



# IDFPR

## Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

Division of Professional Regulation

idfpr.illinois.gov

**JB PRITZKER**  
Governor

**MARIO TRETO, JR.**  
Secretary

**CECILIA ABUNDIS**  
Director

**The Illinois State Medical Board** convened an open session meeting via WebEx at 9:02 a.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 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:

Maria Laporta, M.D., Board Chair  
Sreenivas G. Reddy, M.D., Vice Chair  
Thomas Boyle, D.O., Member  
Mary Huffman, D.C., Member  
Mohammed Jameel, M.D., Member  
Ratna Kanumury, PA-C, Member  
James G. MacKenzie, D.O., Member  
Douglas Matzner, D.C., Member  
Bartlomiej Nierzwicki, M.D., Member  
Alicia Leung Rauh, M.D., Member  
Dana Ray, 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 Goyal, 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. Laporta 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 (Reddy/Matzner) to approve the open session minutes for the Medical Board meeting on March 1, 2023. Roll call vote - Yes: Laporta, Reddy, Boyle, Huffman, Jameel, Kanumury, MacKenzie, Matzner, Nierzwicki, Rauh, Ray; 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 March 1, 2023 Complaint Committee meeting, Close 21 complaints - 3 with a letter of concern, Refer 4 complaints for prosecution, Close 11 mandatory reports - 3 with a letter of concern, and Refer 5 mandatory reports for prosecution.

A motion was made and seconded (Matzner/Laporta) to accept the recommendations made during the closed session meeting. Roll call vote - Yes: Laporta, Reddy, Boyle, Jameel, Kanumury, MacKenzie, Matzner, Nierzwicki, Rauh, Ray; 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 March 1, 2023 Medical Board meeting, Approve 10 subpoenas, Approve 1 agreement of care, counseling or treatment, Approve 4 consent orders, Recommend Indefinite Suspension for a minimum of 1 year for 2 Physician and Surgeon licenses based on default, Defer consideration of 1 Variance request pending receipt of proof that applicant has completed a minimum of 12 months of clinical training in the U.S. or Canada as approved by the Division in accordance with 68 Ill. Adm. Code 1285.40, and Approve 2 Variances from the provision of 68 Ill. Adm. Code 1285.60 (a)(7) that requires completion of the USMLE examinations within 7 years.

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, Jameel, Kanumury, MacKenzie, Matzner, Nierzwicki, Rauh, Ray; No: None. The motion passed.

## **REPORTS**

Greg Marion, Chief of Medical Investigations reported that for the period of 3/1/23 to 3/9/23: 39 complaints were received, 15 cases were referred to prosecutions, and 58 cases were closed. Also, as of 3/9/23 there were 521 open investigations with an average caseload of 65 cases per investigator.

Shami Goyal, M.D., Chief Medical Coordinator reported there are 224 cases assigned to the medical coordinators of which 41 are agreements of care, counseling or treatment (CCT). Also, that there are 317 cases being monitored by the probations unit.

Brandon Thom, J.D., Chief of General Prosecutions reported that as of 3/14/23, there are 749 cases open with the medical prosecutions unit of which 9 cases are tax liability cases.

Lauren Craig, J.D., Associate General Counsel offered a reminder that the Medical Board will resume in-person meetings beginning in May. A quorum will require 8 Board members to attend the meetings at either the IDFPR Springfield office or the IDFPR Chicago office. Both locations will be connected via videoconference. Ms. Craig explained that Board members would be able to attend remotely as long as there is a quorum physically present at the meeting locations. Further, she has reached out to the members to request confirmation of their availability to attend in-person meetings to establish a rotation for those who wish to attend some meetings remotely. Board members were encouraged to provide their in-person meeting availability with Ms. Craig as soon as is possible. Dr. Jameel advised that some providers including himself do not have work schedules released more than 2 or 3 months in advance so he would only be able to provide his availability for the next 2-3 months. Ms. Kanumury asked whether informal conferences will continue to be held remotely or be held in-person. Dr. Goyal answered that the informal conferences will still be held via WebEx. Also, Board members attending the meetings remotely would likely participate in the informal conferences because members attending in-person may not have access to computers or a location at the IDFPR office to connect remotely.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the Medical Board, a motion was made and seconded (Reddy/Matzner) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.