

**VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE**  
**Minutes of the December 4, 2024, Board Meeting**  
**280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671**  
**Remote via Teams**

**Unapproved**

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

Dr. Rick Hildebrant, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM

**Members Present:**

Rick Hildebrant, MD; Rob Ciappenelli; David Coddair, MD; Evan Eyler, MD; Gail Falk; Rachel Gaidys, MD; Matthew Greenberg, MD; 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; Jessa Barnard, VT Medical Society; Ron Hunt, MLOA; Marcy Quinlan, AST.

- **Approval of the Minutes of the November 6, 2024, Board Meeting:**

D. Philibert moved to accept the minutes of the November 6, 2024, meeting. S. Lorentz seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

- **Administrative Updates (David Herlihy):**

- **MD Renewal Data**

As of August 30, 6,077 MD licensees.

As of December 3: 5,132 renewed / 945 lapsed, 15.5% lapse rate

Broken down by source of license (regular process or via IMLCC process):  
Regular: started with 4,571 / 3,883 renewed, 945 lapsed = 15% lapse rate  
IMLCC: started with 1,506 / 1,149 renewed, 357 lapsed = 24% lapse rate,  
however, 59 MDs licensed through IMLCC had submitted a renewal and were only  
missing a form that is required to renew through the IMLCC.

- **Other Business:**

- **Election of Board Officers for 2025**

Dr. King made the report on behalf of the Nominating Committee. The current officers had stated their agreement to serve another term. No other nominations were submitted. Dr. King submitted the slate of officers and moved for the Board to approve them for the 2025 term – Dr. Hildebrant, Chair; Dr. Greenberg, Vice Chair; Dr. Tortolani, Secretary. D. Philibert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- **FSMB Annual Meeting:**

The FSMB Annual Meeting will take place April 24-26, 2025, in Seattle, Washington. After discussion among members it was decided that, in addition to the Chair and Executive Director, Dr. Greenberg and Suzanne Jones would attend, however, Dr. Greenberg must determine if he will be able to travel that week. If both attend, it will require the Board to fund the travel expenses with funds that are limited to professional development. Dr. Tortolani made a motion to allow the Board to use the limited funds for the purpose of Board members to attend the annual FSMB conference. Dr. Tandoh seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. It was also decided that Scott Tucker's name would be submitted to FSMB for a Public Member Scholarship.

- **Additional Pathways to Licensure for Foreign-Trained Physicians:**

The Board discussed at length the Draft Guidance Document from the Advisory Commission on Additional Licensing Models. The Board identified areas of concern that should be addressed in comments. These included: greater emphasis on the importance of accredited residency training to prepare physicians to provide safe, quality care; the need for resources to support evaluation of overseas medical training programs; the inadequacy of any alternative pathway that allows participation by international medical graduates who have not completed medical training that is accredited or found to be substantially similar to ACGME training; concern about wording in the Advisory Document that might lead to over-reliance on FQHCs and rural clinics, which could over burden those parts of the healthcare delivery system; a general lack of emphasis on patient safety concerns in discussions about creation of alternate licensing pathways for

IMGs. The Executive Director and Chair were asked to prepare comments for submission through the FSMB by the December 6, 2024 deadline.

- **PA Licensure Compact:**

The Board was reminded that during the past session, they had opposed passage of H.572, a bill that proposed to have Vermont join the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact. The Board was informed that a legislator had contacted Board staff to ask if the Board had changed their position, prompting this additional look at the PA Compact. D.Herlihy gave a brief overview of the PA Compact bill and identified some concerns about the structure of the PA Compact.

- The PA compact allows PAs who have significant discipline to obtain a privilege to practice in participating states with no opportunity for a participating state to evaluate the prior misconduct; two years after sanctions are complete no discipline other than revocation of a license bars use of the PA compact to get a privilege to practice in another state.
- The PA Compact requires participating States to share “significant investigative information” with the Compact and other participating states. Rules providing more specifics about the obligation to share information have not yet been established. At a minimum there would be a tension between the PA Compact law and some of the provisions on “legally protected health care” enacted with Acts 14 and 15 of 2023. At worst, there would be a significant conflict between the PA Compact Law and those provisions.
- The PA Compact law provides for the automatic invalidation of a privilege to practice when a PA loses the “qualifying license” the PA used to obtain privileges in other States. A PA who lost their license for providing legally protected health care would automatically lose their privilege to practice in Vermont. That would conflict with 26 V.S.A. § 1354(d) (as amended by Act 15 of 2023), which prohibits professional disciplinary action based solely on providing or assisting in the provision of legally protected health care.

After discussion of those concerns, the Board was asked if any Member wanted to propose a change in the Board’s position of opposition to joining the PA Interstate Licensure Compact. No Member asked to change the Board’s position or to further discuss the issue.

- **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 1:58 PM to enter Executive Session to discuss confidential matters related to investigations. Dr. Eyler seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

- **Return to Open Session 3:24 PM; Board Actions on matters discussed in Executive Session:**

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

MPN 100-0724 – Special Letter #1 – Recused: Dr. Gaidys, Dr. Greenberg

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

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

MPC 104-0824 – Special Letter #1

MPC 128-1024 – Special Letter #1

MPC 112-1024 – Letter #1

MPC 131-1024 – Letter #1

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

**Dr. Hildebrant, South Investigative Committee, asked to close:**

MPS 106-0824 – Special Letter #1

MPS 124-1024 – Letter #1

MPS 123-1024 – Letter #1

MPS 111-1024 – Special Letter #1 – Recused: Dr. Tandoh

MPS 011-0124 – Letter #1

MPS 118-1024 – Special Letter #1

MPS 113-1024 – Letter #1 – Recused: Dr. Tandoh

MPS 121-1024 – Letter #1

MPS 114-1024 – Special Letter #1 - Recused: Dr. Tandoh

Dr. Tandoh made a motion to close the cases presented. Dr. King seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: South Investigative Committee. [Note: after the meeting was adjourned it was recognized that an error was made in allowing Dr. Tandoh to make the motion to close this group of cases. At the January 2025 meeting a new vote will be taken to ratify the actions approved with the motion.]

- **Upcoming Board meetings, committee meetings, hearings, etc.:** Locations are subject to change. A notification will be provided if a change takes place.
  - **December 12, 2024, North Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM, Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671.**
  - **December 13, 2024, Central Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM., Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671.**
  - **December 18, 2024, South Investigative Committee Meeting, 12:00 PM, Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671.**
  - **January 8, 2024, Licensing Committee Meeting, 10:30 AM, Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671**
  - **January 8, 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 3:48 PM.

Credential	Contact Name	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Date Issued
042.0018197	Alan Berrick	Alan		Berrick	11/7/2024
042.0018198	Fauzia Khalid Butt	Fauzia	Khalid	Butt	11/7/2024
042.0018199	Thomas Germano	Thomas		Germano	11/7/2024
042.0018200	ELIZABETH NEEL	ELIZABETH		NEEL	11/7/2024
042.0018201	Andrew Pecora	Andrew		Pecora	11/7/2024
042.0018202	Kevin George Stone	Kevin	George	Stone	11/7/2024
042.0018203	Weston Thomas Waxweiler	Weston	Thomas	Waxweiler	11/7/2024
042.0018204	Matthew Robert Foster	Matthew	Robert	Foster	11/7/2024
042.0018205	John Christian Dallenbach	John	Christian	Dallenbach	11/8/2024
042.0018206	Alexa Charles Kemeny	Alexa	Charles	Kemeny	11/8/2024
042.0018207	Evangelos Nicholas Pallis	Evangelos	Nicholas	Pallis	11/10/2024
042.0018208	Kendall Ryan Dempsey	Kendall	Ryan	Dempsey	11/11/2024
042.0018241	Dimitrios Drekolias	Dimitrios		Drekolias	11/18/2024
042.0018242	Samuel Edward Adams	Samuel	Edward	Adams	11/20/2024
042.0018243	Scott Michael Cummis	Scott	Michael	Cummis	11/20/2024
042.0018244	Vikram Sengupta	Vikram		Sengupta	11/21/2024
042.0018252	Euhan John Lee	Euhan	John	Lee	11/22/2024
042.0018255	Vartika Kesanwani	Vartika		Kesanwani	11/25/2024
042.0018256	Beverly Pei Ming Chang	Beverly	Pei Ming	Chang	11/25/2024
042.0018257	Daniel Michael Lapidus	Daniel	Michael	Lapidus	11/25/2024
042.0018258	Nicholas Haslett	Nicholas		Haslett	11/27/2024
060.0005843	Keith Allen Hansz	Keith	Allen	Hansz	11/7/2024
060.0005844	Olumilehin Oyeniran	Olumilehin		Oyeniran	11/21/2024
060.0005845	Alexandra Sheridan	Alexandra		Sheridan	11/21/2024
042.0018209-COMP	Saima Mumtaz Ahmad	Saima	Mumtaz	Ahmad	11/13/2024
042.0018210-COMP	Saloni Anand	Saloni		Anand	11/13/2024
042.0018211-COMP	Gina Badescu	Gina		Badescu	11/13/2024
042.0018212-COMP	Sean Bandzar	Sean		Bandzar	11/13/2024
042.0018213-COMP	Mallory Beed	Mallory		Beed	11/13/2024
042.0018214-COMP	Kristine D DeMaio	Kristine	D	DeMaio	11/13/2024
042.0018215-COMP	Paul Drambarean	Paul		Drambarean	11/13/2024
042.0018216-COMP	Robert Emerick	Robert		Emerick	11/13/2024
042.0018217-COMP	Josephine Tessa Cochran Fisher	Josephine	Tessa Cochran	Fisher	11/13/2024
042.0018218-COMP	Peifen Sophia Hu	Peifen	Sophia	Hu	11/13/2024
042.0018219-COMP	Yosef Kahn	Yosef		Kahn	11/13/2024
042.0018220-COMP	William Manuel Lopez	William	Manuel	Lopez	11/13/2024
042.0018221-COMP	Robert Ambrose Martin	Robert	Ambrose	Martin	11/13/2024
042.0018222-COMP	Thomas L Matthew	Thomas	L	Matthew	11/13/2024
042.0018223-COMP	Oghenevwairhe Oyewole	Oghenevwairhe		Oyewole	11/13/2024
042.0018224-COMP	Seth Parsons	Seth		Parsons	11/13/2024
042.0018225-COMP	Prajeet Reddy	Prajeet		Reddy	11/13/2024
042.0018226-COMP	Mary Elizabeth Scheerer	Mary	Elizabeth	Scheerer	11/13/2024
042.0018227-COMP	Sharan Prakash Sharma	Sharan	Prakash	Sharma	11/13/2024
042.0018228-COMP	Albert Solomito	Albert		Solomito	11/13/2024
042.0018229-COMP	Lakshman Subrahmanyam	Lakshman		Subrahmanyam	11/13/2024
042.0018230-COMP	Julie Scott Taylor	Julie	Scott	Taylor	11/13/2024
042.0018231-COMP	Aakar Thaker	Aakar		Thaker	11/13/2024
042.0018232-COMP	Jayson Weir	Jayson		Weir	11/13/2024
042.0018233-COMP	Yenney Enrique Meza	Yenney	Enrique	Meza	11/13/2024
042.0018234-COMP	Abdullah Almebash	Abdullah		Almebash	11/18/2024
042.0018235-COMP	Rawaa Almkhtar	Rawaa		Almkhtar	11/18/2024
042.0018236-COMP	Nidal Babaa	Nidal		Babaa	11/18/2024
042.0018237-COMP	Michelle Marie Forcier	Michelle	Marie	Forcier	11/18/2024
042.0018238-COMP	Anne Marie Samaha	Anne Marie		Samaha	11/18/2024
042.0018239-COMP	Ryan Thomas Santin	Ryan	Thomas	Santin	11/18/2024
042.0018240-COMP	Kevin Stephens	Kevin		Stephens	11/18/2024
042.0018245-COMP	Elizabeth PH Chen	Elizabeth	PH	Chen	11/22/2024
042.0018246-COMP	Richard Pardilla	Richard		Pardilla	11/22/2024
042.0018247-COMP	Bryan J. Marsh	Bryan	J.	Marsh	11/22/2024
042.0018248-COMP	Seema Susan Varghees	Seema	Susan	Varghees	11/22/2024
042.0018249-COMP	Ivy Wilkinson-Ryan	Ivy		Wilkinson-Ryan	11/22/2024
042.0018250-COMP	Peyman Younesi	Peyman		Yunesi	11/22/2024
042.0018251-COMP	Ashley Young	Ashley		Young	11/22/2024
042.0018253-COMP	Ogechukwu Ndum	Ogechukwu		Ndum	11/24/2024
042.0018254-COMP	Tamanna Nahar	Tamanna		Nahar	11/24/2024

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