

**INDIANA PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COMMITTEE  
INDIANA GOVERNMENT CENTER SOUTH  
402 WEST WASHINGTON STREET  
Room W064  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204**

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2024**

Bret Cornn, P.A., Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. and a quorum was declared in accordance with IC § 25-27.5-3-5, pursuant to public notice posted at the principal office for the Committee, online at the committee's website and on the state calendar at least forty-eight (48) hours before the time of the meeting.

Members Present:       Bret Cornn, P.A., Chairman  
                                  Timothy Hawkins, J.D., Consumer Member, Vice Chair  
                                  Appeared Virtually  
                                  Megan Leach, P.A., Member

Member Absent:         Katherine Buchanan, P.A., Member

Staff Present:           Jody Edens, Committee Director  
                                  Professional Licensing Agency  
                                  James Green, Assistant Committee Director  
                                  Professional Licensing Agency  
                                  Clair Dyer, Deputy Attorney General  
                                  Attorney General's Office

The Committee voted to adopt the agenda.

Cornn/Hawkins, 3/0/0  
Motion carries

The following committee members voted aye by roll call:

Bret Cornn, Tim Hawkins, Megan Leach

The following committee members objected: none

The following committee members abstained: none

The Committee voted to APPROVE the June 14, 2024, minutes as written.

Hawkins/Leach, 3/0/0  
Motion carries

The following committee members voted aye by roll call:

Bret Cornn, Tim Hawkins, Megan Leach

The following committee members objected: none

The following committee members abstained: none

**PROBATIONARY PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

**Jennifer Boone, License No. 10001515A, Cause No. 2019 PAC 0001:**

Ms. Boone did not appear regarding her probationary order issued by the Committee and was not represented by counsel.

She submitted a letter indicating that nothing has changed for her, and she is doing well.

She has been informed that she will no longer have to appear for probation appearances but will need to submit a letter/email on how she is doing.

**PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

**Kara Gerka, P.A., License #10003824A – Renewal – Positive Response**

Ms. Gerka appeared in person and was represented by counsel, Laura Iosue regarding a positive response on her renewal application.

Ms. Gerka indicated she was working at Community Health Medcheck and wasn't given much guidance at all. She was working two (2) days a week. After her peer review, she was put on a performance review and was released early from her contract.

She is now working at IU University Hospital hand in hand with her collaborating physician at the learning hospital. Her collaborating physician wrote a letter of support for her.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE her license renewal.

Cornn/Leach, 3/0/0  
Motion carries

The following committee members voted aye by roll call:

Bret Cornn, Tim Hawkins, Megan Leach

The following committee members objected: none

The following committee members abstained: none

**Jennifer Spraker, P.A., License #10001022A- Renewal – Positive Response**

Ms. Spraker appeared virtually with camera before the Committee and was not represented by counsel regarding a positive response on her renewal application.

Ms. Spraker is currently in a treatment center. She explained that she is currently on non-supervised court probation until May 2025.

She explained that she thought she renewed on inactive status as she is currently not working.

After discussion, Ms. Spraker requested to WITHDRAW her renewal application. She will reapply once she has completed her treatment and has gotten things in order.

After further discussion, the Committee moved to APPROVE her request to WITHDRAW the Renewal Application.

Cornn/Hawkins, 3/0/0  
Motion carries

The following committee members voted aye by roll call:

Bret Cornn, Tim Hawkins, Megan Leach

The following committee members objected: none

The following committee members abstained: none

**Fiseha Gebregiorgis, P.A., Initial Application – Positive Response**

Mr. Gebregiorgis appeared virtually without camera before the Committee and was not represented by counsel regarding a positive response on his initial application.

He explained he received a malpractice judgment in October 2019 in Maryland. He does telehealth with nursing homes.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE his initial application.

Cornn/Leach, 3/0/0  
Motion carries

The following committee members voted aye by roll call:

Bret Cornn, Tim Hawkins, Megan Leach

The following committee members objected: none

The following committee members abstained: none

**ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

**Darryll Black, P.A., License No. 10002023A, Cause No. 2020 PAC 0001**

Respondent appeared in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Petition to Reinstate license scheduled before the Committee. The State of Indiana was represented by Ryan Eldridge, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Margie Addington, with Accurate Reporting.

Mr. Black explained that he transferred his Community Control to New Mexico and has successfully completed it. He moved to New Mexico because he has family there.

He currently does seasonal jobs and has not had any discipline with any of his employers.

He has completed a nurse practitioners program for safe prescribing that was for 3 credit hours. In October he will be going to one in person that is for 21 credit hours. He is working on getting his NCCPA active again.

Respondents Exhibit 1 – Proof of completion of Community Control

After discussion, and taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence and orders in this matter, the Committee moved to REINSTATE Mr. Black's license on INDEFINITE PROBATION with terms and conditions.

Leach/Hawkins, 3/0/0  
Motion carries

The following committee members voted aye by roll call:  
Bret Cornn, Tim Hawkins, Megan Leach  
The following committee members objected: none  
The following committee members abstained: none

### **DISCUSSION**

**Rules:**

They have received the second approval by OMB/SBA. The next step is the public comment period.

**Electronic Policy:**

The Committee reviewed the electronic policy and were good with it.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

Bret Cornn, P.A., Chairman