

VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE
Minutes of the August 4, 2021 Board Meeting
108 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT
and remote via Teams

Approved

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

Richard Bernstein, MD, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:06 PM

Members Present:

Brent Burgee, MD; Gail Falk; Francis Heald; Rick A. Hildebrant, MD; William K. Hoser, PA-C; Patricia Hunter; Leo LeCours; David Liebow, DPM; Sarah McClain; Christine Payne, MD; Ryan Sexton, 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; Margaret Vincent, AAG; Megan Campbell, AAG; Kurt Kuehl, AAG; Bill Reynolds, AAG; George Belcher, Esq., Brad Salzman, PA-C.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the July 7, 2021 Board Meeting:

Dr. Tortolani moved to accept the minutes of the July 7, 2021 meeting. Ms. McClain seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: Dr. Tandoh.

3. Board Issues (Dr. Bernstein):

Dr. Bernstein spoke briefly about a response from the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) regarding misinformation about COVID-19 and bogus remedies put out by an Osteopathic Medical Doctor in Florida. He noted that there is no evidence of this happening in Vermont.

Dr. Bernstein informed the board that Kurt Kuehl, AAG has transitioned into a full-time position as AAG for the Board and Kassandra Diederich, AAG, who had been on temporary leave, has taken a new position with the Secretary of State's Office.

Dr. Bernstein reminded members that a portion of the September meeting will be the Board's Annual Retreat and the discussion this year would focus on future board meetings being held remotely or in-person, or a hybrid of both.

4. Administrative Updates (Mr. Herlihy):

Mr. Herlihy reminded members to submit their expense sheets.

Mr. Herlihy noted that there has not been clear guidance yet for state employees to work in-person in the offices or remotely, or a hybrid of both. He said that staff would be meeting next week in the office to discuss options.

Ms. LaFond reminded members of the North and Central investigative committees that she is in need of their availability to serve as hearing panel members for the two public hearings that are being scheduled for September and October.

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 (See Appendix A)

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

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

Recommended by Dr. Tandoh for licensure. Seconded by Dr. Hildebrant. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: none.

6. Other Business:

- **September Retreat Topics and Schedule**

Mr. Herlihy reiterated that the focus of the retreat would be to discuss preferences of the members to hold future board and committee meetings in-person, remotely or a hybrid.

- **Update on Legislative Study Committee on Telehealth**

Mr. Herlihy stated that there had not yet been much progress for this committee and he hopes to have more updates next month.

- **Presentation by AAG Margaret Vincent on Conflicts of Interest and Recusal**

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

- **In re: Edward Peter Durling, PA-C – Stipulation and Consent Order – MPC 145-1019**

Ms. Campbell addressed the Board, summarizing the facts leading up to the Stipulation and Consent Order. Ms. McClain made a motion to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order. Ms. Hunter seconded the motion.

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

- **In re: William F. Long, MD – Amended Stipulation and Consent Order – MPC 160-1019**

Ms. Campbell addressed the Board, summarizing the facts leading up to the Stipulation and Consent Order. Ms. McClain made a motion to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order. Ms. Hunter seconded the motion.

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

8. Reconvene meeting; Executive Session to Discuss:

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

Dr. Tortolani made a motion at 1:40PM PM to go into Executive Session to discuss confidential matters related to investigations. Ms. McClain 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. Sexton made a motion at 2:21 PM to return to Open Session Ms. McClain seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

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

MPN 040-0421 – Letter #1

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

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

MPC 021-0121 – Special Letter #1

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

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

MPS 086-1020 – Special Letter #1; Dr. Bernstein and Dr. Sproul recused
MPS 051-0521 – Letter #1

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

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

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

- **August 12, 2021, North Investigative Committee Meeting, 9 AM, 108 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT and remote via Teams**
- **August 13, 2021, Central Investigative Committee Meeting, 9 AM, 108 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT and remote via Teams**
- **August 18, 2021, Board Meeting on pending applications, 12:10 PM, 108 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT and remote via Teams**
- **August 18, 2021, South Investigative Committee Meeting, 12:15 PM, 108 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT and remote via Teams**
- **September 1, 2021, Licensing Committee Meeting, 11:00 AM, 108 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT and remote via Teams**
- **September 1, 2021, Board Meeting, 12:00 PM, 108 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT and remote via Teams**

12. Open Forum

Members briefly discussed the current COVID-19 concerns with the Delta variant. Ms. LaFond offered to email links to Health Department data.

13. Adjourn: Dr. Bernstein declared the meeting adjourned at 2:35PM.

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
Anderson, David MD	University of Minnesota	Psychiatry (BC)	Private Practice
Andrus, Cory PA-C	Med University of South Carolina		TBD
Askea, Rebecca MD	Mercer Univ.	Diagnostic Radiology (BC)	Virtual Radiologic
Baclawski, Lisa MD	St. Georges (Grenada)	OB/GYN (BC)	NVRH
Bagley, Anjuli MD	SUNY Upstate	Radiology (BC)	UVMC
Banu, Dimitrina PA-C	St. Johns University		TBD
Banu, Dragos MD	Saba University (N. Antilles)	Internal Medicine (BC)	UVMC
Collier, Kelley MD	Univ. of Vermont	Family Practice	UVMC
**D'Angelo, Elizabeth MD	University of Virginia	Diagnostic Radiology (BC)	Telemedicine
Dressler, Jeremy MD	Jefferson medical College	Surgery (BC)	UVMC
**Evans, Laura MD	Keck School of Medicine	Family Practice (BC)	AIM Glendale
**Folgueras, Annette MD	Meharry Medical College	Anesthesiology (BC)	UVMC
**Guggina, Pamela MD	University of Massachusetts	Emergency Medicine (BC)	Gifford
Heller, Joel MD	University of Connecticut	OB/GYN (BC)	Copley Hospital
Horton, Benion MD	Mercer University	OB/GYN (BC)	Avalon Healthcare
Husic, Ermin AA-C	Case Western		SWVMC
Hussar, Gerald PA-C	Penn State		TBD
Ialeggio, Michael MD	UVM	Family Practice	CHCB
Kotov, Petio MD	Medical University (Bulgaria)	Pathology	Telemedicine
**Kulkarni, Kedar MD	University of Bombay (India)	Diagnostic Radiology (BC)	Virtual Radiologic
May, Elizabeth MD	University of Vermont	Psychiatry (BC)	UVMC

**Morcos, Zeyad MD	Tishreen Medical School	Neurology (BC)	TBD
Reddy, Gaava MD	Howard University	Family Practice (BC)	Newport Family Practice
Rimal, Anisha MD	University of Missouri	Pediatrics	UVMMC
**Rothman, Marc MD	NYU	Internal Medicine (BC)	Signify Health
**Sandler, Christianne PA-C	Franklin Pierce University		RRMC ER
**Sekhar, Jeevan MD	Drexel University	Internal Medicine (BC)	SWVMC
Snook, Curtis MD	Columbia University	Emergency Medicine (BC)	Teledoc
Spadafina, Sarah MD	Ross University (Barbados)	Family Practice (BC)	Telemedicine
Theiss, Angela MD	Marshall University	A & C Pathology (BC)	SWVMC
Turro, David PA-C	Bay Path University		TBD
**Valerie, Evans MD	Brown University	Surgery (BC)	UVMMC
Wali, Priyanka MD	Keck School of Medicine	Internal Medicine (BC)	Meru Health
**Wei, Jessica MD	University of Virginia	OB/GYN (BC)	Parsley Health
**Zar, Harvey MD	Indiana University	Anesthesiology (BC)	UVMMC
Zazzali, George MD	University of Guadalajara (Mexico)	Internal Medicine (BC)	VitalCore

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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:

Name	Program	Hospital	Start Date	Type
Burns, Alicia MD	Internal Medicine	DHMC	8/1/21	MD
Burton, Jason MD	Internal Medicine	DHMC	8/1/21	MD
DeLozier, Sarah MD	Internal Medicine	DHMC	8/1/21	MD
Edgren, Jordan MD	Internal Medicine	DHMC	8/1/21	MD
Gongal, Prajesh MD	Internal Medicine	DHMC	8/1/21	MD
Han, Katherine MD	Psychiatry	DHMC	8/1/21	MD
Hennessey, Megan MD	Internal Medicine	DHMC	8/1/21	MD
Kwon, Joo MD	Internal Medicine	DHMC	8/1/21	MD
Lin, Joanne MD	Internal Medicine	DHMC	8/1/21	MD
Ofri, Dylan MD	Internal Medicine	DHMC	8/1/21	MD
**Ostapenko, Laura MD	Hospice/palliative Care	DHMC	8/1/21	MD
Pathangey, Girish MD	Internal Medicine	DHMC	8/1/21	MD
Paulenka, Yuliya MD	Internal Medicine	DHMC	8/1/21	MD
Ratjen, Anina MD	Pediatrics	DHMC	8/1/21	MD
**Savage, Bryan MD	Internal Medicine	DHMC	8/1/21	MD
Shapiro, Benjamin MD	Psychiatry	DHMC	8/1/21	MD
Sharma, Aditya MD	Internal Medicine	DHMC	8/1/21	MD
Skydel, Joshua MD	Internal Medicine	DHMC	8/1/21	MD
Tofte, Alena MD	OB/GYN	DHMC	8/1/21	MD
Toland, Maris MD	OB/GYN	UVMHC	8/1/21	MD
Truglio, Thomas MD	Internal Medicine	DHMC	8/1/21	MD
Tsoulis, Michael MD	Internal Medicine	DHMC	8/1/21	MD
Villela, Vidal MD	Internal Medicine	DHMC	8/1/21	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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<u>042.0015404-COMP</u>	Christopher Langdon Ihle
<u>042.0015425-COMP</u>	Chris DeNapoles
<u>042.0015426-COMP</u>	Takashi Nakamura
<u>042.0015427-COMP</u>	Alyssa Anne Barto
<u>042.0015428-COMP</u>	Jennifer L Beck
<u>042.0015429-COMP</u>	Nicholas James Hurst
<u>042.0015430-COMP</u>	Jeanne Nizigiye
<u>042.0015431-COMP</u>	Ruchir Pravin Patel
<u>042.0015432-COMP</u>	Debra Schneider
<u>042.0015433-COMP</u>	Katherine Skaggs
<u>042.0015434-COMP</u>	Jeremy Patrick Stich
<u>042.0015435-COMP</u>	Chardonnay Julia Vance
<u>042.0015436-COMP</u>	Robert Mark Bernstein