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The Illinois State Medical Board convened an open meeting at **9:01 a.m. on Wednesday, on Wednesday, October 4, 2023**, in Conference Room 10N Champaign in the Department's Chicago office located at 555 W. Monroe Street in Chicago, Illinois, and in Conference Room 258 in the Department's Springfield office located at 320 West Washington Street in Springfield, Illinois. Both locations were connected by WebEx video conferencing.

The following board members were physically present for the meeting:

Maria Laporta, MD, Board Chair
Sreenivas Reddy, MD, Board Vice-Chair
Mary Huffman, DC, Member
Ratna Kanumury, PA-C, Member
Radhika Lohia, JD, Member
James MacKenzie, DO, Member
Douglas Matzner, DC, Member
Caroline Moellering, Public Member
Bartlomiej Nierzwicki MD, Member
Dana Ray, MD, Member

The members physically present constituted a quorum.

The following board members attended the meeting via WebEx:

Thomas Boyle, DO, Member
Donald Diemer, DHSc, PA-C, Member

The following Department staff were physically present for the meeting:

Shami Goyal, MD, Chief Medical Coordinator
Iris Freeman, Administrative Assistant
Lauren Craig, JD, Associate General Counsel
Brandon Thom, JD, Chief of Medical Prosecutions
Greg Marion, Chief of Medical Investigations
Todd Robertson, Board Liaison

The following Department staff attended the meeting via WebEx:

Theodore Adams, JD, Chief of Statewide Investigations
John Zander, MD, Deputy Medical Coordinator
Joseph Fojtik, MD, Deputy Medical Coordinator
Robert Mosley, MD Deputy Medical Coordinator
Jessica Pantoja, Patient Advocate Liaison

Open Minutes

A motion was made/seconded (Reddy/Matzner) to approve the open session minutes for the Medical Board meeting on September 20, 2023. The motion passed by majority vote - Yes: Reddy, Boyle, Diemer, Huffman, Kanumury, Lohia, MacKenzie, Matzner, Moellering, Nierzwicki, Ray; No: None; Abstain: Laporta.

Recommendations made by the Complaint Committee

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

Approve board minutes for the Complaint Committee meetings on September 20, 2023, Close 28 complaints - 4 with a letter of concern, Refer 12 complaints to prosecutions for review, and Refer 1 mandatory report to prosecutions for review.

A motion was made and seconded (Matzner/Reddy) to accept the recommendations made during the closed session meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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 the September 20, 2023 Medical Board meeting; Approve 6 subpoenas; Approve 4 consent orders; Approve 2 non-disciplinary orders; Approve 1 agreement of care, counseling, or treatment; Disapprove 2 requests for waiver of CME requirements for 2 Physician and Surgeon renewal applicants pursuant to 68 Ill. Adm. Code Section 1285.110 g); Approve 1 variance from the ECFMG requirement in 68 Ill. Adm. Code Section 1285.20 k) for 1 Physician and Surgeon license applicant; and Approve 7 variances from the USMLE 7-year requirement in 68 Ill. Adm. Code Section 1285.60 (a)(7) for 4 Physician and Surgeon license applicants.

A motion was made and seconded (Matzner/Ray) to accept the recommendations made during the closed session meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Greg Marion, Chief of Medical Investigations reported that for the period of 9/1/23 to 9/27/23: 80 complaints were received, 22 cases were referred to prosecutions, and 142 cases were closed. Also, there were 406 open investigations with an average caseload of 51 cases per investigator.

Shami Goyal, MD, Chief Medical Coordinator reported there were 201 cases assigned to the medical coordinators with 38 agreements of care, counseling, or treatment (CCT) and 277 cases monitored by the probation unit.

Brandon Thom, JD, Chief of Medical Prosecutions reported that as of 10/3/23, there were 785 cases open with Medical Prosecutions - 2 were tax liability cases.

Lauren Craig, JD, Associate General Counsel introduced Ann Erickson, JD as a new Assistant General Counsel attorney for the Division of Professional Regulation.

Public Comments

David Porter, Senior Vice President for Health Policy Research and Advocacy with the Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS) attended the open meeting at the IDFPR Chicago office. Mr. Porter addressed the Board about the subject matter hearing held on September 27th by the House Health Care Licenses Committee. The purpose of the hearing was to explore delays with the IDFPR licensing process. Mr. Porter expressed concern about the licensing delays that have resulted from the Department's insufficient licensing technology. He stated that ISMS would like to continue working with the Department to ensure that physician license applications and renewals are processed in a timely manner.

Nicholas Dale joined the open meeting via WebEx. Mr. Dale spoke to the Board again about (5 ILCS 120/) the Open Meetings Act.

Ryan Voyles also joined the open meeting via WebEx representing Health News Illinois.

Adjournment

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