

VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE
Minutes of the October 5, 2022 Board Meeting
108 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT
and remote via Teams

Unapproved

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

Saran McClain, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM.

Members Present:

Richard Bernstein, MD; Leo LeCours; Sarah McClain; Marga Sproul, MD; Margaret Tandoh, MD; Brent Burgee, MD; Richard Clattenburg, MD; Gail Falk; Christine Payne, MD; Rick A. Hildebrant, MD; Patricia Hunter; Suzanne Jones, PA-C; David Liebow, DPM.

Others in Attendance

George Belcher, Esq., Megan Campbell, AAG; Scott Frennier, Investigator; Tracy Hayes, Medical Licensing Specialist; David Herlihy, Executive Director; Kurt Kuehl, AAG; Jane Malago, Licensing and Operations Administrator; Paula Nenninger, Investigator; Bill Reynolds, AAG; Justin Sheng, AAG.

Guests

Tristram Coffin, Esq.; Kirsten Lanpher PA-C

- **Approval of the Minutes of the September 7, 2022 and September 21, 2022 Board Meetings:**

Dr. Bernstein moved to accept the minutes of the September 7, 2022 and September 21, 2022 meetings. Dr. Sproul seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

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

Ms. McClain informed members that the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion AD HOC Committee will be meeting again on October 18th. She asked Dr. Hildebrant to provide an update on the Telemedicine Committee. He shared that the Committee had a second meeting and has completed review of the revised FSMB model policy and provided Mr. Herlihy guidance on adapting it to be a draft update to the Board's Telemedicine Policy. The draft will soon be ready to share with members.

Ms. McClain advised that she and Mr. Herlihy are working with a consultant on a presentation for the retreat in November.

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

Mr. Herlihy noted that Jane Malago is now in the role of Licensing and Operations Administrator.

Mr. Herlihy shared the renewal update as of October 4th with 4,822 scheduled to go into renewal. 601 of these are through compact licensing and 4201 are regular licensing. With the additional MDs licensed since September 1, 2022, who are not included in the renewal number, the total number of MDs licensed in Vermont is approximately 5,000.

Mr. Herlihy informed members he went to Texas for the USMLE State Advisory Board meeting. He reported that after meeting with FSMB and NBME staff he continues to have confidence in the validity and security of the USMLE system, which the Board relies on for ensuring that applicants for licensure have the knowledge to practice safely and competently. He encouraged members to consider the different opportunities to get involved with USMLE on different committees and as exam question writers. The USMLE annual report was reviewed by the Advisory Board and will soon be released; it will be shared with members.

Mr. Herlihy noted he we will be attending the IMLCC meeting in Alabama on November 7th and 8th.

- **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. Liebow. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: none.

- **Other Business:**

- **Board Member Appointments-** Mr. Herlihy informed members that there is another opening for a Public Member on the Central Committee because Maureen Bogosian submitted her resignation. Recruitment efforts are underway. The opening was discussed with the DEI AD HOC Committee. The opening has been posted on the website of an association made up of BIPOC professionals. Members were asked to think about candidates for the opening and refer potential applicants to him for additional information about the Board and the application process.

Mr. Herlihy then updated members on the status of reappointments. There is a new staff person in the Boards & Commissions Office, and she has worked hard to get overdue reappointments processed. A backlog had built up during the COVID-19 state of emergency when much of the staff was diverted to work focused on COVID-19 response. When the reappointment certificates were received, there was a surprise in that the terms anticipated to expire on December 31, 2023, instead had an expiration of February 28, 2023. Although up to now appointments have begun on January 1 and ended on December 31, it had been discovered that Board members should have terms that begin and end in February because Board appointments are subject to a law

pertaining to appointments that are subject to confirmation by the Senate. The appointments could not be extended out to February 2024 because that would make the appointments longer than five years. It was noted that the law provides for members to continue to serve until replaced, so despite the February 28, 2023 expiration dates, the members affected may continue to serve so long as replacements have not been appointed.

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

Dr. Hildebrant made a motion at 12:34 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.

- **Return to Open Session:**

Dr. Liebow made a motion at 1:10 PM to return to Open Session to begin the scheduled hearing at 1:15 PM. Dr. Hildebrant seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

- **Convene hearing to discuss any stipulations or disciplinary matters that are before the Board (1:15):**

Mr. Belcher convened the hearing and asked Ms. Malago to take the roll.

In re: William F. Long, MD – Stipulation and Consent Order – Matter MPC 039-0522, MPC 043-0522, & MPC 045-0522

Mr. Belcher inquired if the Respondent or counsel would attend; Ms. Campbell stated that they had indicated they would not. Mr. Belcher invited Ms. Campbell to present the matter. Ms. Campbell addressed the Board, summarizing the facts leading up to the Stipulation and Consent Order. Dr. Hildebrant made a motion to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order. Mr. LeCours seconded the motion.

Ms. Malago recorded the roll-call vote: The motion passed; Yeas: Dr. Bernstein, Mr. LeCours, Ms. McClain, Dr. Sproul, Dr. Tandoh, Dr. Hildebrant, Ms. Hunter, PA-C Jones, Dr. Liebow. Opposed: none; Abstained: none; Recused: Central Committee.

Mr. Belcher asked if PA Lanpher would attend. Mr. Sheng advised that she had stated an intent to attend but was not on the call. Mr. Belcher determined that the last case listed on the agenda would be taken up out of order to allow PA Lanpher additional time to sign into the remote hearing.

In re: Mark E. Logan, MD – Stipulation and Consent Order – MPN 004-0116

Mr. Belcher recognized Attorney Coffrin and determined that Dr. Logan would not attend. Mr. Belcher invited Mr. Kuehl to present the matter. Mr. Kuehl addressed the Board, summarizing

the facts leading up to the Stipulation and Consent Order. Ms. Hunter made a motion to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order. Dr. Payne seconded the motion.

Ms. Malago recorded the roll-call vote: The motion passed; Yeas: Dr. Burgee, Dr. Clattenburg, Ms. Falk, Dr. Payne, Dr. Hildebrant, Ms. Hunter, PA-C Jones, Dr. Liebow. Opposed: none; Abstained: none; Recused: North Committee.

In re: Kirsten Lanpher, PA-C – Revised Stipulation and Reentry Agreement – MPN 017-0220

Mr. Belcher recognized PA Lanpher and invited Mr. Sheng to present the matter. Mr. Sheng addressed the Board, summarizing the facts leading up to the Revised Stipulation and Reentry Agreement. Dr. Hildebrant made a motion to approve the Revised Stipulation and Reentry Agreement. Dr. Liebow seconded the motion.

Ms. Malago recorded the roll-call vote: The motion passed; Yeas: Dr. Bernstein, Ms. McClain, Dr. Tandoh, Dr. Hildebrant, PA-C Jones, Dr. Liebow. Opposed: none; Abstained: North Committee and Licensing committee; Recused: None.

- **Hearing concluded at 2:03 PM:**
- **Reconvene meeting; Executive Session to Discuss:**
 - **Investigative cases recommended for closure**
 - **Other matters that are confidential by law, if any**

Dr. Hildebrant made a motion at 2:04 PM to reenter Executive Session to continue discussion of confidential matters related to investigations. Ms. Hunter seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

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

Mr. LeCours made a motion at 3:07 PM to return to Open Session Dr. Hildebrant seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

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

MPN 040-0522 – Letter #1 – Dr. Hildebrant recused
MPN 041-0522 – Letter #1 – Dr. Hildebrant recused
MPN 042-0522 – Letter #1 – Dr. Hildebrant recused
MPN 037-0422 – Letter #1
MPN 134-0821 – Special #2 – Dr. Hildebrant recused
MPN 060-0721 – Letter #1
MPN 061-0721 – Letter #1
MPN 063-0721 – Letter #1
MPN 064-0721 – Letter #1
MPN 065-0721 – Letter #1
MPN 066-0721 – Letter #1

MPN 067-0721 – Letter #1
MPN 068-0721 – Letter #1
MPN 069-0721 – Letter #1
MPN 052-0522 – Letter #1 – Dr. Hildebrant, PA-C Jones recused
MPN 066-0622 – Letter #1

Ms. Hunter made a motion to close the cases presented. Dr. Liebow 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 071-0722 – Letter #1 – Dr. Sproul recused

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

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

MPS 107-1220 – Special #2 – Dr. Sproul recused
MPS 064-0622 – Special #1 – Dr. Sproul, Dr. Bernstein recused

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

- **Upcoming Board meetings, committee meetings, hearings, etc.: [\(Locations are subject to change. You will be notified if a change takes place.\)](#)**
 - **October 13, 2022, North Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM, [108 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT and remote via Teams](#)**
 - **October 14, 2022, Central Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM, [108 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT and remote via Teams](#)**
 - **October 19, 2022, Board Meeting on pending applications, 12:10 PM, [108 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT and remote via Teams](#)**
 - **October 19, 2022, South Investigative Committee Meeting, 12:15 PM, [108 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT and remote via Teams](#)**
 - **November 2, 2022, Licensing Committee Meeting, 10:00 AM, [108 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT and remote via Teams](#)**
 - **November 2, 2022, Board Meeting, 11:00 AM, [108 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT and remote via Teams](#)**

- **Open Forum:**
 - **Ms. Campbell** - provided a reminder of the Central Committee Emergency Mini Meeting to follow the completion of this October 5, 2022 full board meeting.
 - **Mr. Herlihy** – stated that the renewal period is more than one-third over and that only about one-fifth of renewal applications have been submitted. He asked members to encourage licensees to submit their renewals and not wait until the end of the renewal period.

- **Adjourn:** Ms. McClain declared the meeting adjourned at 3:21PM.

APPENDIX A**PRESENTATION OF FULL APPLICATIONS****October 5, 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
**Ahmed, Naeem MD	King Edward Med College (Pakistan)	Internal Medicine (BC)	SWVMC
Anand, Neil MD	St. Georges University	Radiology	StatRad
**Baslet, Gaston MD	Univ. Catolica de Cordoba (Argentina)	Psychiatry (BC)	Telehealth
Bensimhon, Hannah MD	UVM	Internal Medicine (BC)	DHMC
**Book, Brittney PA-C	Kings College	Unknown	Grace Cottage Hosp. ER
**Boomershine, Chad MD	The Ohio State University	Internal Medicine (BC)	Care Access
**Czanko, Lisa MD	Columbia University	Internal Medicine (BC)	SimpleHealth
**Daoud, Said MD	Ain Shams University	OB/GYN (BC)	Gifford Medical Center
El-Akkad, Samih MD	NY Medical College	Diagnostic Radiology (BC)	StatRad
Fairweather, Mark MD	University of Louisville	Surgery (BC)	Brigham and Women's
**Farrell, Robert MD	University of Texas	Diagnostic Radiology (BC)	StatRad
**Frederick Amie PA-C	University of Colorado	Unknown	TBD
**Hansen, Robert MD	UMDNJ	Emergency Medicine (BC)	Bluewater Health
Hembree, Samuel MD	Med. College of Georgia	Anesthesiology	SWVMC
Janeway, Katherine MD	Harvard Medical School	Pediatrics (BC)	Boston Children's Hospital
Kassar, Mohamad MD	West Virginia University	Radiology	DHMC
**Knight, Melinda MD	Johns Hopkins University	Urology (BC)	Mt. Ascutney Hospital
Lall, Ajay MD	Northeastern Ohio University	Orthopedic Surgery (BC)	Gifford
Mariano, Sarina PA-C	Daemen College	Unknown	Mobile Physician Services
Mason, Ryan MD	Brown University	Emergency Medicine (BC)	UVMMC

**Portnoy, Lynne MD	Michigan State University	Preventive Medicine (BC)	TBD
Roberts, Corinne MD	University of Virginia	Psychiatry	UVMMC
**Rojas, Tirso MD	Coledgio Mayor Nuestra (Columbia)	Anesthesiology (BC)	TBD
Scicchitano, Tyler PA-C	Kings College	Unknown	TBD
**Singh, Suneet MD	Virgina Commonwealth University	Emergency Medicine (BC)	TBD
**Smallman, Darlene MD	Uniformed Services University	Family Practice (BC)	Telehealth
Snyder, Timothy AA-C	Emory	Anesthesiology	RRMC
**Sohal, Ravinder MD	Tufts University	Diagnostic Radiology (BC)	StatRad
**Stewart, Tiffani PA-C	Malcolm X College	Unknown	TBD
Theisen, Jeremy MD	University of Oklahoma	Radiology (BC)	StatRad
Tokhunts, Robert MD	Dartmouth	Anesthesiology	SWVMC
**Warren, John MD	University of Wisconsin	Family Practice (BC)	Bayada
Wright, Danielle PA-C	Albany Medical College	Unknown	UCM Digital

**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>042.0016279-COMP</u>	Andrew Charles Bland
<u>042.0016300-COMP</u>	Gregory Charles Fanaras
<u>042.0016312-COMP</u>	Mohamad Abdurahim Ali M Albsheri
<u>042.0016313-COMP</u>	Rianot Tolulope Amzat
<u>042.0016314-COMP</u>	Anil Ashok Bajnath
<u>042.0016315-COMP</u>	Tabitha Marie Bedini
<u>042.0016316-COMP</u>	Gabriel Arne Brooks
<u>042.0016317-COMP</u>	Nicola Charlton
<u>042.0016318-COMP</u>	Ajit Nandkumar Chary
<u>042.0016319-COMP</u>	Shawn Michael Cole
<u>042.0016320-COMP</u>	Imelda De Villa
<u>042.0016321-COMP</u>	Sean Michael Dwyer
<u>042.0016322-COMP</u>	Matthew Alan Eccher
<u>042.0016323-COMP</u>	KEVIN EVERETT
<u>042.0016324-COMP</u>	Clifford Faber
<u>042.0016325-COMP</u>	Peter Farago
<u>042.0016326-COMP</u>	Corina Freitas
<u>042.0016327-COMP</u>	Michael Joseph Gilbert
<u>042.0016328-COMP</u>	Lynn Susan Gretkowski
<u>042.0016329-COMP</u>	Shaminder H Gupta
<u>042.0016330-COMP</u>	Asim Haque
<u>042.0016331-COMP</u>	Adam Breaux Hernandez
<u>042.0016332-COMP</u>	Elizabeth Ryan Jaffe
<u>042.0016333-COMP</u>	Malav Joshi
<u>042.0016334-COMP</u>	Peter John Kambelos M.D.
<u>042.0016335-COMP</u>	Nana Korsah
<u>042.0016336-COMP</u>	Gary Levy
<u>042.0016337-COMP</u>	Steven Carl Martin
<u>042.0016338-COMP</u>	Lora NMN McClintock MD

<u>042.0016339-COMP</u>	Gary Stuart Moak
<u>042.0016340-COMP</u>	Ajsa Ana Sofija Nikolic
<u>042.0016341-COMP</u>	Carlos Ernesto Nolasco Morales
<u>042.0016342-COMP</u>	Yvonne Koyenhi Okoh
<u>042.0016343-COMP</u>	Armin Vatani Oskouei
<u>042.0016344-COMP</u>	Ty Ovella
<u>042.0016345-COMP</u>	Smitha Sadiq
<u>042.0016346-COMP</u>	Mariam Taleb Saleh
<u>042.0016347-COMP</u>	Richard Anthony Santucci
<u>042.0016348-COMP</u>	Kristina Schwerin
<u>042.0016349-COMP</u>	Janell Alden Sherr
<u>042.0016350-COMP</u>	Curtis H Smith
<u>042.0016351-COMP</u>	Serena Dawn Woods-Grimm
<u>042.0016433-COMP</u>	Virginia Lawrence Alvord
<u>042.0016434-COMP</u>	Elizabeth Angela Edelstein
<u>042.0016435-COMP</u>	David Brent Joye
<u>042.0016436-COMP</u>	Maria Anne Pielact
<u>042.0016437-COMP</u>	LeKeysha Marie Robinson Royster
<u>042.0016438-COMP</u>	Rehan Shah MD
<u>042.0016440-COMP</u>	Paul Chris Anderson
<u>042.0016441-COMP</u>	Alexander Patrick Auchus
<u>042.0016442-COMP</u>	Shubh Ayengar
<u>042.0016443-COMP</u>	Pio Pallar Hocate
<u>042.0016444-COMP</u>	Bobby Malik
<u>042.0016445-COMP</u>	Gerhard S Munding
<u>042.0016446-COMP</u>	Gavind Niamatali
<u>042.0016447-COMP</u>	Lincoln Rameshbhai Patel
<u>042.0016448-COMP</u>	Vinay Shamasundara
<u>042.0016463-COMP</u>	Hamid Reza Abbasi
<u>042.0016464-COMP</u>	WILLIAM Paul BERG
<u>042.0016465-COMP</u>	Barton Matthew Clements
<u>042.0016466-COMP</u>	Barrett Edward Cowan
<u>042.0016467-COMP</u>	Brandon Zakary Erdos
<u>042.0016468-COMP</u>	Maritza Esther Feliz Cepin
<u>042.0016469-COMP</u>	Eric James Gratias
<u>042.0016470-COMP</u>	Ashley Rae Group
<u>042.0016471-COMP</u>	Brandon Kirsch

<u>042.0016472-COMP</u>	Heather Anne Neuman
<u>042.0016473-COMP</u>	Stephen Charles Sirota
<u>042.0016474-COMP</u>	Jonathan Snipes
<u>042.0016475-COMP</u>	Janice Valmassoi
<u>042.0016476-COMP</u>	Maulik Dilipkumar Majmudar