

VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE
Minutes of the July 5, 2023 Board Meeting
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:

Richard Bernstein, MD; Richard Clattenburg, MD; David Coddair, MD; Gail Falk; Matthew Greenberg, MD; Rick Hildebrant, MD; Patricia Hunter; Suzanne Jones, PA-C; Leo LeCours; David Liebow, DPM; Stephanie Lorentz; Christine Payne, MD; Marga Sproul, MD; Margaret Tandoh, MD; Robert E. Tortolani, MD.

Others in Attendance:

David Herlihy, Executive Director; Paula Nenninger, Investigator; Jane Malago, Operations Administrator; Justin Sheng, AAG; Megan Campbell, AAG; Kurt Kuehl, AAG; George Belcher, Esq.; Shireen Hart, Esq.; Jose Perez.

- **Approval of the Minutes of the June 7, 2023 and June 21, 2023 Board Meetings:**

Dr. Bernstein moved to accept the minutes of the June 7, 2023, and June 21, 2023, meetings. Dr. Liebow seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

- **Board Issues (Dr. Hildebrant):**

Dr. Hildebrant acknowledged that there is a number of members scheduled to leave by the end of this calendar year. D. Herlihy shared that he has been working with the Governor's office and encouraging people to apply. D. Herlihy also shared that he anticipates some appointments to be coming through soon.

Dr. Hildebrant reminded the Board that this year, Dr. Bernstein will be leaving the Board. D. Herlihy offered a farewell and thanks to Dr. Bernstein for his services as a member with the Board. D. Herlihy reminded the Board that Dr. Bernstein began with

the Board in 2013 and shared appreciation for the time Dr. Bernstein has spent with the Board.

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

D. Herlihy shared that J. Malago has returned to the office after leave and that T. Hayes is now out of the office and will return in the last week of July.

D. Herlihy reminded those in attendance that the State of Vermont celebrates Battle of Bennington Day on August 16th as a state holiday. This has caused the Mid-Month and South Committee meetings to be scheduled for August 23rd.

- **Presentation of Applications:**

Applications for physician, physician assistant and limited temporary physician licensure were presented and acted upon as detailed in Appendix A, incorporated by reference into these minutes.

Dr. Hildebrant called for a motion for the issuance of physician licenses and physician assistant licenses. (See Appendix A)

S. Lorentz made a motion to accept all applicants for licensure as presented.
Seconded by Dr. Tandoh. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: none.

Dr. Hildebrant called for a motion for the issuance of limited temporary licenses to practice medicine. (See Appendix A)

Dr. Liebow made a motion to accept all applicants for licensure as presented.
Seconded by Dr. Greenberg. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: none.

- **Other Business:**

- D. Herlihy presented the circumstances of Martin Carmody, DPM to the Board, explaining that the law prevents renewal of licenses for licensees who are unable to certify that they are in good standing with regard to taxes owed to the State of Vermont. Dr. Carmody asked the Board for a 30-day extension to get in good

standing with regard to Vermont taxes due to unreasonable hardship. D. Herlihy shared that 32 V.S.A. § 3113(g)(4) allows the Board to consider such requests. Dr. Greenberg made a motion to issue Dr. Carmody's renewal subject to the condition that it will be suspended with no further action by the Board needed if the Board does not receive the documentation of good standing with regard to Vermont taxes within 30 days and remain suspended until notice of good standing is received from the Vermont Department of Taxes. Seconded by PA-C Jones. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: Dr. Liebow.

- **Convene hearing to discuss any stipulations or disciplinary matters that are before the Board (12:49 PM):**

In re: Robert Micley, MD – Stipulation and Consent Order – MPN 084-1020

Judge Belcher acknowledged AAG Campbell and Respondent's counsel, S. Hart, Esq. Judge Belcher inquired if the Respondent would attend; Hart, Esq. stated that the Respondent would not be present. Judge Belcher invited AAG Campbell to present the matter. AAG Campbell addressed the Board, summarizing the facts leading up to the Stipulation and Consent Order. Judge Belcher asked Attorney Hart if they would like to address the Board. Attorney Hart acknowledged the Board, explained that Dr. Micley had expressed his remorse for the conduct in a meeting with the North Committee, and offered thanks on behalf of Respondent. Dr. Liebow made a motion to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order. S. Lorentz seconded the motion.

J. Malago recorded the roll-call vote: The motion passed; Yeas: Dr. Clattenburg, Dr. Coddair, G. Falk, Dr. Greenberg, Dr. Payne, Dr. Hildebrant, P. Hunter, PA-C Jones, Dr. Liebow, Dr. Tortolani, S. Lorentz; Opposed: none; Abstained: none; Recused: North Investigative Committee

- **Hearing Concluded at 12:59 PM**
- **Other Business:**
 - D. Herlihy reminded the Board of the annual retreat that typically is held in September or October. Dr. Hildebrant suggested that the retreat might be held at the in-person meeting scheduled for October of this year and asked for member input. Several members signaled support for having such a meeting. L. LeCours

noted that especially for members of the Licensing Committee it would be a very long day with the travel and asked for a virtual participation in the retreat to still be an option. G. Falk suggested that the Licensing Committee might meet on a different day, possibly the Tuesday just before the Board meeting day. D. Herlihy shared the intention to make virtual participation an option for all Board meetings. Dr. Hildebrant acknowledged the uniform support for holding the retreat in October, and the potential for moving the Licensing Committee meeting that month. Dr. Hildebrant and D. Herlihy asked members for suggested topics of interest for the retreat. Several topics of interest were suggested. J. Malago will follow up with suggested topics and take a vote from Board members to determine which topics are of most interest.

- D. Herlihy provided an update regarding a revision of the Board's rules. D. Herlihy shared that he recently added a new provision to the changes he had previously shared with the Board. It is a new section regarding the makeup and quorum requirements for the Licensing Committee. It was added when there were concerns about having a quorum for the June meeting of the Licensing Committee. D. Herlihy shared the following:

The Licensing Committee of the Board is a standing committee that consists of at least three members, including at least one physician (MD) member and at least one public member of the Board. The Licensing Committee may conduct business with as few as two members participating but if only two members of the Licensing Committee are participating actions taken must be upon a unanimous vote and there must be a public member and a physician member present. If three or more members of the Licensing Committee are participating actions are taken on a majority of the members present and voting. Participation on the Licensing Committee is voluntary. Any sitting member of the Board of Medical Practice may volunteer for service at one or more meetings of the Licensing Committee.

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

Dr. Clattenburg made a motion at 1:22 PM to enter Executive Session to discuss confidential matters related to investigations. Dr. Liebow seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

- **Return to Open Session 2:20 PM; Board Actions on matters discussed in Executive Session:**

Dr. Sproul, North Investigative Committee, asked to close:

MPN 037-0323 – Letter #1

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

Dr. Payne, Central Investigative Committee, asked to close:

MPC 133-0423 – Special #1 – Dr. Hildebrant and Dr. Liebow recused

MPC 127-1222 – Special #2

Dr. Bernstein made a motion to close the cases presented. PA-C Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: Central Investigative Committee.

Dr. Liebow, South Investigative Committee, asked to close:

MPS 134-0423 – Special #1

MPS 038-0323 – Special #1

MPS 053-0522 – Letter #1

MPS 139-0423 – Letter #1 – Dr. Sproul recused

MPS 072-0722 – Special #1

Dr. Payne made a motion to close the cases presented. Dr. Greenberg 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.](#)**
 - **July 13, 2023, North Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM, [Remote via Teams](#)**

- **July 14, 2023, Central Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM., [Remote via Teams](#)**
- **July 19, 2023, Board Meeting on pending applications, 12:10 PM, [Remote via Teams](#)**
- **July 19, 2023, South Investigative Committee Meeting, 12:15 PM, [Remote via Teams](#)**
- **August 2, 2023, Licensing Committee Meeting, 10:30 AM, [Remote via Teams](#)**
- **August 2, 2023, Board Meeting, 12:00 PM, [Remote via Teams](#)**
- **Adjourn:**

Dr. Hildebrant declared the meeting adjourned at 2:26 PM.

APPENDIX A

PRESENTATION OF FULL APPLICATIONS

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Note: Applicants listed below have been notified that their applications for licensure appear to be complete and may be presented at the next scheduled Board Meeting.

***** Must pass through licensing prior to being presented.***

Name	School	Specialty	Practice Location
Amin, Shilpa MD	George Washington University	Family Medicine (BC)	CVS Health
Bowie, Samantha AA-C	Emory University	Anesthesiology	SWVMC
**Clarke, Terence MD	Ross University (Dominica)	Surgery (BC)	Capital Bariatric
Clinton, Timothy MD	University of Texas	Urology (BC)	Brigham Hospital
Emeagwali, Nkiruka MD	Meharry Medical College	Internal Medicine (BC)	RRMC
**Forman, Laura MD	University of Vermont	Emergency Medicine (BC)	TBD
**Furin, Molly MD	Case Western	Emergency Medicine (BC)	UVMMC
Grenoble, Kathryn MD	University of Vermont	Family Practice	UVMMC
**Grimes, Janet MD	Brown University	Addiction Medicine (BC)	RRMC
Halpern, Fay DPM	New York College	Podiatry	Private Practice
Hartman, Tyler MD	Indiana University	Emergency Medicine (BC)	Virtualcare
Hendricks, Tiffany MD	Howard University	Family Medicine (BC)	Teladoc Health
**Kakani, Sravan MD	Case Western University	Psychiatry	UVMMC
**Kates, Charity MD	Pennsylvania State University	Family Medicine (BC)	Parsley Health
**Leung, Steve MD	Chicago Medical School	Diagnostic Radiology	DHMC
Mekic, Aldijana AA-C	Case Western University	Anesthesiology	UVMMC
Mekic, Aldijana AA-C	Case Western University	Anesthesiology	CVMC
**Mendelssohn, Andrea MD	Dartmouth	OB/GYN (BC)	Gifford
Merrifox, Rebecca MD	University of Vermont	Pediatrics (BC)	CHCRR
Molina, Kimberly MD	University of California	Unknown	DHMC
Neu, Nolan MD	University of Massachusetts	Psychiatry	CVMC

Perzanowski, Elizabeth MD	Brown University	Pediatrics (BC)	UVMMC
**Pillai, Jyothilekshmi MD	Kottayam Medical College (India)	Hematology (BC)	Ameripath
**Pizarro Padilla, Ana MD	Unidersidad Central (Puerto Rico)	Physical Medicine (BC)	TBD
Riser, Shelia PA-C	Gardner-Webb University	Unknown	Wellpath
Ruth, Brittany PA-C	Le Moyne College	Unknown	UCM Health
Salmonsens, Bryanne PA-C	University of California	Unknown	CHCB
Shah, Suketu MD	Albany Medical College	Internal Medicine	Remote Connected Care
Stillman, Mason MD	University of Washington	Psychiatry	DHMC
**Truong, Dennis MD	Michigan State University	Emergency Medicine (BC)	MAPMG
**Verne, Sebastian MD	University of Miami	Dermatology (BC)	Quest Diagnostics
Weathers, Judah MD	Yale University	Psychiatry (BC)	The Kahm Center
Weeks, Jessica MD	University of Connecticut	Psychiatry	DHMC

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Presentation of Limited Temporary License Applications for Board Approval

26 VSA Section 1391 (e) authorizes a limited temporary license to practice medicine/Podiatry in the State of Vermont for a period of one year only. The following persons have applied for limited temporary licenses:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Hospital</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Type</u>
**Fernandez Aristy, Catherine MD	Sleep Medicine	DHMC	7/1/23	MD
Mohamed Jiffry, Mohamed MD	Hem/Onc	UVMHC	7/1/23	MD
Okere, Uzoma MD	Surgery	DHMC	7/1/23	MD

** Must pass through licensing prior to being presented.

These applications appear to have met the requirements. The Board, pursuant to 26 VSA Section 1391 (e), grants to each of them a limited temporary license.

**PRESENTATION OF FULL APPLICATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN ISSUED THROUGH THE
COMPACT**

Note: Applicants listed below have already received a license through the compact.

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Credential Number	Name
<u>042.0017053-COMP</u>	Meghan Morris
<u>042.0017054-COMP</u>	Farouk Talakshi
<u>042.0017100-COMP</u>	Nicole Flores
<u>042.0017101-COMP</u>	Meghana G Halkar
<u>042.0017102-COMP</u>	Victoria heather Lawson
<u>042.0017103-COMP</u>	GERALD MAESAKA
<u>042.0017104-COMP</u>	Joel Radhames Nunez Gonzalez
<u>042.0017105-COMP</u>	Stuart Remer
<u>042.0017106-COMP</u>	Kate Baron
<u>042.0017107-COMP</u>	Eduardo Raul Elizondo
<u>042.0017108-COMP</u>	Anthony Sam Hamame
<u>042.0017109-COMP</u>	Scott Kennedy
<u>042.0017110-COMP</u>	Adonis Siavash Saremi
<u>042.0017129-COMP</u>	Michael Shane Chapman
<u>042.0017130-COMP</u>	Matthew D Coffman
<u>042.0017131-COMP</u>	Sunil Kumar Gujrathi
<u>042.0017132-COMP</u>	Heather Horton
<u>042.0017133-COMP</u>	Roderick Matthew Huff
<u>042.0017134-COMP</u>	Sandeep Palakodeti
<u>042.0017135-COMP</u>	Destini Breasia Sturdivant
<u>042.0017136-COMP</u>	Megan Moore Donohue