

**VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE**  
**Minutes of the June 7, 2023 Board Meeting**  
**Remote via Teams**

**Unapproved**

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

Dr. Rick Hildebrant, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM

**Members Present:**

Richard Bernstein, MD; Richard Clattenburg, MD; David Coddair, MD; Gail Falk; Matthew Greenberg, MD; Rick Hildebrant, MD; Patricia Hunter; Leo LeCours; David Liebow, DPM; Stephanie Lorentz; Sarah McClain; Christine Payne, MD; Margaret Tandoh, MD; Robert E. Tortolani, MD.

**Others in Attendance:**

David Herlihy, Executive Director; Paula Nenninger, Investigator; Scott Frennier, Investigator; Jane Malago, Operations Administrator; Justin Sheng, AAG; Megan Campbell, AAG; Kurt Kuehl, AAG; George Belcher, Esq.

- **Approval of the Minutes of the May 3, 2023, and May 17, 2023 Board Meetings:**

Dr. Liebow moved to accept the minutes of the May 3, 2023, and May 17, 2023, meetings. S. McClain seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

- **Board Issues (Dr. Hildebrant):**

Dr. Hildebrant shared the experience of the FSMB annual meeting that was attended by Dr. Hildebrant, P. Hunter, and D. Herlihy. Some main take aways expressed by Dr. Hildebrant included the benefits from the use of data and data systems in support of licensing applicants, CMEs as leverage for cases to reduce the number of incidents, and the most recent developments in opioid policy. Dr. Coddair commented that it would be helpful for licensees to have updated guidance from the Board on opioid prescribing. It was noted that FSMB had planned to consider an update to the FSMB opioid policy but that prior to the annual meeting a decision was made to do more work on the draft

in response to comments from member boards. Dr. Hildebrant noted that the Board will wait for FSMB to issue updated guidance before working on an update to the Vermont guidance.

- **Administrative Updates (David Herlihy):**

- Staff absences - J. Malago and T. Hayes will be out of the office at various times throughout June and July.
- iPad Distribution – Several of the iPads are still in the process of being distributed to the Board members. The plan is to have them fully distributed within the next two months as investigative committees hold in-person meetings.
- Board Rules Update – The current revisions to the Board Rules are in final preparation to be filed for the formal rulemaking process. The main reason for this update is to add provisions regarding the new Telehealth License and Telehealth Registration options that were added to Vermont statutes. In addition, a full review of the Rules was conducted, and many small corrections and updates were made to the document. The formal rulemaking process includes review by an interagency committee and the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules. The formal process is likely to last a minimum of two to three months.

- **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.

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

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

- **Other Business:**

- Licensing Committee Members – Dr. Tortolani reminded the Board members of the need for new Licensing Committee members and encouraged individuals to join a meeting and experience the process.
- IMLC Automatic Actions – D. Herlihy previewed the Order that was to be addressed during the following hearing. The Order documents the suspension of a license pursuant to 26 V.S.A. § 1420j(b), which is a law pertaining to licenses obtained through the IMLC. Although the law provides that a license is automatically subject to action based upon certain disciplinary actions by other states, D. Herlihy reviewed the process for members in advance of the hearing. It was also explained that an Entry Order could be issued by the Executive Director because of the automatic, statute-based reason for the action, but that it was brought to the Board in this initial instance to ensure that there were no concerns with having such orders issued by staff. Members discussed the concept, and no opposition was raised to having Entry Orders issued by the Executive Director in such instances. AAG Kuehl added that there is one further complication, noting the potential for conflict between the 26 V.S.A. § 1420j automatic action provisions and the recently enacted Acts 14 and 15 regarding “legally protected health care activity,” which prohibit any adverse actions against licensees based solely on participation in legally protected health care activity. Staff will be exploring how best to handle any such cases that may arise and will revisit the subject with the Board when proposed courses of action are identified.

- **Convene hearing to discuss any stipulations or disciplinary matters that are before the Board (1:00 PM):**

**In re: Kari McFarlane Bentley, MD – Entry Order pursuant to 26 V.S.A. § 1420j(b) – Matter MPN 131-0423**

Judge Belcher inquired if the Respondent or counsel would attend; AAG Kuehl stated that the Respondent was not provided with notice but that given the basis for the action here that post-deprivation notice to the Respondent will satisfy the requirements of due

process. Judge Belcher invited AAG Kuehl to present the matter. AAG Kuehl addressed the Board, summarizing the facts leading up to the Entry Order pursuant to 26 V.S.A. § 1420j(b). Dr. Liebow made a motion to approve the Entry Order pursuant to 26 V.S.A. § 1420j(b). P. Hunter seconded the motion.

J. Malago recorded the roll-call vote: The motion passed; Yeas: Dr. Clattenburg, Dr. Coddair, G. Falk, Dr. Greenberg, Dr. Payne, Dr. Hildebrant, P. Hunter, Dr. Liebow, Dr. Tortolani, S. Lorentz; Opposed: none; Abstained: none; Recused: North Investigative Committee

- **Hearing Concluded at 1:15 PM**

- **Reconvene meeting; Other Business:**

- In-person Meeting – The in-person Board meeting that was originally scheduled for September has now been moved to the October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. The anticipated location will be in Berlin at the VT Lottery and Liquor building. Additional details will be provided as the arrangements are finalized.
- Review of Licensing Process – Act 4 requires the Board to review the licensing process by January 15, 2024. The goal is to streamline and modernize the process for applicants, staff, and the Board. D. Herlihy, T. Hayes, and J. Malago have been meeting regularly to discuss the application processes including the review of all application questions, required documentation, and the identification process.

D. Herlihy proposed the establishment of an ad hoc committee for this review to provide feedback and recommendations. Dr. Hildebrant, Dr. Greenberg, G. Falk, Dr. Coddair, and Dr. Tortolani were interested in being participants in the ad hoc committee for this process.

- **Convene meeting; Executive Session to Discuss:**

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

S. McClain made a motion at 1:36 PM to enter Executive Session to discuss confidential matters related to investigations. Dr. Tortolani seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

- **Return to Open Session 3:02 PM; Board Actions on matters discussed in Executive Session:**

**L. LeCours, North Investigative Committee, asked to close:**

MPN 045-0323 – Special #1

MPN 110-1022 – Letter #1 – Dr. Hildebrant recused

MPN 112-1222 – Special #1

MPN 088-0922 – Special #2 – Dr. Hildebrant and Liebow recused

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

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

MPC 136-1222 – Letter #1

L. LeCours made a motion to close the cases presented. P. Hunter seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: Central Investigative Committee.

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

MPS 022-0223 – Letter #1 – Dr. Tandoh and Dr. Greenberg recused

MPS 021-0223 – Letter #1 – Dr. Payne and Dr. Greenberg recused

MPS 041-0323 – Special #1 – Dr. Tandoh and Dr. Greenberg recused

MPS 123-1222 – Special #2 – Dr. Coddair recused

MPS 121-1222 – Letter #1

S. McClain made a motion to close the cases presented. Dr. Payne seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: South Investigative Committee.

- **Upcoming Board meetings, committee meetings, hearings, etc.: [Locations are subject to change. A notification will be provided if a change takes place.](#)**

- **June 15, 2023, North Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM, [Remote via Teams](#)**
- **June 16, 2023, Central Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM., [Remote via Teams](#)**
- **June 21, 2023, Board Meeting on pending applications, 12:10 PM, [Remote via Teams](#)**
- **June 21, 2023, South Investigative Committee Meeting, 12:15 PM, [Remote via Teams](#)**
- **July 5, 2023, Licensing Committee Meeting, 10:30 AM, [Remote via Teams](#)**
- **July 5, 2023, Board Meeting, 12:00 PM, [Remote via Teams](#)**
  
- **Adjourn:**

Dr. Hildebrant declared the meeting adjourned at 3:19 PM.

**APPENDIX A****PRESENTATION OF FULL APPLICATIONS***June 7, 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>
Abusrur, Sammy MD	University of South Florida	Psychiatry (BC)	UVMMC
Ares, Carlos MD	SUNY Downstate	Pulmonary Disease (BC)	RRMC
Aubin, Christopher PA-C	Mass College of Pharmacy	Unknown	TBD
Boisvert, Chantal MD	University of Montreal	Ophthalmology (BC)	UVMMC
Bowie, Samantha AA-C	Emory University	Anesthesiology	CVMC Dept of Anes.
Breslau, Jonathan MD	Case Western	Diagnostic Radiology (BC)	Virtual Radiologic
Brugger, Nicole PA-C	University of Wisconsin	Unknown	DHMC Palliative Care
**Ciesla, David MD	University of Colorado	Surgery (BC)	UVMMC
Crooker, Kyle MD	University of Kansas	Internal Medicine	CVMC
**Drake Jr., Robert MD	Duke University	Psychiatry	WRJ Family Practice
Dudek, Maxine MD	University of Massachusetts	Psychiatry	UVMMC
Fritts, Nathan MD	OHSU	Anesthesiology (BC)	SWVMC
Gallagher, Andrew MD	University of Vermont	Anesthesiology (BC)	UVMMC
**Glickman, Laurence MD	McGill University	Plastic Surgery (BC)	Telemedicine
**Graham, Jeffrey MD	University of Arkansas	Family Medicine (BC)	Wellington Provider
Grycza, Sarah MD	University of Toledo	Pediatrics	St. J Pediatrics
Hjalmarsson, Britta MD	University of Washington	OB/GYN	Maitri Health
**Jones, Brandon MD	Georgetown University	Family Medicine (BC)	AC Wellness
Joseph, Lucia MD	Dartmouth	Internal Medicine	WRJ VA
Kane, Jesse MD	Sackler School of Medicine	Internal Medicine	UVMMC
Kennedy, Cecily MD	University of Louisville	Family Medicine	UVMMC

Khorashadi, Leila MD	Dartmouth Medical School	Radiology (BC)	UVMMC
Kimball, Nicole PA-C	Dominical Univ of California	Unknown	TBD
Litzky, Julia MD	Geisel School of Medicine	Pediatrics	UVMMC
**Luder, Everett MD	University of Kansas	Psychiatry (BC)	TBD
Maurer, Stephen MD	University of Vermont	Internal Medicine (BC)	TBD
Mittleman, Marat MD	St. Georges University (Grenada)	Internal Medicine (BC)	DHMC
**Mongia, Shella MD	Maulana Azad Med College (India)	Anatomic Pathology (BC)	UVMMC
Neary, Scott MD	University of Vermont	Family Medicine (BC)	Milton Family Practice
**Ortiz-Pachecom Ronaldo MD	University of Puerto Rico	Internal Medicine (BC)	UVMMC
**Phelan, Darren MD	University of California	Emergency Medicine (BC)	AC Wellness
Pouparina, Manuel MD	School of Central Amer. (Costa Rica)	Family Medicine (BC)	S. State Corr.
Radovanovic, Natasa MD	University of Belgrade (Serbia)	Internal Medicine (BC)	Dartmouth
**Ramirez, Magda MD	University of San Carlos (Guatemala)	Family Medicine (BC)	Lamoille Health
Remus, Jeremy MD	Carol Davila University	Family Medicine (BC)	RRMC
Reyes-Zaragoza, Miguel MD	Dartmouth Medical School	Emergency Medicine	UVMMC
**Ross Jr., William MD	Meharry Medical College	Orthopedic Surgery (BC)	Gifford
**Rubin, Alec MD	St. Georges University (Grenada)	Family Medicine (BC)	Empowered Fam Med+
Rycewicz, Derek MD	OHSU	Diagnostic Radiology (BC)	UVMMC
Sand-Loud, Nina MD	McGill University	Pediatrics (BC)	DHMC
Schoellerman, Manal MD	University of California	Diagnostic Radiology (BC)	StatRad
**Seth, Naveen MD	Vanderbilt University	Emergency Medicine (BC)	Thunder Road
Shah, Satu MD	Univ. of Miami	Internal Medicine (BC)	Clinical Review
Silvernail, Donna PA-C	Albany Medical College	Unknown	UCM Digital
Singleton, Winston MD	Saba Univ (Dutch Car)	Anesthesiology	SWVMC
**Spicer, Scott MD	SUNY Syracuse	Pediatrics (BC)	NWVMC
**Stern, Rohan MD	University of Connecticut	Diagnostic Radiology (BC)	NWVMC
Stewart. Glen MD	SUNY Upstate	Internal Medicine (BC)	UVMMC
**Thomas, Rejini MD	Malankara Orthodox (India)	Psychiatry	Hanover Psychiatry



Tranmer, Andrew MD	University of Vermont	Plastic Surgery	UVMMC
Vasudeva, Isha MD	University of Pittsburgh	OB/GYN	UVMMC
Waters Davis, Jessica MD	University of North Carolina	Family Practice (BC)	Ludlow Health Center
**Zaidi, Sara DPM	William Scholl College	Podiatry	NVRH
Zhou, Victoria MD	University of Rochester	Emergency Medicine	UVMMC

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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>Hospital</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Type</u>
Appold, Brendan MD	Psychiatry	UVMMC	7/1/23	MD
Azarcon, Presley MD	OB/GYN	UVMMC	7/1/23	MD
Badin, Dylan MD	Dermatology	DHMC	7/1/23	MD
Bazzi, Maher MD	Cardiology	UVMMC	7/1/23	MD
Brooks, Drew MD	Internal Medicine	DHMC	7/1/23	MD
Campanella, Joseph MD	Surgery	UVMMC	7/1/23	MD
Chowdhury, Sheuli MD	Surgery	UVMMC	7/1/23	MD
Davis, Matthew MD	Dermatology	DHMC	7/1/23	MD
Derevensky, Michael MD	Internal Medicine	UVMMC	7/1/23	MD
Dorey, Trever MD	Vascular Surgery	UVMMC	7/1/23	MD
Ehrlich, Julie MD	Pediatrics	UVMMC	7/1/23	MD
Fauver, Olivia MD	Surgery	UVMMC	7/1/23	MD
Ferland, Thomas MD	Psychiatry	DHMC	7/1/3	MD
Gholam, Samiollah MD	Endocrinology	UVMMC	7/1/23	MD
Goodman, Zachary MD	Psychiatry	DHMC	7/1/23	MD
Jin, Jeff MD	Psychiatry	DHMC	7/1/23	MD
Johnson, Amy MD	Child and Adol Psychiatry	UVMMC	7/1/23	MD
Kusa, Meryl MD	Pediatrics	UVMMC	7/1/23	MD
Lovelace, Joseph MD	Emergency Medicine	UVMMC	7/1/23	MD
Luis, Erika MD	Pediatrics	DHMC	7/1/23	MD
Lutz, Wilson MD	Internal Medicine	DHMC	7/1/23	MD
Ly, Karen MD	Dermatology	DHMC	7/1/23	MD
MacDonald, Jacob MD	Psychiatry	UVMMC	7/1/23	MD
Moore, Davis MD	Surgery	UVMMC	7/1/23	MD
Morin, Trevor MD	Psychiatry	UVMMC	7/1/2023	MD
Niederhoffer, Kira MD	Internal Medicine	DHMC	7/1/23	MD
Novak, Nathaniel MD	Surgery	DHMC	7/1/23	MD
Oliver, Winston MD	Psychiatry	UVMMC	7/1/23	MD
Panday, Asmita MD	Child Psychiatry	DHMC	7/1/23	MD

Pareek, Karishma MD	Cardiology	UVMCC	7/1/23	MD
**Robbins, Heidi MD	Psychiatry	DHMC	7/1/23	MD
Rogovoy, Nichole MD	Internal Medicine	DHMC	7/1/23	MD
Schwartz, Rebecca MD	Psychiatry	DHMC	7/1/23	MD
Stahl, Ethan MD	Radiology	UVMCC	7/1/23	MD
Vallabhaneni, Ahdarsh MD	Dermatology	DHMC	7/1/23	MD
Vance, Jay MD	Cardiology	UVMCC	7/1/23	MD
Wicks, Elizabeth MD	Surgery	UVMCC	7/1/23	MD
Wilson, Brandon MD	Psychiatry	DHMC	7/1/23	MD
Wu, Tiffany MD	Internal Medicine	UVMCC	7/1/23	MD

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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.*

*June 7, 2023*

<b>Credential Number</b>	<b>Name</b>
<a href="#"><u>042.0016976-COMP</u></a>	Paul Berkowitz
<a href="#"><u>042.0016977-COMP</u></a>	John Edward Britt
<a href="#"><u>042.0016978-COMP</u></a>	Tara Chang
<a href="#"><u>042.0016979-COMP</u></a>	William Todd Goldman
<a href="#"><u>042.0016980-COMP</u></a>	Shelby Kiles
<a href="#"><u>042.0016981-COMP</u></a>	Narendra Kini
<a href="#"><u>042.0016982-COMP</u></a>	Luke Krystosek
<a href="#"><u>042.0016983-COMP</u></a>	Katy Lopez Vasquez
<a href="#"><u>042.0016984-COMP</u></a>	Alex Roher
<a href="#"><u>042.0016985-COMP</u></a>	Patricia Lynn Russell
<a href="#"><u>042.0016986-COMP</u></a>	Linda T Vahdat
<a href="#"><u>042.0017025-COMP</u></a>	Michael Justin Coffey
<a href="#"><u>042.0017026-COMP</u></a>	Alexander Gordon Cole
<a href="#"><u>042.0017027-COMP</u></a>	Matthew Doan
<a href="#"><u>042.0017028-COMP</u></a>	Arun Gunda
<a href="#"><u>042.0017029-COMP</u></a>	Jawad Hussain
<a href="#"><u>042.0017030-COMP</u></a>	Meghna Krishnan
<a href="#"><u>042.0017031-COMP</u></a>	Marcus William Lee
<a href="#"><u>042.0017032-COMP</u></a>	Angelique Nicole McKinney-Bourne
<a href="#"><u>042.0017033-COMP</u></a>	David Michael Meis
<a href="#"><u>042.0017034-COMP</u></a>	Manisha Ami Patel
<a href="#"><u>042.0017035-COMP</u></a>	Kenneth Rapp
<a href="#"><u>042.0017036-COMP</u></a>	Janelle Louise Reed
<a href="#"><u>042.0017037-COMP</u></a>	Michael Joseph Regan
<a href="#"><u>042.0017038-COMP</u></a>	Julie A Rothschild
<a href="#"><u>042.0017039-COMP</u></a>	James Sigler
<a href="#"><u>042.0017040-COMP</u></a>	Katherine Elizabeth Uvelli
<a href="#"><u>042.0017041-COMP</u></a>	Richard Veyna
<a href="#"><u>042.0017042-COMP</u></a>	Tamara Barghouthi
<a href="#"><u>042.0017043-COMP</u></a>	Carol Anne Grace
<a href="#"><u>042.0017044-COMP</u></a>	Vladimir Janvelian

<a href="#"><u>042.0017045-COMP</u></a>	Enrique Martinez
<a href="#"><u>042.0017046-COMP</u></a>	Patricia Min
<a href="#"><u>042.0017047-COMP</u></a>	Monika Patel
<a href="#"><u>042.0017048-COMP</u></a>	Faiz Rehman
<a href="#"><u>042.0017049-COMP</u></a>	Mahmoud Salhab
<a href="#"><u>042.0017050-COMP</u></a>	William Smith
<a href="#"><u>042.0017051-COMP</u></a>	Wendell Wilmoth
<a href="#"><u>042.0017052-COMP</u></a>	Dax Patrick Wolford