

VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE
Minutes of the November 6, 2024, Board Meeting
280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671
and Remote via Teams

Approved

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

Dr. Rick Hildebrant, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:21 PM

Members Present:

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

Others in Attendance:

Megan Campbell, AAG; Scott Frennier, Investigator; Tracy Hayes, Public Health Specialist; David Herlihy, Executive Director; Kurt Kuehl, AAG; Paula Nenninger, Investigator; Bill Reynolds, AAG; Justin Sheng, AAG; Lauren Layman, General Counsel; Jessa Barnard, Vermont Medical Society; Kelly Lawler, Admin Services Tech; Marcy Quinlan, Admin. Services Tech.

- **Approval of the Minutes of the October 2 Board Meeting and October 7, 2024, Special Meeting**

S. Tucker moved to accept the minutes of the October 2 and October 7, 2024, meetings. Dr. King seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: Dr. Eyler for the Oct. 7 meeting; abstained: none.

- **Administrative Updates (David Herlihy):**
 - Renewal Progress – data about renewal processing was shared with members. The renewal period began on August 30, 2024 with 6077 MD licensees. As of November 5:
3811 processed and issued (3002 Regular and 809 IMLC)
2266 still to be submitted (1568 Regular and 697 IMLC)

Staff members Ron Hunt, Marcy Quinlan, and especially Tracy Hayes were recognized for all their hard work getting so many renewals issued.

- **Other Business:**

- **Board Officer Nominations and Election**

Members were asked to volunteer to be on a Nominations Committee to propose a slate of nominees to the Board. Suzanne Jones, PA-C; Judy Scott, and Dr. King volunteered. Members were advised that the current officers, Dr. Hildebrant, Dr. Greenberg, and Dr. Tortolani are willing to continue to serve in their current roles. Members were invited to self-nominate to run for a position or nominate another member by emailing the Executive Director.

- **APRN Subcommittee Representative**

David Herlihy provided background about the need to designate a physician to represent the Board on the Board of Nursing's APRN Subcommittee. Dr. Tortolani indicated that he would volunteer for the role. (**Note:** Subsequent to the meeting Dr. Ireland expressed interest in being designated and after further discussion it was agreed that Dr. Ireland would be the Board's designated physician representative.)

- **Draft Guidance Document from the Advisory Commission on Additional Licensing Models**

Dr. Hildebrant noted that there was a request put out for comments on the draft guidance document issued by the Advisory Commission on Additional Licensing Models. The deadline for submission is December 6, 2024, so the Board will be able to decide on whether to submit comments at the December 4 meeting. The

group reviewed the recommendations set forth in the guidance document. Dr. King made a comment on Recommendation 3, which provides that States should require ECFMG for the group of international physicians being discussed. She noted that each of the three elements that must be satisfied for ECFMG Certification – Graduation from a qualifying medical school, passing USMLE Steps 1 and 2, and demonstrating English language proficiency by passing the Occupational English Test Medicine – is essential for screening candidates. Because the USMLE requirements might change, she proposed that the recommendation should be expanded to set forth the underlying elements.

The Draft Guidance Document from the Advisory Commission will be on the agenda again for the December meeting. Any member desiring to share additional thoughts with other members in advance of the December meeting may email them to the Executive Director to be distributed with the December agenda.

- **Convene hearing to discuss any stipulations or disciplinary matters that are before the Board (1:03 PM):**

In re: Keri McFarlane Bentley, MD – State’s Motion for Reciprocal Discipline pursuant to 26 V.S.A. @ 1420j(c)(1) – Docket # MPN 131-0423

Dr. Hildebrant convened the hearing, with K. Kuehl, AAG, representing the State. Dr. Hildebrant asked if Dr. Bentley had been notified of the hearing; K. Kuehl stated that notices had been sent to her via both regular first-class mail and by certified, return receipt mail, and that along with the addresses that Dr. Bentley had provided to the Board, the notice had been set to addresses found in orders concerning Dr. Bentley issued by other state medical boards, as well as to the email address on file with the Board. Dr. Hildebrant inquired if Dr. Bentley was expected to participate in the hearing; K. Kuehl responded that she had not contacted the Board and that it was noted in other state medical board actions that she had not appeared for hearings. Dr. Hildebrant invited K. Kuehl to present the matter. K. Kuehl addressed the Board, summarizing the facts leading up to the Order of Revocation and the discipline set forth in the proposed Order. Dr. Ireland asked about the provision in the Kentucky Order that if Dr. Bentley’s Kentucky medical license is ever reinstated that it would be contingent on her entering an agreed order that she is permanently banned from prescribing controlled substances. Dr. Ireland asked whether there should be a similar provision added to the Order concerning possible reinstatement of her Vermont medical license. Dr. Greenberg made a motion to approve the Order of Revocation as set forth in the State’s Motion but with

a provision added stating that if her Vermont medical license is ever reinstated it shall be contingent upon her entering into an agreed order that she is permanently prohibited from prescribing or dispensing controlled substances. Dr. Odigie seconded the motion.

The motion passed; Yeas: 11, Opposed: none; Abstained: none; Recused: North Investigative Committee and Dr. Hildebrant.

Hearing Concluded at 1:25PM

- **Convene meeting; Executive Session to Discuss:**
 - Investigative cases recommended for closure
 - Other matters that are confidential by law, if any

D. Philibert made a motion at 1:43PM to enter Executive Session to discuss confidential matters related to investigations. Dr. Tandoh seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

- **Return to Open Session 2:36PM; Board Actions on matters discussed in Executive Session:**

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

No closed cases this month.

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

MPC 055-0324 – Letter #1

D. Philibert made a motion to close the case presented. Dr. King seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: Dr. Hildebrant, Central Investigative Committee.

PA Jones, South Investigative Committee, asked to close:

MPS 094-0624 – Special Letter #1

MPS 057-0324 – Letter #1

MPS 043-0421 – Special Letter #1 – Dr. Eyler recused

MPS 099-0724 – Letter #1 – Dr. Tandoh recused

D. Philibert made a motion to close the cases presented. Dr. King seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: See above and 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.
 - **November 14, 2024, North Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM, Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671**
 - **November 15, 2024, Central Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM., Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671**
 - **November 20, 2024, South Investigative Committee Meeting, 12:00 PM, Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671**
 - **December 4, 2024, Licensing Committee Meeting, 10:30 AM, Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671**
 - **December 4, 2024, Board Meeting, 12:00 PM, Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671**
- **Open Forum:**
- **Adjourn:**

Dr. Hildebrant declared the meeting adjourned at 2:56PM.

APPENDIX A

Appendix A October licensees

042.0018142	Jonathan Baptiste	Jonathan		Baptiste	10/2/2024
042.0018143	Lea Jan Bellomo	Lea	Jan	Bellomo	10/2/2024
042.0018144	Sarah Anne Kelso-O'Brien	Sarah	Anne	Kelso-O'Brien	10/2/2024
042.0018145	Dustan Osborn	Dustan		Osborn	10/2/2024
042.0018146	Jeffrey F Peipert	Jeffrey	F	Peipert	10/2/2024
042.0018147	Dawn Yules	Dawn		Yules	10/2/2024
042.0018148	Zachary Alan Kanouse	Zachary	Alan	Kanouse	10/2/2024
042.0018149	Mark Alan Stewart Garret	Mark	Alan Stewart	Garret	10/3/2024
042.0018150	Laura Elizabeth Henderson	Laura	Elizabeth	Henderson	10/3/2024
042.0018151	Peter Augustus Rapoza	Peter	Augustus	Rapoza	10/3/2024
042.0018159	Norma R Green	Norma	R	Green	10/10/2024
042.0018172	Allison Rose Detommasi	Allison	Rose	Detommasi	10/17/2024
042.0018173	Kimberly Kay Hutton	Kimberly	Kay	Hutton	10/17/2024
042.0018174	Effie Marguerite Branton	Effie	Marguerite	Branton	10/17/2024
042.0018191	Angad Singh Gill	Angad	Singh	Gill	10/29/2024
042.0018192	Laura Kristine Mirch	Laura	Kristine	Mirch	10/29/2024
042.0018193	Mark Pluym	Mark		Pluym	10/29/2024
042.0018194	Erik Randolph Soule	Erik	Randolph	Soule	10/29/2024
042.0018195	Katrina Parsons Thornburgh	Katrina	Parsons	Thornburgh	10/29/2024
042.0018196	Joyce Lindsay Rollor	Joyce	Lindsay	Rollor	10/30/2024
055.0031787	Annalisa L Vargas	Annalisa	L	Vargas	10/10/2024
055.0031788	Maribel Diaz Campos	Maribel	Diaz	Campos	10/17/2024
060.0005839	Marlijne Clasina Kruse	Marlijne	Clasina	Kruse	10/3/2024
060.0005840	Christian Taylor Smith	Christian	Taylor	Smith	10/3/2024
060.0005841	Alexander Downing Steele	Alexander	Downing	Steele	10/29/2024
060.0005842	Antoine Younes	Antoine		Younes	10/29/2024
042.0018152-COMP	Nesrin Abu Ata	Nesrin		Abu Ata	10/3/2024
042.0018153-COMP	Brian M Keefe	Brian	M	Keefe	10/3/2024
042.0018154-COMP	Jennifer Anne McCoy	Jennifer	Anne	McCoy	10/3/2024
042.0018155-COMP	Jared Quast	Jared		Quast	10/3/2024
042.0018156-COMP	Rachel Ann Quinn	Rachel	Ann	Quinn	10/3/2024
042.0018157-COMP	Britta Reiersen	Britta		Reiersen	10/3/2024
042.0018158-COMP	Gohar Saeed	Gohar		Saeed	10/3/2024
042.0018160-COMP	Shaheen Ahmed	Shaheen		Ahmed	10/13/2024
042.0018161-COMP	Monika A Bernas	Monika	A	Bernas	10/13/2024
042.0018162-COMP	Sreevalli Dega	Sreevalli		Dega	10/13/2024

042.0018163- COMP	Zanira Fazal	Zanira		Fazal	10/13/2024
042.0018164- COMP	Nowreen Haq	Nowreen		Haq	10/13/2024
042.0018165- COMP	Jefferson Hopkins Harman	Jefferson	Hopkins	Harman	10/13/2024
042.0018166- COMP	Praveen Jayakumar	Praveen		Jayakumar	10/13/2024
042.0018167- COMP	Garson Kwock See Lee	Garson	Kwock See	Lee	10/13/2024
042.0018168- COMP	Barbara Susan Levy	Barbara	Susan	Levy	10/13/2024
042.0018169- COMP	Richard Gregory Lyons	Richard	Gregory	Lyons	10/13/2024
042.0018170- COMP	Mariana Perinot Morrow	Mariana		Perinot Morrow	10/13/2024
042.0018171- COMP	Breana Uzeta	Breana		Uzeta	10/13/2024
042.0018175- COMP	Marjory Bravard	Marjory		Bravard	10/22/2024
042.0018176- COMP	Robert Wayne Brown	Robert	Wayne	Brown	10/22/2024
042.0018177- COMP	Reyes Cuevas	Reyes		Cuevas	10/22/2024
042.0018178- COMP	Julia Frydman	Julia		Frydman	10/22/2024
042.0018179- COMP	Bernard Thomas Geiser	Bernard	Thomas	Geiser	10/22/2024
042.0018180- COMP	Robert Jeffrey Green	Robert	Jeffrey	Green	10/22/2024
042.0018181- COMP	Jennifer Hong	Jennifer		Hong	10/22/2024
042.0018182- COMP	Rachna Kaul	Rachna		Kaul	10/22/2024
042.0018183- COMP	Leslie Knight	Leslie		Knight	10/22/2024
042.0018184- COMP	David K Kung	David	K	Kung	10/22/2024
042.0018185- COMP	Hayley Miller	Hayley		Miller	10/22/2024
042.0018186- COMP	Michael J Monzel	Michael	J	Monzel	10/22/2024
042.0018187- COMP	Brian Michael OLeary	Brian	Michael	OLeary	10/22/2024
042.0018188- COMP	Brian Spears	Brian		Spears	10/22/2024
042.0018189- COMP	Angie Harris	Angie		Harris	10/24/2024
042.0018190- COMP	Luis Gerald Lora Garcia	Luis Gerald		Lora Garcia	10/24/2024