# VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE Minutes of the June 4, 2025, Board Meeting 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671 Remote via Teams

### **Approved**

#### Call to Order; Call the Roll; Acknowledge Guests:

Dr. Rick Hildebrant called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM

#### **Members Present:**

Rick Hildebrant, MD; Rob Ciappenelli; David Coddaire, MD; Evan Eyler, MD; Gail Falk; Rachel Gaidys, MD; Matthew Greenberg, MD; Peter Ireland, MD; Suzanne Jones, PA-C; Patricia King, MD; Stephanie Lorentz; Ian Odigie, DPM; Dawn Philibert; Judy Scott; Margaret Tandoh, MD; Robert Tortolani, MD; Scott Tucker.

#### Others in Attendance:

Megan Campbell, AAG; Scott Frennier, Investigator; Tracy Hayes, Public Health Specialist; David Herlihy, Executive Director; Kurt Kuehl, AAG; Justin Sheng, AAG; Ron Hunt, MLOA; Marcy Quinlan, Admin Services

## • Approval of the Minutes of the May 7, 2025, Board Meeting:

D. Philibert moved to accept the minutes of the May 7, 2025, meeting. Dr. Eyler seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

# • Administrative Updates (D. Herlihy):

- The bid process for the VPHP contract was completed. VMS was the only bidder. Staff is working on the contract.
- Staff has received no further information about the possibility that the HSIN system used to distribute documents to members may become unavailable, as was reported to members at the May meeting. Staff will continue to explore other options.

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- A mass email was sent to all physician assistants about practice agreement requirements. The message resulted in several emails and telephone calls with inquiries about practice agreements.
- IAMRA (International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities) membership application was submitted; it will be complete after review by IAMRA staff and payment of dues.
- There was another scam targeting the Board's licensees in May. Licensees contacted
  the Board to report suspicious contacts from callers claiming to be Board
  investigators. This was the latest of many such incidents in Vermont and around the
  nation. An email warning was sent to alert all licensees and a notice about this
  problem was added to the BMP website.
- D.Herlihy asked members for input on having an informational presentation about medical lasers by a dermatologist to prepare the Board to issue a guidance document on medical laser use. Members indicated interest in having such a presentation. Dr. Hildebrant noted that several years ago a dermatologist had presented to the Board and opined that the use of lasers for procedures on human skin should be considered the practice of medicine and that delegation of tasks using lasers should be limited. He asked if the Board should explore whether there are knowledgeable sources that might offer additional opinions, and justification for those opinions, that may be different from those of dermatologists, so that the Board could consider additional viewpoints. R. Ciappenelli suggested a device manufacturer association might do that. Staff will continue to work on locating a dermatologist and other possible sources of information on lasers.
- Health Department staff are now reviewing the administrative rules update that was approved by the Board last year. Members were advised that a small number of changes are being submitted to VDH to add to the version submitted last year. A complete list will be provided to the Board at the July meeting. The changes are primarily technical updates to reflect changes such as a revision of an FCVS procedure and a new requirement for those who graduate from Canadian medical schools after July 1, 2025, to obtain an ECFMG certificate to be able to take the USMLE.

#### Other Business

• **Newsletter** - Staff will send all licensees a newsletter in coming weeks. A tentative list of items was shared with the Board and members were invited to suggest additional topics. Dr. Tortolani proposed having a statement of gratitude in the

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newsletter for the dedicated service of our licensees. The Chair volunteered to prepare such a statement.

Advisory Commission on Additional Licensing Models (ACALM) release of draft guidance document and request for comments – ACALM recently released a draft of a second guidance document that offers more specific recommendations for assessment and supervision of internationally-trained physicians while participating under a provisional license in an alternative pathway to licensure. They have asked for public comments, which will be accepted through July 11. Dr. Hildebrant noted that the July meeting precedes that date, so this will be taken up again at that time.
 D. Herlihy offered possible comments to share with ACALM. Dr. King noted that the draft includes some challenging tasks for medical boards and that there is no mention of resources.

#### Executive Session to Discuss:

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

D. Philibert made a motion at 12:48 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: Board Actions on matters discussed in Executive Session:

# D. Philibert, North Investigative Committee, asked to close:

MPN 155-1124 – Special Letter #1 MPN 027-0325 – Special Letter #1 MPN 026-0325 – Special Letter #1

S. Lorentz made a motion to close the cases presented. Dr. Coddaire seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: North Investigative Committee. S. Tucker recused from case MPN 155-1124.

# G. Falk, Central Investigative Committee, asked to close:

MPC 021-0225 - Special Letter #1 (Margaret Sproul)

D. Philibert made a motion to close the cases presented. S. Tucker seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: Central Investigative Committee.

#### S. Jones, South Investigative Committee, asked to close:

No South Committee cases closed at this meeting.

- **Upcoming Board meetings, committee meetings, hearings, etc.:** Locations are subject to change. A notification will be provided if a change takes place.
- June 12, 2025, North Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM.
   Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671.
- June 13, 2025, Central Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM. IN PERSON at Vermont Liquor and Lottery Commission 1311 US Route 302 Boardroom Berlin, VT and Remote via Teams.
- June 18, 2025, South Investigative Committee Meeting, 12:00 PM.
   Asa Bloomer Office Building 88 Merchants Row, 4<sup>th</sup> floor conference room #429, Rutland, VT and Remote via Teams
- July 2, 2025, Licensing Committee Meeting, 10:30 AM. Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671.
- July 2, 2025, Board Meeting, 12:00 PM. Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671.

#### • Open Forum:

A discussion about the Board's practice of investigating every complaint took place. Dr. King mentioned that the medical boards of many states screen complaints to identify complaints that do not merit investigation. She added that it can become quite a burden on licensees because of the requirement for reporting investigations to many state medical boards, credentialing authorities, and insurance companies. It was noted that the practice reflects Vermont law, which describes the Board's duties to include "Investigate all complaints and charges of unprofessional conduct." (26 V.S.A. § 1353(2)). A change in Vermont law would be necessary for there to be a

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change in the practice. S.Tucker commented that he has observed many different police departments that screen internal affairs complaints for merit; some do it well and others do not. It is challenging. No action on the issue was proposed.

# • Adjourn:

Dr. Hildebrant declared the meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

# **May Licenses Issued Appendix A**

Credential	Contact Name	Date Issued
042.0018598	Quinn Reed Self	5/2/2025
042.0018599	Sylvie Stacy	5/2/2025
042.0018600	Kayla Sturtevant	5/3/2025
042.0018607	Yansheng Hao	5/5/2025
042.0018609	Sara Kay Brennan	5/6/2025
042.0018610	Erin Elizabeth Bishop	5/7/2025
042.0018611	Gerard Charles Buffo	5/7/2025
042.0018612	Mark Durcan	5/7/2025
042.0018613	Peter Chia-Yen Huang	5/7/2025
042.0018614	Julius Gene Silva Latorre	5/7/2025
042.0018615	Henry Jay Lee	5/7/2025
042.0018616	Jennifer Joy Lucas	5/7/2025
042.0018617	Michael Ng	5/7/2025
042.0018618	Khushboo Singh	5/7/2025
042.0018619	Bernice A. Stein	5/7/2025
042.0018620	Maggie Yau	5/7/2025
042.0018621	Amelia Rae Winter	5/7/2025
042.0018622	Lillian Dominguez-Konicki	5/11/2025
042.0018635	Roshini Clare Pinto-Powell	5/13/2025
042.0018636	Brandon Taylor Schwartz	5/13/2025
042.0018637	Alexander Zajack	5/13/2025
042.0018638	Laura Tanke Brown	5/15/2025
042.0018639	James David Doss	5/15/2025
042.0018640	Margaret MacPhail Gray	5/15/2025
042.0018641	Michael Lemieux	5/15/2025
042.0018642	Jiayu Kate Tian	5/16/2025
042.0018643	Ryan Mitchell Thomas	5/16/2025
042.0018653	Erika Marlene Dorff	5/19/2025
042.0018654	Grace Emily Andrews	5/21/2025
042.0018655	Jose Manuel Gutierrez Amezcua	5/21/2025
042.0018656	James L. Morse	5/21/2025
042.0018657	Stefan Muehlbauer	5/22/2025
042.0018658	Matthew Thomas Opacic	5/22/2025
042.0018659	Martina Pejchal	5/22/2025
042.0018660	Arden Grace Vanderwall	5/22/2025
042.0018661	Lazaro Victor Zayas	5/22/2025

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042.0018662	McKay D Allred	5/23/2025
042.0018663	Robert L Eberle	5/25/2025
042.0018676	Andrew John Claffey	5/27/2025
042.0018677	Sean Xiang Li	5/27/2025
042.0018678	Shreya Goyal	5/27/2025
042.0018679	Autumn Starr Sacklow	5/30/2025
055.0031810	Thomas Brett Davis	5/7/2025
055.0031811	Kendra Christine Staflin	5/7/2025
055.0031812	Bryan Troy Lantz	5/7/2025
055.0031813	Amie Lynne Lawson	5/7/2025
055.0031814	Katrina DeShaney	5/11/2025
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055.0031816	Mackenzie Young	5/22/2025
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060.0005893	Michael Trent Harrington	5/2/2025
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060.0005896	Felipe Pereira Bispo	5/7/2025
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060.0005898	David Ryan Cannata	5/7/2025
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060.0005908	Viet Si Le	5/7/2025
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060.0005916	Nathan Layne Newby	5/7/2025
060.0005917	Kyle Thomas Otto	5/7/2025
060.0005918	Andrew Pettit	5/7/2025
060.0005919	Liem Pham	5/7/2025
060.0005920	Joanna Pierce	5/7/2025

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060.0005921	Austin Quimby	5/7/2025
060.0005922	Maximilian Reisinger	5/7/2025
060.0005923	lan Bennett Risser	5/7/2025
060.0005924	Julia Rossen	5/7/2025
060.0005925	Angela E Russo	5/7/2025
060.0005926	Heath Saffer	5/7/2025
060.0005927	Sebastian Jude Taylor	5/7/2025
060.0005928	Taylor R Walker	5/7/2025
060.0005929	Rebecca Warren	5/7/2025
060.0005930	Alexander Clemens Weissman	5/7/2025
060.0005931	Erik Werheim	5/7/2025
060.0005932	Sandeep Kaur Banga	5/9/2025
060.0005933	Brendan Daly	5/11/2025
060.0005934	Molly Lynn Feller	5/11/2025
060.0005935	Auston Gillis	5/12/2025
060.0005936	Felix Litvak	5/13/2025
060.0005937	Kreager Anne Taber	5/13/2025
060.0005938	Syeda Faryal Wasti	5/13/2025
060.0005939	Majd Aboul Hosn	5/15/2025
060.0005940	Shayhaan Shahbaaz Shaikh	5/16/2025
060.0005941	Samantha Sun	5/16/2025
060.0005942	Terisa Yiin	5/16/2025
060.0005943	Madeleine Francis Isler	5/21/2025
060.0005944	Kate LaRiviere	5/21/2025
060.0005945	Anthony Thomas Plochocki	5/22/2025
060.0005946	Jaime Talleh	5/22/2025
060.0005947	Yelena Viktorovna Dunikova	5/23/2025
060.0005948	Steven Hardy	5/27/2025
060.0005949	Joanna Bernatowicz	5/28/2025
060.0005950	Gregory Mouradian	5/28/2025
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060.0005954	Casey Kimberly Kelly	5/29/2025
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042.0018633- COMP	Kristen Wolfe	5/12/2025
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042.0018644- COMP	KWAMI DELALI AGBODZA	5/19/2025
042.0018645- COMP	Christine Alewine	5/19/2025
042.0018646- COMP	Annie Casta	5/19/2025
042.0018647- COMP	Deborah Melendez	5/19/2025
042.0018648- COMP	Rohit Kyatham Reddy	5/19/2025
042.0018649- COMP	Branko Skovrlj	5/19/2025
042.0018650- COMP	Joel Lawrence Spitz	5/19/2025
042.0018651- COMP	Deep Bhupendra Trivedi	5/19/2025

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042.0018652- COMP	Jennifer Yanoschak	5/19/2025
042.0018664- COMP	Adekunle Michael Adesina	5/27/2025
042.0018665- COMP	David Borislow	5/27/2025
042.0018666- COMP	Mary Simmons Burgess MD	5/27/2025
042.0018667- COMP	Matthew Swain Duncan	5/27/2025
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042.0018669- COMP	Herbert Hamilton	5/27/2025
042.0018670- COMP	Elizabeth W. Lazzara	5/27/2025
042.0018671- COMP	CHENG-TING LEE	5/27/2025
042.0018672- COMP	Sunil Saxena MD	5/27/2025
042.0018673- COMP	Brenda Vazquez	5/27/2025
042.0018674- COMP	David Charles Whitehead	5/27/2025
042.0018675- COMP	Fawad Yousuf	5/27/2025
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