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The Illinois State Medical Board convened an open meeting at 9:01 a.m. on Wednesday, May 7, 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
Mohammed Jameel, MD, Member
Maria Laporta, MD Member
James MacKenzie, DO, Member
Bartlomiej Nierzwicki, DO Member

Alicia Rauh, MD, Member
Ratna Kanumury, PA-C, Member
James Brooks, Public Member
Radhika Lohia, JD, Public Member

Henry Adekola, MD, Member; Thomas Boyle, DO, member; Sreenivas Reddy, MD, member did not attend the meeting

Department staff were physically present for the meeting:

Meghan Pipolo, Chief of Medical Prosecutions
Shami Goyal, MD, Chief Medical Coordinator
Greg Marion, Chief of Medical Investigations
Lauren McGinn, JD, Associate General Counsel
Jerry R. Miller, Board Liaison
Jane Livingston, Administrative Assistant

Department staff attended the meeting via WebEx:

Theodore Adams, JD, Chief of Statewide Investigations
Samara Cotter, JD Deputy Director Statewide Enforcement

Open Minutes

A motion was made and seconded (Jameel/Huffman) to approve the open minutes from the Complaint Committee meetings held on April 16, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommendations made by the Complaint Committee on May 7, 2025

Mr. Miller, Ms. Livingston reported that the Complaint Committee made the following recommendations:

- Close 22 complaints - 10 with a letter of concern.
- Refer 14 complaints to Medical Prosecutions for review.

- Approve open and closed minutes from Complaint Committee meetings held May 7, 2025, 2025

A motion was made and seconded (Laporta/Reddy) to accept the recommendations made by the Complaint Committee on May 7, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommendations made by Medical Board in closed session on May 7, 2025

Mr. Miller & Ms. Livingston reported that the Medical Board made the following recommendations:

- Approve 4 subpoenas.
- Approve 1 agreement of care, counseling and treatment.
- Approve 15 non-disciplinary order.
- Approve 8 consent orders: Luke Cho, MD, 2019-11879; Patrick Buranicz, DO, 2022-02754; Kevin R. McCarthy, DC, 2024-03075; Michale McNear, MD, 2022-09998; Michah Oakley, PA-C, 2024-03477; Yusuf Ruhullah, MD, 2024-08833; Marcus Marlow, MD, 2020-04907; and Stephen Behnke, MD 2023-04941

A motion was made and seconded (Mackenzie/Kanumury) to accept the recommendations made by the Medical Board during the closed session meeting on May 7, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Mr. Marion reported for the month of April 1, 2025 through April 30, 2025 : 166 complaints were received; 33 complaints were referred to Medical Prosecutions for review; 210 complaints were closed; there were 540 open investigations; and the average caseload for an investigator was 90 cases.

Dr. Goyal reported that as of May 7, 2025, there were 125 cases assigned to the medical coordinators with 21 agreements of care, counseling, or treatment (CCT), and 348 cases monitored by the Probation unit.

Ms. Pipolo reported that as of May 7, 2025, there were 933 open cases assigned to the Medical Prosecutions unit including 5 tax liability cases.

Adjourn Closed Session

A motion was made and seconded (MacKenzie/Brooks) to adjourn the closed session meeting of the Medical Board. The motion passed by a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.