

VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE
Minutes of the May 4, 2022 Board Meeting
108 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT
and remote via Teams

Unapproved

1. Call to Order; Call the Roll; Acknowledge Guests:

Saran McClain, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Members Present:

Maureen Bogosian; Brent Burgee, MD; Richard Clattenburg, MD; Gail Falk; Matt Greenberg, MD; Francis Heald; Rick A. Hildebrant, MD; Patricia Hunter; Suzanne Jones, PA-C; Leo LeCours; David Liebow, DPM; Sarah McClain; Christine Payne, MD; Marga Sproul, MD; Margaret Tandoh, MD; Robert E. Tortolani, MD.

Others in Attendance

David Herlihy, Executive Director; Paula Nenninger, Investigator; Scott Frennier, Investigator; Karen LaFond, Operations Administrator; Justin Sheng, AAG; Megan Campbell, AAG; Kurt Kuehl, AAG; Bill Reynolds.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the April 6, 2022 Board Meetings:

Ms. Hunter moved to accept the minutes of the April 6, 2022 meeting. Dr. Tandoh seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

3. Board Issues (Dr. Bernstein):

Ms. McClain and Ms. Hunter participated remotely in the Federation of State Medical Boards annual meeting.

- Ms. McClain reported that Ms. Hunter attended the Federation of Physician Health Programs (FPHP) work session that focused on the emerging concerns about the trauma medical professionals have experienced during the pandemic. The FPHP is encouraging medical boards to prepare for potential cases related to mental health concerns and ask medical boards to be supportive rather than punitive.
- Ms. McClain will share highlights from House of Delegates meeting next month and will send an email with the full report for members to read.

4. Administrative Updates (Mr. Herlihy):

Mr. Herlihy provided a brief update about staffing: Caitlin Linton has joined the team as a temp to support the licensing work.

Mr. Herlihy let members know that he and Ms. LaFond are working on a spring email that they plan to send out this month to BMP licensees. Topics include:

- An advisory will be posted regarding advertising by CME providers that may suggest to some licensees that their specific courses are required for Vermont medical license renewal. Members were advised that if licensees inquire they should tell licensees that no particular CME course is mandatory. Mr. Herlihy has previously worked with the Attorney General's Office to respond to advertisements that were believed to be misleading and will follow up again with Consumer Protection Division.
- Another notice will be included regarding attempts to defraud licensees. The Board has previously sent notices about schemes to defraud physicians and other professionals by high pressure calls where criminals claim to be medical board representatives, DEA agents, or other authority figures and demand immediate payments or face suspension of licenses or DEA authorizations. The Board has received information that there has been another recent surge in this activity. Dr. Hildebrant shared that this has been happening in Rutland County with the callers claiming to be from the County Sheriff's Office and with the caller id showing that it is the Sheriff's Office calling.
- Notice will be put out about the updated Board Rules. The staff is still waiting to have an official effective date approved by the Agency of Human Services. This item will determine the timing of the email as licensees should be notified of the effective date of the changes.
- Members suggested that this would be a good opportunity to include messaging about the availability of assistance for licensees who are contending with mental health challenges, as noted during the discussion of the FPHP meeting. This topic will be included in the email.

Mr. Herlihy also mentioned that some of the actions taken by the Federation of State Medical Boards should prompt policy reviews by the Board. The Federation approved an update to the Model Policy on Telemedicine; the Board's Telemedicine Policy was modeled on the FSMB version and should be reviewed in light of this update. FSMB also issued a statement on misinformation and disinformation by physicians, which the Board may want to consider. Finally, FSMB updated guidance regarding emergency preparedness that should be reviewed.

5. 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.

Ms. McClain moved for the issuance of physician licenses and physician assistant licenses.
(See Appendix A)

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

Ms. McClain moved for the issuance of limited temporary licenses to practice medicine.
(See Appendix A)

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

6. Other Business:

- **Continued discussion of Board of Medical Practice Mission Statement.**

Ms. McClain presented the revised mission statement for consideration: The Vermont Board of Medical Practice protects and promotes the health and safety of Vermonters by ensuring professional integrity through licensure of health care practitioners and investigation of complaints in a fair manner that is respectful to all parties.

Dr. Hildebrant made a motion to accept the mission statement as presented. Seconded by Mr. LeCours. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: none.

- **Legislative update – an overview of actions taken on bills of interest to the Board.**

- H.655 – provides two new telehealth options: a short-term telehealth registration that is very limited and a telehealth license that is limited to telehealth and only for a limited number of patients. The options will have lower application fees than the full licenses and a less demanding application process. The bill passed and is expected to become law. The Board will define the application processes in rules.
- No action has been taken on the bills that would have changed the scopes of practice for optometrists and psychologists. Given that the session is anticipated to end very soon it appears that no action will be taken on those items this year.

7. Reconvene meeting; Executive Session to Discuss:

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

Mr. LeCours made a motion at 12:38 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss confidential matters related to investigations. Ms. Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

8. Return to Open Session; Board Actions on matters discussed in Executive Session:

Dr. Bernstein made a motion at 2:02 p.m. to return to Open Session. Dr. Tortolani seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

Mr. LeCours, North Investigative Committee, asked to close:

MPN 025-0322 – Letter #1
MPN 007-0122 – Letter #1
MPN 008-0122 – Letter #1
MPN 177-1221 – Letter #1

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

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

MPC 006-0122 – Letter #1
MPC 026-0322 – Special Administrative Letter
MPC 010-0122 – Special Letter #1
MPC 170-1121 – Special Letter #1; Mr. LeCours recused

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

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

MPS 052-0621 – Letter #1
MPS 054-0621 – Letter #1
MPS 028-0121 – Letter #1
MPS 053-0621 – Letter #1; Dr. Greenberg recused
MPS 004-0122 – Letter #1; Dr. Tandoh recused
MPS 003-0122 – Special Letter #1; Dr. Greenberg and Dr. Payne recused
MPS 139-0921 – Letter #1; Dr. Tandoh recused
MPS 138-0921 – Special Letter #1; Dr. Greenberg and Dr. Payne recused
MPS 005-0122 – Letter #1; Dr. Tandoh recused
MPS 022-0322 – Letter #1; Dr. Sproul recused
MPS 023-0322 – Letter #1
MPS 140-0921 – Special Letter #1
MPS 141-0921 – Letter #1; Dr. Tandoh recused
MPS 142-0921 – Letter #1; Dr. Tandoh and Dr. Sproul recused
MPS 002-0122 – Special Letter #1

Ms. Bogosian made a motion to close the cases presented. Dr. Clatteburg seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: South Investigative Committee.

9. Board Actions on Committee recommendations regarding any non-confidential matters:

10. Upcoming Board meetings, committee meetings, hearings, etc.: [Locations are subject to change. You will be notified if a change takes place.](#)

- **May 12, 2022, North Investigative Committee Meeting, 9 a.m., [108 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT and remote via Teams](#)**
- **May 13, 2022, Central Investigative Committee Meeting, 9 a.m., [108 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT and remote via Teams](#)**

- **May 18, 2022, Board Meeting on pending applications, 12:10 p.m., *108 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT and remote via Teams***
- **May 18, 2022, South Investigative Committee Meeting, 12:15 p.m., *108 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT and remote via Teams***
- **June 1, 2022, Licensing Committee Meeting, 11:00 a.m., *108 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT and remote via Teams***
- **June 1, 2022, Board Meeting, 12:00 p.m., *108 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT and remote via Teams***

11. Open Forum:

None

12. Adjourn:

Ms. McClain declared the meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

APPENDIX A

PRESENTATION OF FULL APPLICATIONS

May 4, 2022

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
Alsofrom, Nicholas MD	Boston University	Emergency Medicine (BC)	RRMC
Basu, Nisha MD	Tufts University	Internal Medicine (BC)	Telemedicine
Bax, Samantha MD	Jacobs School of Medicine	Emergency Medicine	UVMC
**Brennan, Megan MD	SUNY Buffalo	Psychiatry (BC)	Howard Center
**Buran, Jeffrey MD	SUNY Upstate	Diagnostic Radiology (BC)	UVMC
**Chacon, Anna MD	Brown University	Dermatology (BC)	Private Practice
Chu, Catherine MD	Harvard Medical School	Psychiatry (BC)	Mass General Hospital
Dann, Elizabeth MD	University of Miami	Diagnostic Radiology (BC)	Mt. Ascutney
Duchicela, Keegan MD	University of California	Family Practice	Color Health
Goldstein, Steven MD	SUNY Downstate	OB/GYN (BC)	North Country OBGYN
**Gross, Joseph MD	SUNY Stonybrook	Neurology	UVMC
Hauf, Tyler PA-C	University of Washington		TBD
Hawkins, Seth MD	University of North Carolina	Emergency Medicine (BC)	Vermont EMS
Hemphill, Irmanie MD	Florida State University	Family Practice (BC)	Telemedicine
Hingre, Jonathan MD	SUNY Upstate	Internal Medicine (BC)	UVMC
**Huestis, Kathleen MD	Jefferson Medical College	Family Practice (BC)	Comm. Health Castleton
Kelley, Timothy MD	University of Massachusetts	Orthopedic Surgery	Brattleboro Memorial
Koch, Jennifer MD	UMDNJ	Psychiatry (BC)	Private Practice
Kousoubris, Philip MD	Thomas Jefferson University	Diagnostic Radiology (BC)	Virtual Radiologic
Kurian, Aji PA-C	SUNY Downstate		Telehealth Solutions
Lowery, Brentton PA-C	Mississippi College		TBD

MacGregor, James MD	University of Medicine (St. Kitts)	Surgery	SWVMC
Majdalany, Bill MD	University of Louisville	Diagnostic Radiology (BC)	UVMC
**Markmann, James MD	University of Pennsylvania	Surgery (BC)	MGH Transplant Clinic
Masser, Barbara MD	Dartmouth Medical School	Emergency Medicine (BC)	Three Peaks Med. Clinic
McCubbin, Kathleen MD	University of Wisconsin	Forensic Pathology (BC)	OCME
**McNair, Sarah MD	Harvard Medical School	Psychiatry	TBD
**Moaven, Aurasch MD	University of Maryland	Internal Medicine (BC)	UVMC
Nasr, Sherif MD	Alexandria University	Hematology (BC)	UVMC
**Oleynikov, Yelena MD	Vinnytsia National Univ (Ukraine)	Pediatrics (BC)	AIM Specialty
Ostrowsky, Louis MD	Northwestern University	Psychiatry (BC)	CHCB
**Pachner, Andrew MD	Yale University	Neurology (BC)	DHMC
Pretto,Jr. Ernesto MD	University of Panama	Anesthesiology (BC)	UVMC
Robbins, Rebecca MD	University of Vermont	Internal Medicine	WRJ VA
Roberts, Hayley MD	St. Louis University	OB/GYN (BC)	UVMC
**Rongey, Christine MD	Univ of Southern California	Hematology (BC)	UVMC
**Samuelson, David MD	Duke University	Diagnostic Radiology (BC)	TBD
Sherman, Nathaniel PA-C	University of New England		DHMC Internal Medicine
Sowick, Joshua MD	Rosalind Franklin University	Emergency Medicine (BC)	Brattleboro Memorial Hosp
**Strawbridge, Jean PA-C	Yale University		TBD
Thannickal, Aneesa MD	SUNY Upstate	OB/GYN (BC)	UVMC
Volaric, Ashley MD	University of Virginia	Hematology (BC)	UVMC
Watts, Michael MD	Saint Louis University	Emergency Medicine (BC)	Springfield Hospital
**Witte, Anthony MD	University of California	Family Practice (BC)	The Health Center

5/4/2022

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>
Awasum, Michael MD	Hematology	UVMHC	5/1/22	MD
Benoit, Molly MD	Family Practice	UVMHC	5/1/22	MD
Benson, Michael MD	Psychiatry	UVMHC	5/1/22	MD
Bent, Ethan MD	Internal Medicine	UVMHC	5/1/22	MD
Brant, Jason MD	Orthopedics	UVMHC	5/1/22	MD
Brennan, Sara MD	Internal Medicine	UVMHC	5/1/22	MD
Calderone, Lindsay MD	Pediatrics	UVMHC	5/1/22	MD
Clark, Sarah MD	Anesthesiology	UVMHC	5/1/22	MD
Dandwani, Mehndi MD	Internal Medicine	UVMHC	5/1/22	MD
Dorff, Erika MD	Internal Medicine	UVMHC	5/1/22	MD
Evensky, Jesse MD	Internal Medicine	UVMHC	5/1/22	MD
Felske, David MD	Endocrinology	UVMHC	5/1/22	MD
Gabbay, Jacob MD	Internal Medicine	UVMHC	5/1/22	MD
Gray, Mitchell MD	Orthopedics	UVMHC	5/1/22	MD
Guinto, Robyn MD	Vascular Surgery	UVMHC	5/1/22	MD
Guptil, Dore MD	Pathology	UVMHC	5/1/22	MD
Herman, Dylan MD	Psychiatry	UVMHC	5/1/22	MD
Ingason, Arnar MD	General Surgery	UVMHC	5/1/22	MD
Joseph, Sheridan MD	Internal Medicine	UVMHC	5/1/22	MD
Kagan, Benjamin MD	Orthopedics	UVMHC	5/1/22	MD
Kempner, Marga MD	Psychiatry	UVMHC	5/1/22	MD
**Lakusta-Wong, Taylor MD	Neurology	UVMHC	5/1/22	MD
Laljee, Sehar MD	Pediatrics	UVMHC	5/1/22	MD
Lang, Nicolas MD	Emergency Medicine	UVMHC	5/1/22	MD
Lorentzen, William MD	Internal Medicine	UVMHC	5/1/22	MD
MacPhail, Margaret MD	Internal Medicine	UVMHC	5/1/22	MD
Morano, Adessa MD	Pediatrics	UVMHC	5/1/22	MD
Morehead, Adam MD	Neurology	UVMHC	5/1/22	MD
Nguyen, Andrew MD	Radiology	UVMHC	5/1/22	MD

Nusapan, Ranginee MD	Pathology	UVMC	5/1/22	MD
Orr, Ambrose MD	General Surgery	UVMC	5/1/22	MD
**Petersen, Christopher MD	General Surgery	UVMC	5/1/22	MD
Rasmussen, Elizabeth MD	OB/GYN	UVMC	5/1/22	MD
Rupp, Brittany MD	Emergency Medicine	UVMC	5/1/22	MD
Russell, Claudia MD	Internal Medicine	UVMC	5/1/22	MD
Ryan, James MD	Urology	UVMC	5/1/22	MD
Sawyer, Madelyn MD	Family Practice	UVMC	5/1/22	MD
Scharf, Zoey MD	Psychiatry	DHMC	5/1/22	MD
Seward, Ian MD	General Surgery	UVMC	5/1/22	MD
Sturtevant, Kayla MD	Internal Medicine	UVMC	5/1/22	MD
Tian, Jiayu MD	Family Practice	UVMC	5/1/22	MD
Tkatch, Colin MD	Infectious Disease	UVMC	5/1/22	MD
Waters, Colin MD	Emergency Medicine	UVMC	5/1/22	MD
Whiting, Christopher MD	Emergency Medicine	UVMC	5/1/22	MD
Williams, Allison MD	Otolaryngology	UVMC	5/1/22	MD
**Winter, Amelia MD	Internal Medicine	UVMC	5/1/22	MD
Wu, Albert MD	Internal Medicine	UVMC	5/1/22	MD
Xu, Xiaocao MD	Hem/Onc	UVMC	5/1/22	MD
Zeitler, Jonathon MD	Internal Medicine	UVMC	5/1/22	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.

May 4, 2022

Credential Number	Name
<u>042.0015911-COMP</u>	Robert Edward Bilbao
<u>042.0015912-COMP</u>	Raymond Thomas Ferri
<u>042.0015913-COMP</u>	Evelyn Louise Fleming
<u>042.0015914-COMP</u>	Andrew Isaiah Forrest
<u>042.0015915-COMP</u>	Christopher Mark Kozlowski Christopher Koz
<u>042.0015916-COMP</u>	Keith John Loud Keith Loud
<u>042.0015917-COMP</u>	Leah Garfinkel Matthew
<u>042.0015918-COMP</u>	Vyacheslav Mikheyev
<u>042.0015991-COMP</u>	Annika M Brown
<u>042.0015992-COMP</u>	Kirsten Elke Frederiksen
<u>042.0015993-COMP</u>	Maryam Hosseini
<u>042.0015994-COMP</u>	Nancy Elaine Johnson
<u>042.0015995-COMP</u>	Mollie L Kane
<u>042.0015996-COMP</u>	Angela Frances Koenig
<u>042.0015997-COMP</u>	Marissa Mendez
<u>042.0015998-COMP</u>	Julia Ann Pierce
<u>042.0015999-COMP</u>	Arvind Arvind Randhawa Arvind
<u>042.0016000-COMP</u>	Alena Shoemaker
<u>042.0016001-COMP</u>	Arifa Toor
<u>042.0016002-COMP</u>	Elizabeth Frances Yurth
<u>042.0016009-COMP</u>	Rachel Allen
<u>042.0016010-COMP</u>	Roberto Belli
<u>042.0016011-COMP</u>	Steven Peter Bensen
<u>042.0016012-COMP</u>	Rebecca Habenicht Evans
<u>042.0016013-COMP</u>	Stuart R. Gordon
<u>042.0016014-COMP</u>	Scott C. Jaynes
<u>042.0016015-COMP</u>	Gonzalo Laje
<u>042.0016016-COMP</u>	Deanna Joy Larson
<u>042.0016017-COMP</u>	Edward Conyers Obryan III
<u>042.0016018-COMP</u>	Liza Jane Stapleford
<u>042.0016019-COMP</u>	John Van Wagoner

