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The Illinois State Medical Board convened an open session meeting via WebEx at 9:04 a.m. on Wednesday, January 18, 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 Mohammed Jameel, M.D., Member Ratna Kanumury, PA-C, Member Douglas Matzner, D.C., Member Caroline Moellering, Public Member Alicia Leung Rauh, M.D., Member Dana Ray, M.D., Member Pedro Rodriguez, M.D., Member

The members present constituted a quorum.

The following Department staff were present for the meeting:

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

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

A motion was made and seconded (Laporta/Matzner) to nominate Sreenivas G. Reddy, M.D. as the Vice-Chairperson of the Illinois State Medical Board. There being no other nominations made by a motion and second and Dr. Reddy having accepted the nomination for Vice-Chairperson a roll call vote was taken: Roll call vote - Yes: Reddy, Laporta, Boyle, Diemer, Kanumury, Matzner, Moellering, Rauh, Ray, Rodriguez; No: None; Abstain: Jameel. The motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded (Reddy/Matzner) to nominate Maria Laporta, M.D. as the Chairperson of the Illinois State Medical Board. There being no other nominations made by a motion and second and Dr. Laporta having accepted the nomination for Chairperson a roll call vote was taken: Roll call vote - Yes: Reddy, Laporta, Boyle, Diemer, Jameel, Kanumury, Matzner, Moellering, Rauh, Ray, Rodriguez; No: None. The motion passed.

### **OPEN MINUTES**

A motion was made and seconded (Matzner/Moellering) to approve the open session minutes for the Medical Board meeting on January 4, 2023. Roll call vote - Yes: Laporta, Reddy, Boyle, Diemer, Kanumury, Matzner, Moellering, Rauh, Ray, Rodriguez; No: None; Abstain: Jameel. 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 January 4, 2023 Complaint Committee meeting, Close 20 complaints - 9 with letter of concern, Defer 1 complaint, Refer 14 complaints for prosecution, Close 4 mandatory reports and Refer 3 mandatory reports for prosecution.

A motion was made and seconded (Moellering/Matzner) to accept the recommendations made during the closed session meeting. Roll call vote - Yes: Laporta, Reddy, Boyle, Diemer, Jameel, Kanumury, Matzner, Moellering, Rauh, Ray, Rodriguez; 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 January 4, 2023 Medical Board meetings, Approve 1 agreement of care, counseling or treatment, Approve 7 consent orders, Approve 8 board subpoenas, and Approve 1 Application for out-of-state continuing education in 68 III. Adm. Code 1285.110(e)(1).

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

#### **REPORTS**

Greg Marion, Chief of Medical Investigations reported that for the period of 1/1/23 to 1/12/23: 45 complaints were received, 11 cases were referred to prosecutions, and 42 cases were closed. Also, as of 1/12/23 there are 597 open investigations with an average caseload of 75 cases per investigator.

Shami Goyal, M.D., Chief Medical Coordinator reported there are 256 cases assigned to the medical coordinators of which 41 are agreements of care, counseling, or treatment (CCT). Also, that there are 314 cases being monitored by the probations unit.

Brandon Thom, J.D., Chief of General Prosecutions reported that as of January 17th, there are 712 cases open with the medical prosecutions unit of which 10 cases are tax liability cases.

Lauren Craig, M.D., Associate General Counsel offered a reminder that 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 (Matzner/Reddy) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.