

**Medical Licensing Board of Indiana
Indiana Government Center - South Building
Room W064
402 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204**

**Minutes from the Meeting of
May 23, 2024**

John Strobel, MD, President, called the meeting to order at 8:43 a.m. and declared a quorum in accordance with IC 25-26-13-3(d), pursuant to public notice posted at the principal office for the Board, online at the board's website and on the state calendar at least forty-eight (48) hours before the time of the meeting.

Board Members Present:

John Strobel, MD
Kirk Masten, DO
Michael Busk, MD
Bharat Barai, MD
Victoria McCann, JD
Heidi Dunniway, MD
Rebecca Mueller, MD

PLA Staff:

Christine Maslan, Board Director
Kiko Dixon, Assistant Board Director

Advisory Counsel:

Adam Harvey, JD

Court Reporter:

Accurate Reporting – Margie Addington

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda.
Barai/Busk 7-0-0

Adoption of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes from April 24, 2024.
Masten/Mueller 7-0-0.

Discussion Items

1. OAG Report - presented by Ryan Eldridge
2. Director's Report – presented by Christine Maslan
3. SEA 132 – Doug Boyle, PLA, Grant Achenbach, and Brian Schmutzler, MD (via Zoom) of JEBS Anesthesia.

Personal Appearances

Initial Application

Edward Cipolla, DO

Continued

Lakmal Ekanayake, DO

Appeared in person with counsel, Mike Gaerte

Positive response on initial application.

Protective order was dismissed and has subsequently been expunged.

Issue with residency at Wright State, made comments in the workplace. Has employer peer monitor that makes quarterly reports.

Voluntarily enrolled and signed 2-year contract with OH PSP, completed Vanderbilt three-day program.

Has been granted full license in OH, has job opportunity in IN, Terre Haute, PSP contract will transfer to Indiana for the duration of the contract.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE issuance of this license.

Strobel/Barai 7-0-0

Roosevelt Bryant III, MD

Failed to appear

Christopher Keroack, MD – Via Zoom

Appeared via Zoom without counsel.

Initial application with positive response. Received consent order for not reporting to the Massachusetts prescription monitoring program. Board certified no other discipline, physician for 25 years.

Currently has an active licenses in CT and MA. Wanting to be collaborative physician for nurse in Indiana.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE issuance of this license.
Strobel/McCann 6-0-0
Barai abstained.

Kali Kuhlenschmidt, MD

Appeared in person without counsel.
Positive response on initial application. On probation during residency at UT Southwestern Medical Center due to poor communication with a patient from 12.22.2022 – 6.15.2023.
Completed online course for communicating on delivering bad news to patients. Provided letter from current program director. Has signed contract with surgery group in Evansville, IN.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE issuance of this license.
Masten/Barai 7-0-0

Muhammad Nadeem, MD

Appeared in person without counsel.
Recently retired, applied for position as a lab director in Indiana. Has an active KY license, took five (5) attempts to pass USMLE Step 3, needs waiver request.
Graduated from medical school in 1977 in Pakistan.
Needs waiver: three-year contract from employer, LORs from colleagues, employers, etc.

A motion was made to TABLE application until waiver requirements are provided to the board.

Daniel Paling, MD

Failed to appear

Kristin Partain, MD

Appeared in person without counsel
April 2021 was terminated, appeared before the IN board in January 2024, applicant has provided the board with the information requested

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE issuance of this license.
Masten/Barai 7-0-0

Esther Schmucl, MD

Failed to appear

Waiver Request

Alaa Radaideh, MD

Appeared in person without counsel.

Needs waiver request as does not have two (2) years ACGME approved residency. Previously appeared at the March meeting, app was tabled

A motion was made and seconded to GRANT waiver and APPROVE issuance of this license. Must notify board if change of employment, annual letter from employer stating still employed in good standing.

Barai/Mueller 7-0-0

Alex Mirakian, MD

Failed to appear

Board reviewed materials provided and discussed waiver eligibility.

Needs to provide three (3) year contract and proof of underserved area. contract

A motion was made and seconded table for incompleteness.

Strobel/McCann 6-0-0

Dunniway abstained

Adbon Borges, Jr., MD – Via Zoom

Appeared via Zoom without counsel

Waiver request, four (4) attempts to pass Step 3 of the USMLE. Will not physically be practicing in Indiana, does not see patients, supervises remotely. Medical Director of wellness practices. More of an administrative/supervisory role.

Needs waiver, in order to get a waiver, needs to be physically in Indiana seeing patients.

Applicant requests to WITHDRAW application.

Reinstatement

Stephanie Davis, MD, 01064535A

Appeared in person without counsel.

Previously appeared at the March 2023 meeting application was tabled for additional information. Provider returns with information requested by the board.

CPEP scheduled for mid-July

Started shadowing with a mentor, Dr. Taher.

Has not practiced since 2019.

A motion was made and seconded to reinstate license on PROBATION with terms and conditions.

Strobel/Barai 6-0-0

Dunniway stepped out

Hannah Chung, MD

Appeared in person with counsel, George Carberry.
Reinstatement with positive response. In May 2023 allegation of resigning during a Focused Professional Practice Evaluation (FPPE) to avoid an investigation. NPDB language is vague. Plans for Indiana, help covering practice as a breast radiologist in Valparaiso, in person about one week per month.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE reinstatement of this license.
Barai/Mueller 7-0-0

Surendranath Mantena, MD

Appeared in person without counsel
Has not practiced in Indiana or the US since 2008. Has been practicing in India. Children are now grown, going to college in the US so they decided to move back to the US. No employment in Indiana lined up, has job opportunity in Connecticut.

Applicant requests to WITHDRAW application.

Renewal

Shawn Brar, DO, 11023186A

Appeared in person without counsel
Positive response on renewal of postgraduate license.
January 2022 DUI, self-disclosed to Marian University and the board, has contract with ISMA PAP that expires June 30,2024.
Molly Dragon appeared for ISMA PAP. Fully in compliance.

A motion was made and seconded to APPROVE renewal of this license.
Barai/Masten 7-0-0

Martin Bacechler, MD, 01042849A

Failed to Appear

Eva Kahn, GC, 74000621A - Via Zoom

Appeared in person without counsel.
Waiting on verification of MI license for license renewal. Applied via reciprocity, needs license variations prior to renewal of the license.
Licensee advised to contact MI and have her license verification resent to Indiana.
No vote needed

Administrative Hearings

Petitions for Reinstatement

Segun Rasaki, M.D., 01061519A (Revoked), Cause No.: 2012 MLB 0022

Discussion of re-entry plan

DAG: Jessica Krug
Respondent: Represented by counsel Chelsea Kurth, Ice Miller
Exhibit(s): None
Witness(es): None

Should not have been scheduled as an administrative hearing.
Until he applies, cannot be converted to a personal appearance.

Board votes to Vacate hearing.
Strobel/Barai 7-0-0

Stephen Mason, M.D., 01071644A, Cause No.: 2018 MLB 0010

DAG: None
Respondent: Appeared with counsel, David Jose, and Angka Hinshaw.
Exhibit(s): Exhibit A: Findings of Fact, Ultimate Findings of Fact, and Final Order
Exhibit B: State of Michigan Final Order Granting Reinstatement
Exhibit C: State of Michigan Final Order Granting Re-licensure
Exhibit D: State of Michigan Dept of Licensing and Regulatory-active license
Exhibit E: State of Wisconsin Medical Examining Board Order
Exhibit F: Wisconsin Dept of Safety and Professional Services-active license
Exhibit G: American Medical Association List of Continuing Education
Exhibit H: Payment to Indiana Health Records and Personal Identifying Information Protection Trust Fund
Exhibit I: Transaction Receipt to Indiana Professional Licensing Agency
Exhibit J: University of Michigan Office of Continuing Medical Education and Lifelong Learning: Official Transcript
Exhibit K: Special Purpose Examination (SPEX): Official Score Report
Exhibit L: American Academy of Family Physicians: Continuing Medical Education
Exhibit M: Letter of Recommendation: Mosab Deen, D.O.
Exhibit N: Letter of Recommendation: Dan Martin
Witness(es): Dr. Mason

Michigan license restored on probation January 2022, May 2023 MI license unrestricted.
License was revoked, reapplied, new license issued, new license placed on suspension. Feels

has met all the board orders for reinstatement. Not eligible for board certification at this time. Not currently under treatment. Released from criminal probation in June 2021.

A motion was made and seconded to DENY reinstatement of this license.
McCann/Dunniway 6-1-0
Barai votes nay

Final Hearings

Syed Kazmi, M.D., 01077884A, Cause No.: 2023 MLB 0022

DAG: Alex James
Respondent: Dr. Kazmi appeared with counsel, Patrick Callahan
Exhibit(s): None
Witness(es): Cassie McDaniel, OAG office investigator

Count 1: Negative Strobel/Masten 6-0-0 Barai Abstain
Count 2: Negative Strobel/Masten 6-0-0 Barai Abstain
Count 3: Dismissed
Count 4: Positive Strobel/McCann 6-0-0 Barai Abstain

A motion was made and seconded to issue a LETTER OF REPRIMAND and impose a ONE-THOUSAND DOLLAR FINE (\$1,000.00) on this license.
Masten/Mueller 6-0-0
Barai abstained

Ryan C. Thomas, D.O., 02002533A, Cause No.: 2023 MLB 0031

DAG: Alex James
Respondent: Represented by counsel, Elliott Pinkie
Exhibit(s): None
Witness(es): Molly Dagon – ISMA PAP

Proposed settlement agreement submitted for board review. Molly Dagon attested that Dr. Thomas is enrolled with ISMA PAP in compliance with contract.

A motion was made and seconded to ACCEPT the Proposed Settlement Agreement which places the license on PROBATION and imposes a FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR FINE (\$500.00) on this license.
Masten/Barai 7-0-0

John Gregory Jones, M.D., 01034334A, Cause No.: 2024 MLB 0009

DAG: Gavin Hunter
Respondent: Did not appear
Exhibit(s): None
Witness(es): None

Proposed settlement agreement submitted for board review.

A motion was made and seconded to ACCEPT the Proposed Settlement Agreement that issues a LETTER OF REPRIMAND on this license.

Barai/Mueller 7-0-0

Christopher Adam Manger, M.D., 01045624A, Cause No.: 2024 MLB 0008

DAG: Gavin Hunter
Respondent: Did not appear
Exhibit(s): None
Witness(es): None

Proposed settlement agreement submitted for board review.

A motion was made and seconded to ACCEPT the Proposed Settlement Agreement that places this license on PROBATION with terms and restrictions.

Masten/Busk 7-0-0

Adjournment 3:43 pm