

**Vermont Board of Medical Practice**  
**September 3, 2025**  
**280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671**  
**And Remote Via Microsoft Teams**  
**Dial: (802) 828-7667 Conference ID: 260 963 576#**

**10:30 AM Licensing Committee**

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**12:00 PM Vermont Board of Medical Practice**

- **Call to Order; Roll Call; Acknowledge Guests:**
- **Public Comment:**
- **Approval of Minutes of the August 6, 2025 Board Meeting**
- **Board Issues (Dr. Hildebrant):**
- **Administrative Update (David Herlihy):**
- **Convene hearing to discuss any stipulations or disciplinary matters that are before the Board (1:00 PM):**
  - **In re Renee Johannensen, MD. Request from Dr. Renee Johannensen to expunge the reprimand imposed by the Stipulation in MPS 031-0323.**
  - **In re Bruce Noxon, DPM, Docket No. MPS 093-0624, Stipulation and Consent Order**
  - **In re Melissa VanSickle, MD, Docket No. MPC 030-0323, Stipulation and Consent Order**
- **Other Business:**
  - **VPHP Liaison Meeting**

Members will be invited to volunteer for a VPHP liaison meeting to be scheduled during September or October. The meeting is an opportunity for discussion among Board members, staff of both organizations, and members of the VMS VPHP Committee. Improved understanding and communication are a goal for the group. Board members will be asked to suggest topics for discussion. Please think about any questions,

concerns, suggestions for improvement, or complements you have regarding practices to be sustained. Volunteers will be polled for availability to assist in scheduling. The meetings typically begin in the late afternoon and last approximately an hour. The meeting will be either virtual or hybrid.

- **Request for Rulemaking on Supervision of IV Contrast Administration (Continued)**

At the August meeting the Board discussed establishing a position on supervision of radiologic technicians when administering IV contrast. This matter will be discussed further, for the purpose of providing input to the Department of Health, which will be acting on a request for rulemaking on the subject. Board members will be provided more information that addresses questions raised at the August meeting. An email from the party who requested rulemaking, which responds to some of the Board's questions, is attached.

- **Designation as a Wellbeing First Champion for 2025**

The Board has again been designated as a Wellbeing First Champion. This is the third time that the Board has achieved the designation, which tells licensees and applicants that the Board's applications and practices comply with recognized best practices for supporting healthcare workers in being able to seek mental healthcare without fear of adversely affecting their license. The program is one element of the efforts by the Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes' Foundation to improve the wellness of health care workers.

- **Contested Hearing to Be Held the Week of December 15, 2025**

The Board has issued charges in the case In re: Tania Sarkaria, MD, MPS 175-0823 and MPS 067-0424. Members will be informed of the need for a hearing panel composed of at least three members, including at least one public member and at least one MD. The role of the panel is to make findings of fact and recommendations for the Board, which will be presented in a written report. Members will have assistance from the Board's Hearing Officer, who will preside over the hearing, advise the panel on procedure, and assist with preparation of the panel's report. This hearing is anticipated to last for three days. Members of the South

Investigative Committee are excluded from the panel, as well as other members who may have disqualifying conflicts. During discussion of this agenda item, members will be provided additional administrative details about being on a hearing panel and will have the opportunity to ask questions about the process.

- **Executive Session to discuss:**
  - Investigative cases recommended for closure;
  - Other matters that are confidential by law, if any.
- **Return to Open Session; Board Actions on matters discussed in Executive Session:**
- **Board Actions on Committee recommendations regarding any non-confidential matters:**
- **Upcoming Board meetings, Committee meetings, hearings, etc.:** [Locations are subject to change. A notification will be provided if a change takes place.](#)
  - **September 11, 2025, North Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM.**  
[IN PERSON](#) at the South Burlington Public Library 180 Market St. Digital Lab Room and Remote via Teams
  - **September 12, 2025, Central Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM.** [Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive Waterbury, VT 05671](#)
  - **September 17, 2025, South Investigative Committee Meeting, 12:00 PM.** [Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671.](#)
  - **October 1, 2025, Licensing Committee Meeting, 10:30 AM.** [IN PERSON](#) at 280 State Drive, Red Oak conference room A283 Waterbury, VT and Remote via Teams
  - **October 1, 2025, Board Meeting, 12:00 PM.** [IN PERSON](#) at 280 State Drive, Red Oak conference room A283 Waterbury, VT and Remote via Teams

- **Open Forum:**
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If you join the meeting during the time the Board is in Executive Session, the line will be open and monitored by staff. You are welcome to remain on the line until the Board returns to the Open Session.

If you would like to participate in a meeting and need accessible accommodations and/or would like to be provided online access by coming to the Waterbury State Office Complex, please contact the Board using the email address or telephone number below at least 24 hours before the start of the meeting.

If you have any questions about this meeting, contact **phone:** (802) 657-4220 or **email:** [AHS.VDHMedicalBoard@vermont.gov](mailto:AHS.VDHMedicalBoard@vermont.gov)