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The Illinois State Medical Board convened an open session meeting via WebEx at 9:03 a.m. on Wednesday, January 4, 2023. 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
Caroline Moellering, Public Member
Bartlomiej Nierzwicki, M.D., Member
Dana Ray, M.D., Member

Absent: Mohammed Jameel, M.D., Ratna Kanumury, PA-C, Douglas Matzner, D.C.,
Alicia Leung Rauh, M.D., Pedro Rodriguez, M.D.

The members present constituted a quorum.

The following Department staff were present for the meeting:

Lauren Craig, J.D., Associate General Counsel
Brandon Thom, J.D., Chief of Medical Prosecutions
John Zander, M.D., Deputy Medical Coordinator
Robert Mosley, M.D., Deputy Medical Coordinator
Joseph Fojtik, M.D., Deputy Medical Coordinator
Greg Marion, Chief of Medical Investigations
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 (Moellering/Laporta) to approve the open session minutes for the Medical Board meeting on December 21, 2022. Roll call vote - Yes: Reddy, Laporta, Boyle, Moellering, Nierzwicki, Ray, Zander, Thom, Marion; No: None; Abstain: Diemer. 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 December 21, 2022 Complaint Committee meeting, Close 26 complaints - 4 with letter of concern, Refer 10 complaints for prosecution, and Refer 1 mandatory report for prosecution.

A motion was made and seconded (Laporta/Nierzwicki) to accept the recommendations made during the closed session meeting. Roll call vote - Yes: Reddy, Laporta, Boyle, Diemer, Moellering, Nierzwicki, Ray, Zander, Thom, Marion; 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 December 21, 2022 Medical Board meetings, Approve termination of 2 agreements of care, counseling or treatment, Approve 9 board subpoenas, Approve 1 Variance from the USMLE time limit requirement in 68 Ill. Adm. Code 1285.60(a)(7), and Approve the Report and Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge to Deny the Petition for Restoration of 1 Physician and Surgeon license.

A motion was made and seconded (Nierzwicki/Laporta) to accept the recommendations made during the closed session meeting. Roll call vote - Yes: Reddy, Laporta, Boyle, Diemer, Moellering, Nierzwicki, Ray, Zander, Thom, Marion; No: None. The motion passed.

REPORTS

Greg Marion, Chief of Medical Investigations reported that for the period of 12/1/22 to 12/29/22: 40 complaints were received, 15 cases were referred to prosecutions, and 68 cases were closed. Also, as of 12/29/22 there are 562 open investigations with an average caseload of 70 cases per investigator, there are 286 cases assigned to the medical coordinators of which 43 are agreements of care, counseling, or treatment (CCT), and there are 314 cases being monitored by the probations unit.

Brandon Thom, J.D., Chief of General Prosecutions reported that as of January 3rd, there are 712 cases open with the medical prosecutions unit of which 13 cases are tax liability cases.

Lauren Craig, M.D., Associate General Counsel offered a reminder that the Board will elect the positions of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson at the next business meeting. As discussed, nominations for those positions should be emailed to Ms. Craig. In addition, the Department would like to receive some board member information for inclusion in the Medical Minute with IDFPR newsletter. As discussed, members who have not responded should contact Ms. Craig via email.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Medical Board, a motion was made and seconded (Moellering/Nierzwicki) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 9:11 a.m.