

**VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE**  
**Minutes of the December 20, 2023 Mid-Month Board Meeting**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, Bloomer State Office Building, Rutland, VT 05702**  
**Remote via Teams**

**Unapproved**

- **Call to Order; Call the Roll; Acknowledge Guests:**

Dr. Rick Hildebrant, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:13 PM

**Members Present:**

Rob Ciappenelli; David Coddair, MD; Evan Eyler, MD; Gail Falk; Matthew Greenberg, MD; Rick Hildebrant, MD; Suzanne Jones, PA-C; Patricia King, MD; David Liebow, DPM; Stephanie Lorentz; Christine Payne, MD; Dawn Philibert; Judy Scott; Margaret Tandoh, MD; Robert E. Tortolani, MD; Scott Tucker.

**Others in Attendance:**

David Herlihy, Executive Director; Paula Nenninger, Investigator; Scott Frennier, Investigator; Jane Malago, Operations Administrator; Tracy Hayes, Public Health Specialist; Justin Sheng, AAG; Megan Campbell, AAG; Kurt Kuehl, AAG; Bill Reynolds, AAG.

- **Presentation of Applications:**

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

Dr. Hildebrant moved for the issuance of physician licenses and physician assistant licenses. (See Appendix A)

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

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

Dr. Greenberg made a motion to accept all applicants for licensure as presented. Seconded by PA-C Jones. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: none.

- **Other Business:**

- **FSMB Conference Scholarship** – D. Herlihy shared that the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) is holding their annual conference in Nashville TN in 2024. FSMB in the past typically paid for only State Board chairs and directors to attend. For this coming year’s conference, FSMB has offered to pay for an additional member from each of the state Boards to attend this year. Additionally, FSMB has offered 12 scholarships for public members to apply to attend. D. Herlihy advised that a decision for a public member to apply for the scholarship be made. The decision was made for S. Lorentz to apply for the public member scholarship. D. Herlihy reminded the Board that if additional members are still interested, FSMB is offering a third scholarship for each member board and the Board may decide to fund one or more additional attendees. D. Herlihy shared that the final decision for 2024 FSMB conference attendees should be made at the Board’s January meeting to secure flights, hotels, and other necessary details.

- **January Officer Elections** – D. Herlihy reminded the Board that officer elections will be taking place at the January 3, 2024, Board meeting. Herlihy shared that these elections will be for the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary positions. Herlihy added that he will follow up with Board members via email with any additional information prior to the election.

- **Upcoming Board meeting: January 3, 2024, Board Meeting, 12:00 PM, [Remote via Teams and 108 Cherry St. Suite 206, Burlington, VT 05402](#)**

- **Adjourn:**

Dr. Hildebrant declared the meeting adjourned at 12:29 PM.

APPENDIX A

**PRESENTATION OF FULL APPLICATIONS**

*December 20, 2023*

***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.***

| <b>Name</b>             | <b>School</b>                     | <b>Specialty</b>          | <b>Practice Location</b>  |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Bilodeau, Mark PA-C     | Franklin Pierce University        | Unknown                   | NVRH Dept of Cardiology   |
| Burke, Danielle PA-C    | Florida State University          | Unknown                   | UVMMC Acute Care Surg.    |
| Chirico, Nicholas MD    | East Carolina SOM                 | Diagnostic Radiology (BC) | Telemedicine              |
| Chon, Il MD             | Tulane University                 | Internal Medicine (BC)    | UVMMC                     |
| Cutler, Corey MD        | McGill University                 | Internal Medicine (BC)    | Dana Farber Cancer        |
| DeGroot, Henry MD       | University of Chicago             | Orthopedic Surgery (BC)   | Northwestern Medical Ctr. |
| Jama, Abdullahi MD      | Ohio State University             | Radiology (BC)            | StatRad                   |
| Litsakos, Christina MD  | University of Vermont             | Anesthesiology            | UVMMC                     |
| Price, Joshua MD        | University of Vermont             | Pediatric Cardiology(BC)  | UVMMC                     |
| Raifstanger, Jacob PA-C | Rochester Institute of Technology | Unknown                   | TBD                       |
| Ray, Autumn MD          | University of Texas               | Emergency Medicine (BC)   | Sound Physician           |
| Robinson, Lauren MD     | Tulane University                 | Psychiatry (BC)           | Wellsprings Health        |
| Soares, Jennifer MD     | University of Vermont             | Anesthesiology (BC)       | UVMMC                     |
| Trio, Pamela MD         | Temple University                 | Internal Medicine         | DHMC                      |
| Yusupov, Andrey MD      | Uniformed Services University     | Diagnostic Radiology (BC) | StatRad                   |

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## 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>Location</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>Type</u> |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Sullivan, James MD | Orthopedics    | Killington      | 12/1/23           | 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.