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The Illinois State Medical Board convened an open meeting at 9:01 a.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. The meeting was held in the IDFPR offices located at 555 W. Monroe Street, Chicago, IL 60661 and at 320 W. Washington Street, Springfield, IL 62786. The locations were connected by video conferencing.

A quorum of board members were physically present for the meeting:

Douglas Matzner, DC, Chair
Henry Adekola, MD, Member
Mary Huffman, DC, Member
Maria Laporta, MD, Member
James MacKenzie, DO, Member
Alicia Rauh, MD, Member
Pedro Rodriguez, MD, Member

Sreenivas Reddy, MD, Member
James Brooks, Public Member
Ratna Kanumury, PA-C, Member
Radhika Lohia, JD, Public Member
Bartłomiej Nierzwicki, MD, Member
Dana Ray, MD, Member

Thomas Boyle, DO, Vice Chair, Mohammed Jameel, MD, Member attended the meeting via WebEx.

Department staff were physically present for the meeting:

Shami Goyal, MD, Chief Medical Coordinator
Greg Marion, Chief of Medical Investigations
Lauren McGinn, JD, Associate General Counsel
Jerry Miller, Manager, Health Services Section
Todd Robertson, Board Liaison
Iris Freeman, Administrative Assistant

Department staff attended the meeting via WebEx:

Samara Cotter, JD, Deputy Director of Statewide Enforcement
Theodore Adams, JD, Chief of Statewide Investigations
Joseph Fojtik, MD, Deputy Medical Coordinator
Jessica Pantoja, Patient Advocate Liaison

Open Minutes

A motion was made and seconded (Reddy/Huffman) to approve the open minutes from the Complaint Committee meetings held on January 15, 2025 and on February 5, 2025. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Laporta abstained.

Recommendations made by the Complaint Committee on March 5, 2025

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

- Close 30 complaints - 5 with a letter of concern.
- Refer 12 complaints to Medical Prosecutions for review.
- Approve open and closed minutes from Complaint Committee meetings held January 15, 2025 and February 5, 2025.

A motion was made and seconded (Huffman/Laporta) to accept the recommendations made by the Complaint Committee on February 19, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommendations made by Medical Board in closed session on March 5, 2025

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

- Approve 2 subpoenas.
- Approve termination of 1 agreement of care, counseling and treatment.
- Approve 1 non-disciplinary order.
- Approve 9 consent orders: Steven Alexander Cambalik, MD, 2021-094478; Adam S Ali MD, 2024-04086; Mark R Bednard DO, 2023-03332; Agnes Marie Flaum MD, 2023-00157; Josip Pasic MD, 2013-01173; Jeffrey M Alexander DO, 2019-07126; Roberto Garcia MD, 2019-12226; Sadegh Asefi DC, 2024-07179; Ralph A Highshaw, MD.
- 2019-04101 and 2022-03595, Ijaz Mahmood MD - Adopt the Administrative Law Judge's (ALJ) Report and Recommendation for the Respondent's Petition for Restoration to be Denied.

A motion was made and seconded (Laporta/Huffman) to accept the recommendations made by the Medical Board during the closed session meeting on March 5, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Mr. Marion reported for the month of February: 130 complaints were received; 37 complaints were referred to Medical Prosecutions for review; 140 complaints were closed; there were 528 open investigations; and the average caseload for an investigator was 88 cases.

Dr. Goyal reported that as of March 4, 2025, there were 165 cases assigned to the medical coordinators with 23 agreements of care, counseling, or treatment (CCT), and 334 cases monitored by the Probation unit.

Ms. Cotter reported that as of March 4, 2025, there were 942 open cases assigned to the Medical Prosecutions unit including 13 tax liability cases.

Adjourn Closed Session

A motion was made and seconded (Laporta/Ray) to adjourn the closed session meeting of the Medical Board. The motion passed by a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.