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**The Illinois State Medical Board** convened an open session meeting via WebEx at 9:04 a.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 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:

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

Absent - Dana Ray, 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  
Frank Lamas, J.D., Chief of General Prosecutions  
Jessica Pantoja, Patient Advocate Liaison  
Todd Robertson, Board Liaison

### OPENING STATEMENT

Dr. Reddy 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.

## **OPEN MINUTES**

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Matzner/Ms. Moellering) to approve the open session minutes for the Medical Board meeting on November 2, 2022. Roll call vote - Yes: Dr. Reddy, Dr. Laporta, Dr. Boyle, Dr. Diemer, Dr. Jameel, Ms. Kanumury, Dr. Matzner, Ms. Moellering, Dr. Nierzwicki, Dr. Rauh; No: None. The motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Matzner/Dr. Laporta) to approve the open session minutes for the Medical Board meeting on November 16, 2022. Roll call vote - Yes: Dr. Reddy, Dr. Laporta, Dr. Boyle, Dr. Diemer, Dr. Jameel, Ms. Kanumury, Dr. Matzner, Ms. Moellering, Dr. Nierzwicki, Dr. Rauh; No: None. The motion passed.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Complaint Committee in closed session**

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

Approve closed minutes from November 2, 2022 and November 16, 2022 Complaint Committee meetings, Close 20 complaints, Refer 12 complaints for prosecution, Defer 3 complaints for additional information, and Refer 1 mandatory report for prosecution.

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Laporta/Dr. Matzner) to accept the recommendations made by the Complaint Committee during its closed session meeting. Roll call vote - Yes: Dr. Reddy, Dr. Laporta, Dr. Boyle, Dr. Diemer, Dr. Jameel, Ms. Kanumury, Dr. Matzner, Ms. Moellering, Dr. Nierzwicki, Dr. Rauh, No: None. The motion passed.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Medical Board in closed session**

Mr. Robertson reported that Medical Board made the following recommendations in closed session:

Approve closed minutes from November 2, 2022 and November 16, 2022 Medical Board meetings, Approve termination of 4 agreements of care, counseling or treatment, Approve 3 agreements of care, counseling or treatment, Approve 11 consent orders, Approve 11 non-disciplinary order, and Approve 18 board subpoenas.

A motion was made and seconded (Ms. Moellering/Dr. Matzner) to accept the recommendations made by the Medical Board during its closed session meeting. Roll call vote - Yes: Dr. Reddy, Dr. Laporta, Dr. Boyle, Dr. Diemer, Dr. Jameel, Ms. Kanumury, Dr. Matzner, Ms. Moellering, Dr. Nierzwicki, Dr. Rauh; No: None. The motion passed.

## **REPORTS**

Greg Marion, Chief of Medical Investigations reported that for the period of 11/1/22 to 11/24/22: 119 complaints were received, 1 case was referred to prosecutions, and 113 cases were closed. Also, as of 12/7/22 there are 599 open investigations, there are 287 cases assigned to the medical coordinators, and the average investigator caseload is 75 cases.

Shami Goyal, M.D., Chief Medical Coordinator reported that 287 cases are currently assigned to the 4 medical coordinators of which 45 cases are agreements of care, counseling, or treatment (CCT), and there are 320 cases being monitored by the probations unit.

Brandon Thom, J.D., Chief of Medical Prosecutions reported that as of December 6<sup>th</sup>, there are 717 total cases open with the medical prosecutions unit of which 17 cases are tax liability cases.

Lauren Craig, M.D., Associate General Counsel requested board members to confirm availability for the January 4, 2023 meeting. Ms. Craig announced that an election of officers will be held on January 18, 2023 and board members should contact her by email with any nominations for chairperson or vice chairperson.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

## **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. Reddy, Dr. Laporta, Dr. Boyle, Dr. Diemer, Dr. Jameel, Ms. Kanumury, Dr. Matzner, Dr. Nierzwicki, Dr. Rauh; No: None. The motion passed and the session closed at 9:18 a.m.

The closed session meeting included review of 4 applications for physician licensure.

## **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

A motion was made and seconded (Ms. Moellering/Dr. Matzner) to reconvene the open session meeting of the Complaint Committee. The motion passed by a voice vote and the session opened at 8:32 a.m.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Medical Board in closed session**

Mr. Robertson reported that Medical Board made the following recommendations in closed session:

Approve 2 Variances from the USMLE time limit requirement in Section 1285.60(a)(7) of the Administrative Rules and Refer 2 applications to prosecutions unit for review of possible CCT with practice monitoring conditions to establish professional capacity - 1 of the applications also requires review of applicant's responses to personal history questions.

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Matzner/Dr. Laporta) to accept the recommendations made by the Medical Board during its closed session meeting. Roll call vote - Yes: Dr. Reddy, Dr. Laporta, Dr. Boyle, Dr. Diemer, Dr. Jameel, Ms. Kanumury, Dr. Matzner, Ms. Moellering, Dr. Nierzwicki, Dr. Rauh, No: None. The motion passed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the Medical Board, a motion was made and seconded (Dr. Laporta/Ms. Moellering) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.