

VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE
Minutes of the November 2, 2022 Board Meeting
Remote via Teams

Unapproved

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

Saran McClain, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM

Members Present:

Richard Bernstein, MD; Leo LeCours; Sarah McClain; Marga Sproul, MD; Brent Burgee, MD; Richard Clattenburg, MD; Gail Falk; Matthew Greenburg, MD; Christine Payne, MD; Rick Hildebrant, MD; Patricia Hunter; Suzanne Jones, PA-C; David Liebow, DPM; Robert Tortolani, MD; Stephanie Lorentz.

Others in Attendance

David Herlihy, Executive Director; Paula Nenninger, Investigator; Scott Frennier, Investigator; Jane Malago, Operations Administrator; Justin Sheng, AAG; George Belcher, Esq.; Doug Wysocky-Johnson.

- **Approval of the Minutes of the October 5, 2022 and October 19, 2022 Board Meetings:**

Dr. Hildebrant moved to accept the minutes of the October 5, 2022 meeting. Dr. Liebow seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

Dr. Hildebrant moved to accept the minutes of the October 19, 2022 meeting. Dr. Liebow seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

- **Board Issues (Ms. McClain):**

S. McClain noted that the election process will begin next month with assembly of a Nominations Committee and call for nominations of officers for the annual election of officers to be held in January. She informed members that her term on the Board is set to end in 2023, so she does not intend to run for Chair. Dr. Hildebrant has indicated he is willing to run for Chair, so we will need one or more nominees for Vice Chair. Dr. Sproul added that her Board term is ending in 2023, so we will need a nominee for Secretary, too.

S. McClain also added the welcome of Stephanie Lorentz, the new Board member on the South Investigative Committee. Patricia Hunter will serve as her public member point person, and Dr. Robert Tortolani will serve as her physician member point person.

- **Administrative Updates (Mr. Herlihy):**

D. Herlihy provided an update on the renewal status for physicians. As of Tuesday, 2826 renewals had been submitted with less than half processed. 1281 have been processed and

1165 have been mailed. He added that a few different factors are contributing to having less than half processed. First, T.Hayes is very busy with licenses as we continue to get new applicants at high rates. Also, a significant portion of time is being spent on the phone with Licensees, as they wish to speak with someone rather than use the automated online tool for password resets. Another factor is that we lost the part-time employee who had assisted T.Hayes and have been unable to hire a replacement. There was a brief discussion about how to encourage Licensees to use the automated tool to gain access to their account rather than calling.

A reminder notice was sent out on October 24, 2022 to all of the remaining Licensees who had not had their renewals processed. The reminder also included another warning about the advertisements for CME that tend to mislead Licensees into thinking the advertised courses are required and must be purchased and completed in order to renew their licenses.

The Board Office will be closed on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2022, and for Thanksgiving, November 24 and 25, 2022.

D. Herlihy reminded the Board that he will be attending the IMLCC annual meeting in Alabama on November 7 and 8, 2022.

- **Convene hearing to discuss any stipulations or disciplinary matters that are before the Board (11:15 AM):**

Judge Belcher convened the hearing and asked J. Malago to go on the record. Judge Belcher took roll.

In re: Lauren Feltz, AA-C – Petition to Approve Completion of Reentry – MPN 032-0422

Judge Belcher inquired if the respondent or counsel would attend; AAG Sheng stated that they had indicated they would not. Judge Belcher invited AAG Sheng to present the matter. AAG Sheng addressed the Board, summarizing the facts leading up to the Petition to Approve Completion of Reentry. AAG Sheng suggested to the Board that an order be entered to relieve Dr. Feltz on the conditions of certificate. AAG Sheng read the order to the Board. Judge Belcher asked J. Malago to record the vote. P. Hunter made a motion to approve the Petition to Approve Completion of Reentry. Dr. Tortolani seconded the motion.

Ms. Malago recorded the roll-call vote: The motion passed; Yeas: Dr. Brent Burgee, Gail Falk, Dr. Matthew Greenburg, Dr. Christine Payne, Dr. Rick Hildebrant, Patricia Hunter, PA-C Suzanne Jones, Dr. David Liebow, Dr. Robert Tortolani, Stephanie Lorentz. Opposed: none; Abstained: none; Recused: North Committee.

- **Hearing concluded at 11:25 AM**
- **Reconvene meeting; 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 called for a motion 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. Greenburg. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: none.

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

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

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

Dr. Hildebrant made a motion at 11:35 AM to go into Executive Session to discuss confidential matters related to investigations. Dr. Bernstein seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

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

Dr. Hildebrant made a motion at 12:05 PM to return to Open Session. Dr. Liebow seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

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

MPN 084-0822 – Letter #1 – Dr. Liebow recused
MPN 080-0822 – Letter #1

Dr. Payne made a motion to close the cases presented. Dr. Tortolani seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: North Investigative Committee and individuals as noted above.

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

MPC 069-0622 – Letter #1
MPC 035-0422 – Letter #1
MPC 034-0422 – Special #1

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

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

MPS 086-0822 – Special #2

MPS 079-0822 – Special #1 – Dr. Payne abstained; Dr. Greenburg recused

Dr. Bernstein made a motion to close the cases presented. L. LeCours seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: South Investigative Committee and individuals as noted above.

- **Board Retreat**

- Presentation on physician wellness by Doug Wysockey-Johnson of Lumunos Wellbeing. After the presentation there was discussion of how the Board could support wellness of physicians and other Licensees, both with regard to how the Board interacts with Licensees and things the Board could do to positively contribute to wellness.
- Presentation on 100 Days after Dobbs about US Supreme Court decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization by AAG Justin Sheng. The presentation included an overview of the history Roe v. Wade, a summary of the varied state responses to the Dobbs decision, and a discussion of how the decision has and will impact health care professionals.

- **Upcoming Board meetings, committee meetings, hearings, etc.: Locations are subject to change. A notification will be provided if a change takes place.**

- **November 10, 2022, North Investigative Committee Meeting, 9 AM, [Remote via Teams](#)**
- **November 18, 2022, Central Investigative Committee Meeting, 9 AM., [Remote via Teams](#)**
- **November 16, 2022, Board Meeting on pending applications, 12:10 PM, [Remote via Teams](#)**
- **November 16, 2022, South Investigative Committee Meeting, 12:15 PM, [4th Floor Conference Room, Bloomer State Office Building, Rutland, VT and remote via Teams](#)**
- **December 7, 2022, Licensing Committee Meeting, 11:00 AM, [Remote via Teams](#)**
- **December 7, 2022, Board Meeting, 12:00 PM, [Remote via Teams](#)**

- **Open Forum:**

- D. Herlihy again reminded Board members to consider volunteering for the Nominations Committee or running for one of the three positions.

- **Adjourn:**

Dr. Hildebrant declared the meeting adjourned at 3:04 PM.

APPENDIX A**PRESENTATION OF FULL APPLICATIONS****November 2, 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
**Aharonian Artin MD	Drexel University	Diagnostic Radiology (BC)	StatRad
Auerbach, Abraham MD	University of Maryland	Ophthalmology (BC)	NWVMC
**Becerra, Nelsson MD	Howard University	Emergency Medicine (BC)	Mid-Atlantic Permanente
**Bove, Erica MD	UVM	OB/GYN (BC)	Boston IVF
**Braga, Christopher MD	Rosalnd Franklin University	Family practice (BC)	TBD
**Castells, Mariana MD	University of Barcelona (Spain)	Allergy and Immunology (BC)	Brigham and Women's
**Davis, Demetrice MD	Chicago Medical School	Radiology (NC)	StatRad
**Giudici, Mario MD	UMDNJ	Diagnostic Radiology (BC)	StatRad
Hahn, Carolyn MD	UVM	Psychiatry (BC)	Brain and Behavioral
**Healey, Tiffany MD	Virginia Commonwealth Univ.	Emergency Medicine (BC)	Brattleboro Memorial
Hoff, Jessica PA-C	Duquesne University	Unknown	TBD
**Hotchkiss IV, John MD	Loma Linda University	Diagnostic Radiology (BC)	StatRad
**Jacobs, David MD	Albert Einstein College of Medicine	Diagnostic Radiology (BC)	StatRad
**Kun, Suny PA-C	University of S. California	Unknown	TBD
**Letts, Gary MD	David Geffen School of Medicine	Pathology (BC)	Peraza Dermatology
**Lim, Letitia MD	McGill University	Internal Medicine (BC)	RRMC
**Logan, Mark MD	University of Vermont	Emergency Medicine (BC)	CT Valley Addiction
**McCoy, Justin MD	University of Arkansas	Diagnostic Radiology (BC)	StatRad
**Min, David MD	Loyola University	Internal Medicine (BC)	DHMC
**Nalaboff, Kenneth MD	Sackler School of Medicine	Diagnostic Radiology (BC)	StatRad
**Pisc, Carmen MD	Carol Davila University	Medical Oncology (BC)	CVMC

**Raza, Syed MD	Ross University	Internal Medicine (BC)	Ctr for living and rehab
Schnaars, Kari PA-C	Daemen College	Unknown	UVMMC ER
Weakland, Laura MD	University of South Florida	Hem/Onc (BC)	CVMC
Whang, Brian MD	SUNY Downstate	Thoracic Surgery (BC)	Brigham and Women's
Young, Peter MD	Albany Medical College	Dermatopathology (BC)	Thirty Madison Inc

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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>
**Goodridge, Elizabeth MD	OB/GYN	DHMC	11/01/22	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.

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Credential Number	Name
<u>042.0016506-COMP</u>	Imtiaz Alam
<u>042.0016507-COMP</u>	Adam Bisaga
<u>042.0016508-COMP</u>	Jasvinder Pal Singh Chawla
<u>042.0016509-COMP</u>	Helen Elizabeth Counts
<u>042.0016510-COMP</u>	Derek Dyess
<u>042.0016511-COMP</u>	Paul Carlisle Harrison
<u>042.0016512-COMP</u>	Kei Kikuhara
<u>042.0016513-COMP</u>	Vitor Hugo Pacheco
<u>042.0016514-COMP</u>	Aarti Prasad
<u>042.0016515-COMP</u>	Babak Attaran Rezaei
<u>042.0016516-COMP</u>	Erin Ricart
<u>042.0016517-COMP</u>	Karen M. Schleeauf
<u>042.0016518-COMP</u>	Craig Anthony Smith
<u>042.0016519-COMP</u>	Pamela Rani Sud
<u>042.0016520-COMP</u>	Randolph Taylor II
<u>042.0016521-COMP</u>	Arthur Robinson Williams IV