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The Illinois State Medical Board - Complaint Committee convened an open meeting via WebEx at 7:32 a.m. on Wednesday, April 5, 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
Donald Diemer, DHSc., PA-C, Member
Mary Huffman, D.C., Member
Ratna Kanumury, PA-C, Member
James G. MacKenzie, D.O., Member
Douglas Matzner, D.C., Member
Caroline Moellering, Public Member
Bartlomiej Nierzwicki, M.D., Member
Dana Ray, M.D., Member

The members present constituted a quorum.

The following Department staff were present for the meeting:

Frank Lamas, 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 (Matzner/Moellering) to approve the open session minutes for The Complaint Committee meeting on March 15, 2023. Roll call vote - Yes: Laporta, Reddy, Boyle, Diemer, Huffman, Kanumury, MacKenzie, Matzner, Nierzwicki, Ray, Goyal, Marion; No: None; Abstain: Moellering, Lamas. The motion passed.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made and seconded (Laporta/Reddy) to enter closed session pursuant to Section 2 (c)(15) of the Open Meetings Act. Roll call vote - Yes: Laporta, Reddy, Boyle, Diemer, Huffman, Kanumury, MacKenzie, Matzner, Moellering, Nierzwicki, Ray, Goyal, Lamas, Marion; No: None. The motion passed and the session closed at 7:36 a.m.

The closed session meeting of the Complaint Committee included review of closed minutes from the Complaint Committee meeting held on March 15, 2023, 22 complaints, and 15 mandatory reports.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made and seconded (Reddy/Matzner) to reconvene the open session meeting of the Complaint Committee. The motion passed by a voice vote and the session opened at 8:11 a.m.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

Approve closed minutes from March 15, 2023 Complaint Committee meeting, Close 16 complaints - 2 with a letter of concern, Refer 6 complaints for prosecution, Close 9 mandatory reports - 2 with a letter of concern, and Refer 6 mandatory reports for prosecution.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Complaint Committee, a motion was made and seconded (Moellering/Reddy) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:13 a.m.