Yerevan State Med Univ. (Armenia)	Diagnostic Radiology (BC)	UVMC
**Smith, Brian MD	Temple University	Surgery (BC)	TBD

**Vieth, Julie MD

University of Leeds (UK)

Emergency Medicine (BC)

TBD

Wonsor, Dorisanne PA-C

Mass College of Pharmacy

SWVMC Cancer Center

6/1/2022

Presentation of Limited Temporary License Applications for Board Approval

26 VSA Section 1391 (e) authorizes a limited temporary license to practice medicine/Podiatry in the State of Vermont for a period of one year only. The following persons have applied for limited temporary licenses:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Hospital</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Type</u>
**Bennett, Sabrina MD	Dermatology	UVMHC	6/1/22	MD
Boudreaux, Blake MD	Dermatology	UVMHC	6/1/22	MD
Frederick, Christopher MD	Anesthesiology	UVMHC	6/1/22	MD
**Kelly, Jayna MD	Interventional Cardiology	UVMHC	6/1/22	MD
Lang, William MD	Cardiology	UVMHC	6/1/22	MD
**Ma, Weijie MD	Pathology	DHMC	6/1/22	MD
Senocak, Beatrice MD	Pediatrics	DHMC	6/1/22	MD
**Sorensen, Eric MD	Psychiatry	UVMHC	6/1/22	MD
**Stacey, Xavier MD	Neurology	UVMHC	6/1/22	MD
**Ulrich, Micah MD	OB/GYN	DHMC	6/1/22	MD
Waheed, Sadia MD	Neurology	UVMHC	6/1/22	MD
Walker, Allyson MD	Psychiatry	UVMHC	6/1/22	MD
Wohlford, Luke MD	Emergency Medicine	UVMHC	6/1/22	MD
Zhang, Tianhua MD	Cardiology	UVMHC	6/1/22	MD

** Must pass through licensing prior to being presented.

These applications appear to have met the requirements. The Board, pursuant to 26 VSA Section 1391 (e), grants to each of them a limited temporary license.

**PRESENTATION OF FULL APPLICATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN ISSUED THROUGH THE
COMPACT**

Note: Applicants listed below have already received a license through the compact.

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Credential Number	Name
042.0016110-COMP	Martha K. Elias
042.0016111-COMP	Serah Ogun
042.0016112-COMP	Patricia Adaobi Oladunni Oshodi
042.0016113-COMP	LESLIE NELSON
042.0016114-COMP	Teresa Hawkins Stillion
042.0016131-COMP	Donald James Baker
042.0016132-COMP	Knox Beasley
042.0016133-COMP	Joi Carter
042.0016134-COMP	Brittney Culp
042.0016135-COMP	Ella Anne Damiano
042.0016136-COMP	Brandon Dawkins
042.0016137-COMP	Emily Anne Donelan
042.0016138-COMP	SAADIQ EL-AMIN
042.0016139-COMP	Patrick August Francis
042.0016140-COMP	Nathan Ryan Haecker
042.0016141-COMP	Erin Hendriks
042.0016142-COMP	Baruch Katz
042.0016143-COMP	Khushali Shah
042.0016144-COMP	Alexander Mason
042.0016145-COMP	Pankti A Patel
042.0016146-COMP	Amanda Reahard Rizzari
042.0016147-COMP	Lly Talakoub
042.0016148-COMP	Rajesh Rajagopalan Tampi
042.0016149-COMP	Robert Michael Wood