



Division of Professional Regulation

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**The Illinois State Medical Board convened an open meeting** at 9:04 a.m. on Wednesday, March 19, 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 Mary Huffman, DC, Member Maria Laporta, MD, Member Caroline Moellering, Public Member Alicia Rauh, MD, Member Sreenivas Reddy, MD, Member Thomas Boyle, DO, Vice Chair Mohammed Jameel, MD Member James MacKenzie, DO, Member Bartlomiej Nierzwicki, MD, Member Dana Ray, MD, Member

James Brooks, Public Member attended the meeting via WebEx.

Henry Adekola, MD, Member, Ratna Kanumury PA, Member, and Radhika Lohia, JD, Public Member did not attend the meeting.

Department staff were physically present for the meeting:

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

Department staff attended the meeting via WebEx:

Samara Cotter, JD, Deputy Director of Statewide Enforcement Shami Goyal, MD, Chief Medical Coordinator Theodore Adams, JD, Chief of Statewide Investigations Robert Mosley, MD, Deputy Medical Coordinator Karen O'Mara, DO, Deputy Medical Coordinator

# **Open Minutes**

A motion was made and seconded (Jameel/Reddy) to approve the open minutes from the February 19, 2025 and March 5 2025 Medical Board meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

## Recommendations made by the Complaint Committee on March 19, 2025

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

- Close 24 complaints 4 with a letter of concern.
- Refer 22 complaints to Medical Prosecutions for review.
- Close 5 mandatory reports.
- Refer 5 mandatory reports to Medical Prosecutions for review.
- Approve minutes for Complaint Committee meetings held on 02/19/25 and 03/05/2025.

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

### Recommendations made by Medical Board in closed session on March 19, 2025

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

- Approve 3 subpoenas.
- Approve 1 non-disciplinary orders.
- Approve 14 consent orders:

<u>Respondent</u>
Scott Andrew Gestrich, MD
Shannon P. Calhoun, DO
Marc S. Shinderman, MD
Teresa A. Wanczyk, DO
Jose G. Trevino, MD
Martha C. Mann, MD
Krisnaswami Sriram, MD
Junaid Ahmed, MD
Ryan J. Cleland, DC
Brandon R. Tolman, DO
Steven L. Wolf, MD
George X. Zaleski, MD

Indefinitely Suspend Physician and Surgeon license, No. 036-057995 for a minimum of 2 years. Case #: 2020-02136, Respondent: Nancy Qusba, MD.

A motion was made and seconded (Moellering/Jameel) to accept the recommendations made by the Medical Board during the closed session meeting on March 19, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

### Reports

Mr. Marion reported for the month of March 1-12, 2025: 56 complaints were received; 13 complaints were referred to Medical Prosecutions for review; 34 complaints were closed; there were 571 open investigations; and the average caseload for an investigator was 95 cases.

Dr. Goyal reported that as of March 18, 2025, there were 153 cases assigned to the medical coordinators with 22 agreements of care, counseling, or treatment (CCT), and 304 cases monitored by the Probation unit.

Ms. Cotter reported that as of March 18, 2025, there were 938 open cases assigned to the Medical Prosecutions unit including 7 tax liability cases.

Ms. McGinn noted receipt of a letter of resignation from Dr. Rodriguez that he asked to be read to the Board. Dr. Rodriguez thanked everyone and said it has been a pleasure to work alongside the Medical Board members and Department staff. Dr. Rodriguez said that he would miss the early morning discussions and that he wishes everyone the best.

Dr. Huffman shared information about non-pharmacological care for pain management. The American College of Physicians recommends spinal manipulation be initially utilized for acute, subacute, or chronic low back pain prior to pharmacologic management. The World Health Organization recommends spinal manipulation, massage, and acupuncture for the management of chronic low back pain. The CDC recommends noninvasive non-pharmacologic approaches including spinal manipulation for acute pain. Some research shows that patients who initially received chiropractic care and physical therapy for low back had significantly decreased odds of opioid use for pain management. Other studies show that chiropractic care combined with medical care for low back pain provided greater pain relief than medical care alone. Some approaches to offering best patient care include broadening access to care through expanded insurance coverage or efforts to increase the number of chiropractic providers. Also, it is important to educate people about the benefits of non-pharmacologic pain care management and the options that are available. It is necessary for healthcare providers to work together to offer patients the best information based on evidence-based education to achieve the best outcome.

# **Public Comments**

Mr. Kris Cemail addressed the Board about his concerns related to the healthcare industry.

# **Adjourn Open Session**

A motion was made and seconded (Reddy/Jameel) to adjourn the closed session meeting of the Medical Board. The motion passed by a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.