

VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE
Minutes of the September 2, 2026 Board Meeting
Remote via Teams and
280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671

Unapproved

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

Dr. Greenberg called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM

Members Present:

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

Others in Attendance:

David Herlihy, Executive Director; Megan Campbell, AAG; Laura Ashikaga, AAG; Ron Hunt, MLOA; Scott Frennier, Investigator; My Nguyen, Investigator; Tracy Hayes, Public Health Specialist; Alexxis Tufano, Administrative Services Technician III.

Guests:

Lee Morissette, Physician Assistant Academy of Vermont President; Lizzie Jensen, WCAX; Jason Finkelstein, MD; Jonathan Meltz, Esq.; Meg McCarthy, Public Health Policy Advisor; Jessica Schifano, Policy Director.

- **Public Comment: N/A**

- **Approval of the Minutes of August 5, 2026, Board Meeting:**

D. Philibert moved to accept the minutes of the August 5, 2026 meeting. Dr. Coddair seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

- **Board Issues:**

- Dr. Greenberg thanked the committees on Artificial Intelligence in Medicine and Pathway to Licensure for Internationally Trained Physicians for their time and efforts.

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

- D. Herlihy reminded everyone that the October Board Meeting will be held in person at the Waterbury State Office Complex.

- The September meeting of the North Investigative Committee will also be in person at the South Burlington Public Library on September 10 at 9:00 AM.
- The October meeting of the Central Investigative Committee will be in person at the Waterbury State Office Complex. Specific room information is TBD.
- D. Herlihy reported that the MD renewal opened on Wednesday, September 2. There are approximately 6600 physicians eligible to renew.
- **Other Business:** (This agenda item was taken out of order at 12:15 PM)
 - D. Herlihy updated the Board on the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Use of Artificial Intelligence in the Practice of Medicine. The Committee has been working on a document establishing foundational principles, which will be presented to the Board for consideration at a future meeting. The has also and reviewed Act 156 of 2026, which addresses use of artificial intelligence in mental health care services. The Board will be providing input to the Vermont Artificial Intelligence Advisory Council, which is tasked in Act 156 with providing the General Assembly with a report on the topic of artificial intelligence in mental health care and recommendations for further legislation.
- **Convene hearing to discuss any stipulations or disciplinary matters that are before the Board. (12:30 PM)**
 - **Dr. Jason S. Finkelstein, MD, Hearing to approve a Cessation of Practice Agreement. Docket No. C-N-I-00124-2026.**

Megan Campbell, AAG, presented the Cessation of Practice Agreement. Dr. Greenberg, Board Chair, requested a roll call to vote on acceptance of the Agreement. The motion passed unanimously with the members of the North Committee recusing.
- **Executive Session: (This agenda item began out of order at 12:45 PM)**

G. Falk made a motion to enter Executive Session at 12:46 PM to discuss confidential matters related to investigations. R. Ciappenelli seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

- **Other Business (Continued): (1 PM)**

- M. McCarthy, VDH Public Health Policy Advisor, gave a presentation on the work to date of the ad hoc Committee on a Pathway to Licensure for Internationally Trained Physicians. Act 172 of 2026 tasked the Board and VDH with reporting to the General Assembly on this topic, as well creating a proposal for the specifics of a pathway to licensure for internationally trained physicians. The outcome of the group's work will be presented to the Board at a future meeting.

- **Executive Session (Continued)**

Dr. Eyler made a motion to reenter Executive Session at 2:20 PM to discuss confidential matters related to investigations. D. Philibert seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

- **Return to Open Session: Board Action on matters discussed in Executive Session: (2:53 PM)**

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

MPN 134-0925 – Special Letter #1
MPN 011-0126 – Special Letter #2

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

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

C-C-I-00079-2026 – Special Letter #1
MPC 030-0326 – Special Letter #1

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

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

C-S-I-00110-2026 – Special Letter #1
C-S-I-00094-2026 – Special Letter #1 (Marga Sproul)

D. Philibert made a motion to close the cases presented. Dr. Coddair 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.
- **September 10, 2026, North Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM.**
[IN PERSON at South Burlington Public Library, 180 Market St. South Burlington, VT and Remote via Teams](#)
- **September 11, 2026, Central Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM** [Remote via Teams and at 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT](#)
- **September 16, 2026, South Investigative Committee Meeting, 12:00 PM.**
[Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT](#)
- **October 7, 2026, Licensing Committee Meeting, 10:30 AM. IN PERSON**
[at WSOC, 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT and Remote via Teams](#)
- **October 7, 2026, Board Meeting, 12:00 PM. IN PERSON** [at WSOC, 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT and Remote via Teams](#)
- **Open Forum:**
- **Adjourn:**

Dr. Greenberg declared the meeting adjourned at 3:02 PM.

August Licenses Issued Appendix A

Coming soon.