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The Illinois State Medical Board - Complaint Committee convened an open meeting via WebEx at 7:33 a.m. on Wednesday, November 2, 2022. It was not practical or prudent to meet in-person due to the COVID-19 disaster.

The following board members were present for the meeting:

Thomas Boyle, D.O., Member
Donald Diemer, DHSc, PA-C, Member
Mohammed Jameel, M.D., Member
Ratna Kanumury, PA-C, Member
Maria Laporta, M.D., Member
Douglas Matzner, D.C., Member
Caroline Moellering, Public Member
Bartlomiej Nierzwicki, M.D., Member
Alicia Leung Rauh, M.D., Member
Dana Ray, M.D., Member
Sreenivas G. Reddy, M.D., Member

The members present constituted a quorum.

The following Department staff were present for the meeting:

Shami Goyal, M.D., Chief Medical Coordinator
Iris Freeman, Administrative Assistant
Brandon Thom, J.D., Chief of Medical Prosecutions
Greg Marion, Chief of Medical Investigations
Lauren Craig, J.D., Associate General Counsel
John Zander, M.D., Deputy Medical Coordinator
Joseph Fojtik, M.D., Deputy Medical Coordinator
Robert Mosley, M.D., Deputy Medical Coordinator
Theodore Adams, J.D., Chief of Investigations
Jessica Pantoja, Patient Advocate Liaison
Todd Robertson, Board Liaison

OPENING STATEMENT

Mr. Robertson read the following opening statement: This meeting is being conducted by audio/video conference without a quorum of members physically present because the Governor of the State of Illinois has issued a disaster declaration related to public health concerns and an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent based on the disaster described in the declaration. Furthermore, the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation has determined pursuant to Section 7 of the Open Meetings Act that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of a disaster. All votes will be conducted by roll call, so that each member's vote on each issue can be identified and recorded.

INTRODUCTIONS

Board members and Department staff introduced themselves and provided a brief background.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE ORIENTATION - POWER POINT

Department Attorney Lauren Craig presented information to new board members about how the Division of Professional Regulation is organized and how the Division operates to administer and enforce the laws governing licensed physicians and surgeons, licensed chiropractic physicians, and licensed physician assistants in the State of Illinois. This included processes related to receiving and investigating allegations against licensees suspected of violating the Medical Practice Act or the Physician Assistant Practice Act.

Department Attorney Lauren Craig asked Dr. Reddy and Dr. Laporta to serve as Interim Board Chair and Interim Vice Chair until an election of officers was held. Both agreed to serve as requested.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made and seconded (Ms. Moellering/Dr. Laporta) to enter closed session pursuant to Section 2 (c)(15) of the Open Meetings Act. Roll call vote - Yes: Dr. Boyle, Dr. Diemer, Dr. Jameel, Ms. Kanumury, Dr. Laporta, Dr. Matzner, Ms. Moellering, Dr. Nierzwicki, Dr. Rauh, Dr. Ray, Dr. Reddy, Dr. Goyal, Mr. Marion, Mr. Thom; No: None. The motion passed and the session closed at 8:09 a.m.

The closed session meeting of the Complaint Committee included review of 9 mandatory reports.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Laporta/Dr. Matzner) to reconvene the open session meeting of the Complaint Committee. The motion passed by a voice vote and the session opened at 8:24 a.m.

RECOMMENDATIONS - Complaint Committee

Mr. Robertson reported that Complaint Committee made the following recommendations in closed session:

Close 4 mandatory reports and Refer 5 mandatory reports for prosecution.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Complaint Committee, a motion was made and seconded (Dr. Matzner/Dr. Jameel) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m.