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**The Illinois State Medical Board** convened an **open meeting** at **9:06 a.m. on Wednesday, August 28, 2024** at 555 W. Monroe Street, Chicago, IL 60661 and at 320 West Washington Street in Springfield, IL 62786. Both locations were connected by video conferencing. The meeting was accessible for guests to attend remotely via WebEx.

The following board members were physically present for the meeting:

Sreenivas G. Reddy, MD, Board Chair  
Thomas A. Boyle, DO, Member  
James MacKenzie, DO, Member  
Bartlomiej Nierzwicki, MD, Member

Maria Laporta, MD, Member  
James Brooks, Public Member  
Caroline Moellering, Public Member  
Alicia Rauh, MD, Member

The members physically present constituted a quorum.

The following Department staff were physically present for the meeting:

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

The following Department staff attended the meeting via WebEx:

Macie Flesher, General Counsel Clerk  
Robert Mosley, MD, Deputy Medical Coordinator  
Jessica Pantoja, Patient Advocate Liaison

### **Open Minutes**

A motion was made and seconded (Moellering/Boyle) to approve the minutes of the closed session meetings of the Medical Board held on August 7, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Recommendations made by the Complaint Committee on August 28, 2024**

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

Approve minutes for the Complaint Committee meetings held in closed session on August 7, 2024; close 14 complaints - 4 with a letter of concern; refer 6 complaints to Medical Prosecutions for review; close 3 mandatory reports; and refer 7 mandatory reports to Medical Prosecutions for review.

A motion was made and seconded (Moellering/Boyle) to accept the recommendations made by the Complaint Committee on August 28, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Recommendations made by the Medical Board in closed session on August 28, 2024**

Mr. Robertson reported that the Medical Board made the following recommendations:

Approve closed minutes for the Medical Board meetings held in closed session on August 7, 2024; approve the termination of an agreement of counseling, care, or treatment for 1 physician; approve 15 subpoenas; approve consent orders for 6 physicians: William Choe DO, Linus Anukwu MD, Donald Robert Raden MD, Barry I Feinberg MD, Richard Caesar MD, Thomas Ying-Chun Pang MD; approve a variance from Section 1285.60 (a)(7) for 5 physician and surgeon license applicants: Azfar Niazi MD, Alexei Mlodinow MD, Faiza Tariq, Mustafa Omami MD, Stephan Alexander Gruessner MD; reject the documentation submitted by Samartha Durgam MD to demonstrate evidence of professional capacity qualifications for physician licensure and recommend that Dr. Durgam complete 24 months of additional postgraduate clinical training to establish professional capacity qualifications pursuant to Section 9 (B)(4) of the Medical Practice Act (225 ILCS 60/9(B)(4); Adopt the ALJ Report and approve the recommendation to Deny the Petition for Hearing (2022 petition for restoration) of Manuela Farhi MD, License No. 036.074204; Indefinitely Suspend license # 036.098630 of Adam H Ramsey MD for a minimum of 12 months.

A motion was made and seconded (Jameel/Nierzwicki) to accept the recommendations made by the Medical Board during the closed session meeting on August 7, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Reports**

Mr. Marion reported for the period of August 1, 2024 to August 21, 2024: 65 complaints were received; 19 complaints were referred to Medical Prosecutions for review; 46 complaints were closed; there were 567 open investigations; and the average caseload for an investigator was 71 cases.

Dr. Goyal reported that as of August 26, 2024, there were 84 cases assigned to the medical coordinators with 27 agreements of care, counseling, or treatment (CCT), 317 cases monitored by the Probation unit and 887 open cases assigned to the Medical Prosecutions unit with 4 tax liability cases.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to be brought before the Medical Board, a motion was made and seconded (Moellering/Boyle) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.