

VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE
Minutes of the January 6, 2021 Board Meeting
Remote Teams Meeting

Approved

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

Richard Bernstein, MD, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM

Members Present:

Brent Burgee, MD; Richard Clattenburg, MD; Allen Evans; Rick A. Hildebrant, MD; William K. Hoser, PA-C; Patricia Hunter; 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; Tracy Hayes, Licensing Specialist; Margaret Vincent, AAG; Megan Campbell, AAG; Bill Reynolds, AAG; George Belcher, Esq.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the December 2, 2020 Board Meeting:

Dr. Hildebrant moved to accept the minutes of the December 2, 2020 meeting. Dr. Tortolani seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

3. Board Issues (Dr. Bernstein):

- Dr. Bernstein acknowledged the board staff for their work to update the HSIN site.
- Dr. Bernstein noted there would be an update from Mr. Herlihy on the CME audit.
- Dr. Bernstein informed the members that Mr. Hoser will be announcing his candidacy to be on the Board of Directors of the Federation of State Medical Boards.

4. Administrative Updates (Mr. Herlihy):

Mr. Herlihy provided a brief update on the temporary replacement for AAG Kacie Diederich while she is on leave. The interview process has been narrowed to two candidates and both are former AAGs, and one worked for the Board previously. He hopes there will be a final decision to announce within the next week or two.

Mr. Herlihy reminded members to submit their expense sheets to Tracy Hayes.

Mr. Herlihy noted that the contract for the licensing and investigations database is up for renewal and that process is well underway. The vendor is Tyler Technologies and approval has been obtained from the Agency of Digital Services for the system to be hosted on the vendor's servers, which will facilitate continued support of the system and hopefully extend the end-life for a few more years, at least until we are ready to move to a new system.

Mr. Herlihy agreed that the transition to the new HSIN platform went smoothly. Ms. LaFond informed members that she continues to work with the HSIN IT-Help Desk to resolve issues, such as hyperlinks not working in the alert emails. She also thanked Ms. Lawler and Ms. Hayes for their help with troubleshooting and resolving issues with the voluminous case files. She asked member to report issues or missing documents from their case files as needed and asked them for their continued patience with finalizing the transition.

Mr. Herlihy reminded members that the CME audit would begin later in the month. A few physician members requested consideration of the Board to move the audit to be held off until February due to the current focus on COVID response. Mr. Herlihy did not see any complications with delaying the audit by a month and several members voiced approval. Mr. Herlihy indicated that no formal vote was needed for this decision but asked if there were any members opposed to a delay. No members were opposed and it was agreed that the timing of the audit would be revisited at the February meeting.

Mr. Herlihy noted that his work on the IMLCC Executive Committee continues and meets every two weeks. There are currently 33 states and territories that have passed the IMLCC legislation and legislation has been introduced in several more states. 15,000 licenses have been issued through the IMLC process and it is anticipated the number will reach 20,000 by May or June.

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.

Dr. Bernstein moved for the issuance of physician licenses and physician assistant licenses. Recommended by Ms. Hunter for licensure. Seconded by Dr. Clattenburg. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: none.

Dr. Bernstein moved for the issuance of limited temporary licenses to practice medicine. Recommended by Dr. Tortolani for licensure. Seconded by Ms. McClain. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: none.

6. Nomination and Election of Board Officers: The Board accepted volunteers to serve on the Nomination Committee: Dr. Clattenburg, Mr. Evans and Dr. Tortolani.

Mr. Herlihy asked if the current members who are serving as officers wished to continue as Chair: Richard Bernstein, MD; Vice-Chair: Sarah McClain; and Secretary: Marga Sproul, MD. They all affirmed their desire to continue as officers. Mr. Herlihy asked if any other members wished to be nominated for those positions. There were no responses.

Dr. Clattenburg nominated the current officers to continue service in their positions for 2021. Mr. Herlihy asked members if there was approval of the unopposed slate of officers. There was no opposition and the unopposed slate of sitting officers were reelected by acclamation.

7. Recess; Convene hearing to discuss any stipulations or disciplinary matters that are before the Board:

- **In re: Joseph H. Haddock, MD – MPC 019-0218 – Stipulation and Consent Order**

Megan Campbell, AAG addressed the Board, summarizing the facts leading up to the Stipulation and Consent Order. Mr. LeCours made a motion to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order. Mr. Hoser seconded the motion.

Ms. LaFond recorded the roll-call vote: The motion passed; Yeas: Mr. LeCours; Dr. Tandoh; Dr. Hildebrant; Mr. Hoser; Dr. Liebow; Dr. Tortolani; Opposed: Ms. Hunter; Abstained: none; Recused: Dr. Bernstein, Ms. McClain, Dr. Sproul and Central Investigative Committee.

Since all three Board Officers recused from voting on the Order, Dr. Tortolani made a motion for Dr. Hildebrant to sign the approved order as “Acting Chair”. Dr. Liebow seconded the motion. The motion passed; Opposed: none; Abstained: none; Recused: none.

8. Reconvene meeting; Executive Session to Discuss:

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

The Board began discussion of this topic out of order before the scheduled time for the beginning of the public hearing. Dr. Tortolani made a motion at 12:37 PM to go into Executive Session to discuss confidential matters related to investigations. Dr. Liebow seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

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

Dr. Liebow made a motion at 1:03 PM to return to Open Session. Mr. Hoser seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

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

MPN 010-0120 – Special Letter #1; Mr. Hoser recused
MPN 081-0920 – Special Letter #2

Ms. Hunter made a motion to close the cases presented. Dr. Tortolani seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: 1 and North Investigative Committee.

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

MPC 053-0620 – Special Letter #2

Ms. McClain made a motion to close the cases presented. Ms. Hunter seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: Central Investigative Committee.

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

MPS 092-01120 – Special Letter #1; Dr. Payne recused
MPS 013-0220 – Special Letter #2

Ms. McClain made a motion to close the cases presented. Mr. Lecours seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: 1 and South Investigative Committee.

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

None

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

- January 8, 2021, Central Investigative Committee Meeting, 9 AM *(Remote)*
- January 14, 2021, North Investigative Committee Meeting, 9 AM *(Remote)*
- January 20, 2021, Board Meeting on pending applications, 12:10 PM *(Remote)*
- January 20, 2021, South Investigative Committee Meeting, 12:15 PM *(Remote)*
- February 3, 2021, Licensing Committee Meeting, 11:00 AM *(Remote)*
- February 3, 2021, Board Meeting, 12:00 PM *(Remote)*

12. Meeting Adjourned: Dr. Bernstein declared the meeting adjourned at 1:34PM.

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
Behairy, Moataz MD	Florida International Univ.	Radiology (BC)	UVMMC
De, Jita MD	Duke University	Hematology (BC)	Barton Associates
Dupont, Stefan MD	University of Massachusetts	Neurology (BC)	Specialists on Call
**Fotinos, Peter MD	University of North Carolina	Family Practice	Male Excel HRT
Furman, David MD	Boston University	Gastroenterology (BC)	SWVMC
Gerson, Jeffrey MD	SUNY Upstate	Gastroenterology (BC)	SWVMC
**Gleeson, Michael MD	Dartmouth	Internal Medicine (BC)	Rutland Digestive Serv.
Golsalves, Dawn MD	NY Medical College	Psychiatry (BC)	MVP Health Care
Gopal, Arun MD	University of North Carolina	Psychiatry (BC)	Specialists on Call
**Grabowitz, Ellen MD	SUNY Downstate	Psychiatry (BC)	MVP Health Care
**Kiani, Jawad MD	Aga Khan University	Internal Medicine (BC)	Nevada Cardiology
**Kornik, Rachel MD	Dartmouth Medical School	Dermatology (BC)	Northern Vermont Derm.
**Krason, Moriah MD	George Washington University	Pediatrics (BC)	NWVMC
Lahoti, Smita MD	Bharati Vidyapeeths Med. (India)	Psychiatry	UVMMC
Lott, Claudine MD	University of Massachusetts	Family Practice (BC)	Crossover Health
**McLaren, Jennifer MD	Robert wood Johnson	Psychiatry (BC)	DHMC
Meglin, Allen MD	University of Pittsburgh	Diagnostic Radiology (BC)	Virtual Radiologic
Paluska, Scott MD	University of Michigan	Family Practice (BC)	Evergreen Family Health
Papathomas, Konstantina MD	SUNY Upstate	Emergency Medicine (BC)	Teladoc Health
Pflaum, Alexa MD	University of Minnesota	Anesthesiology	UVMMC
Rossi, Vy MD	University of Rochester	OB/GYN (BC)	TBD

Rowan, Katherine MD	SUNY Stony Brook	Internal Medicine (BC)	Grand Rounds
**Singh, Sarahjeet MD	Ross University (Dominica)	Family Practice	Clearchoice MD
**Smith, Suzanne MD	Medical College of Pennsylvania	Internal Medicine (BC)	SaVida Health
**Summers, Thomas MD	Uniformed Services Univ.	A & C Pathology (BC)	UVMMC
**Tangney, Patrick MD	Boston University	Internal Medicine (BC)	SWVMC
Tyson Jr., Robert MD	University of South Florida	Pediatrics (BC)	NVRH
Weiss, Clinton MD	Tufts University	Radiology	Brattleboro Memorial
**Zambrano, Maria MD	University of Minnesota	Internal Medicine (BC)	AIM Specialty

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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>
Freed, Meghan MD	Internal Medicine	DHMC	1/1/21	MD
Minnehan, Kaitlin MD	Sports Medicine	RRMC	1/1/21	MD

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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>042.0015090-COMP</u>	Scott Stroming
<u>042.0015091-COMP</u>	Julia Rozovsky Weinberger
<u>042.0015092-COMP</u>	Keri Sweeten
<u>042.0015094-COMP</u>	Stephen Wilcox
<u>042.0015095-COMP</u>	AMANDA Elizabeth WRIGHT
<u>042.0015096-COMP</u>	Melissa Marie Colbern MD
<u>042.0015099-COMP</u>	Dana Thayer Lerman
<u>042.0015100-COMP</u>	Allison Mulcahy
<u>042.0015101-COMP</u>	Leigh Alan Halpern
<u>042.0015102-COMP</u>	Haramandeep Singh