

VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE
Minutes of the January 7, 2026, Board Meeting
280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671
Remote via Teams

Unapproved

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

Dr. Matt Greenberg called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM

Members Present:

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

Others in Attendance:

David Herlihy, Executive Director; Megan Campbell, AAG; Kurt Kuehl, AAG; Justin Sheng, AAG; Ron Hunt, MLOA; Scott Frennier, Investigator; Paula Nenninger, Investigator; Tracy Hayes, Public Health Specialist; Jessa Barnard, VMS Executive Director; Diana Wahle, public attendee.

• **Public Comment: N/A**

• **Approval of the Minutes of December 3, 2025, Board Meeting:**

D. Philibert moved to accept the minutes of the December 3, 2025, meeting. Dr. Eyler seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

• **Board Issues: N/A**

• **Administrative Updates (D. Herlihy):**

- Members were updated on the progress of the SRPS IT project. The project is on target to meet the planned date for “go live” the week of March 23, 2026.
- Physician Assistant and Anesthesiologist Assistant renewals are ongoing. In total, there were 689 PAs and AAs going into the renewal; 453 have submitted renewal applications, leaving 236 that have not yet submitted renewals. PA licenses and AA certifications will expire at the end of the day on January 31, 2026 if not renewed by then. Several notices have been sent notifying PAs and AAs of the expiration date and of the need to submit their renewal applications by January 12 to ensure that their applications will be processed before the expiration date.

- D. Herlihy gave remarks about the retirement of P. Nenninger and thanked her for her service with the Board. Several members also reflected on her service and offered their appreciation for her dedication.
- **Convene hearing to discuss any stipulations or disciplinary matters that are before the Board (12:42 PM)**

**Jeffrey E. Haddock MD, MPS 125-0925, Hearing to approve a Voluntary Limitation of Practice Agreement
Hearing Officer G. Belcher presiding.**

Megan Campbell, AAG, presented the Agreement, which had been approved by the South Investigative Committee, to the Board for approval. Dr. Greenberg made a motion to accept the Agreement as presented. D. Philibert seconded the motion. The motion passed with the South Investigative committee and Dr. King recused.

- **Other Business**

- **Discussion of S.142, An act relating to a pathway to licensure for internationally trained physicians and medical graduates.**

D. Herlihy provided members a summary of concerns regarding the bill. One group of concerns relates to the absence of established processes to determine the validity of overseas documentation of training and medical practice experience, and the capacity of the Board to adequately perform such vetting. Another group of concerns relates to the expertise the Board has to create standards for running the training and evaluation programs, or to determine which countries are acceptable sources of medical practice experience that qualifies an applicant for this new program. It was also noted that there is no qualitative standard in the bill for foreign training programs; any program at all would have to be accepted. Members were also informed that the Advisory Commission on Additional Licensing Models, in their guidance document, pointed out that practice opportunities may extremely limited for physicians licensed through a program as proposed in S.142. That is because completion of an ACGME certified residency program is necessary for specialty board certification, and specialty board certification is a key factor in employment, hospital privileging, and insurance panel participation.

Dr. Coddaire, Dr. Odigie, Dr. Eyler, Scott Tucker, Dr. Tandoh, Dr. Tortolani, and Dr. Greenberg made comments. Members of the public were invited to comment. Diana Wahle commented at length, noting that several groups interested in health care support S.142. Jessa Barnard of the Vermont Medical Society offered a number of comments, which included questioning whether existing licensees would be required to bear the cost of this new program through higher licensing fees.

D. Philibert made a motion for the Board to oppose the bill. S. Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 16-0-0.

- **Discussion of “test to treat,” which refers to authorizing pharmacists to prescribe medications for treatment of conditions confirmed using on-site tests.**

The discussion of test to treat was continued to a later date. Members asked to be informed if there is a need for Board input prior to the February 4 meeting so that an emergency meeting could be considered.

- **Discussion of CRNA “opt-out,” which refers to the options states have to be exempted from the requirement in CMS regulations for CRNAs to be under physician supervision when administering anesthesia.**

Dr. Eyler made a motion to oppose the change to exempt Vermont from the requirement in CMS regulations for CRNAs to be under a physician's supervision when administering anesthesia. D. Philibert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Discussion of APRN Transition to Practice Requirements.**

D. Herlihy reminded members that they passed a motion on this issue at the October 2025 meeting. No bills have been introduced yet concerning the existing requirement in Vermont law for APRNs to have a collaboration agreement during a transition-to-practice period.

- **Executive Session to Discuss:**

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

Dr. Eyler made a motion to enter Executive Session at 2:10 PM to discuss confidential matters related to investigations. Dr. Tortolani seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none. The Board entered Executive Session at 2:20 PM after a short break.

- **Return to Open Session: Board Action on matters discussed in Executive Session:**

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

MPN 154-1025 – Special Letter #1; Dr. Tandoh, Dr. Ireland, Dr. Greenberg, Dr. Gaidys recused.

MPN 108-0725 – Special Letter #1

MPN 147-1025 – Special Letter #1; Dr. Ireland, Dr. Gaidys, Dr. Greenberg, and G. Falk recused.

S. Tucker made a motion to close the cases presented. Dr. Tortolani seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: North Investigative Committee, and as noted above.

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

MPC 142-1025 – Letter #1

Dr. Odigie made a motion to close the case presented. D. Philibert seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: Central Investigative Committee and as noted above.

S. Jones, PA-C South Investigative Committee, asked to close:

MPS 139-0925 – Special Letter #1 (Marga Sproul); Dr. Coddaire recused

MPS 152-1025 – Special Letter #1

D. Philibert made a motion to close the cases presented. Dr. Eyler seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: South Investigative Committee, and as noted above.

- **Upcoming Board meetings, committee meetings, hearings, etc.:** Locations are subject to change. A notification will be provided if a change takes place.
- **January 15, 2026, North Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM.**
[Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT](#)
- **January 16, 2026, Central Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM** [Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT](#)
- **January 21, 2026, South Investigative Committee Meeting, 12:00 PM.**
[Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT](#)
- **February 4, 2026, Licensing Committee Meeting, 10:30 AM.** [Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT](#)
- **February 4, 2026, Board Meeting, 12:00 PM.** [Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT](#)
- **Open Forum:** N/A
- **Adjourn:**

Dr. Greenberg declared the meeting adjourned at 4:02 PM.

January Licenses Issued Appendix A