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The **Illinois State Medical Board** convened an **open meeting** at 9:25 a.m. on Wednesday, July 15, 2026. 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.

Board members who were physically present for the meeting:

James MacKenzie, DO, Chair
Sarah Assian, PA-C
Douglas Matzner, DC
Kari Wolf, MD

Mary Huffman, DC, Vice Chair
Thomas Gleason, MD
Amber Poettker, PA-C

Mohammed Asif, MD
Maria Laporta, MD
Sreenivas Reddy, MD

Board members who attended the meeting via Webex:

Thomas Boyle, DO

Thomas Granatir

Mohammed Jameel, MD

Board members who did not attend the meeting:

Henry Adekola, MD

James Brooks

Alicia Rauh, MD

Department staff who were physically present for the meeting:

Shami Goyal, MD, Chief Medical Coordinator
Meghan Pipolo, Chief of Medical Prosecutions
Todd Robertson, Board Liaison

Lauren McGinn, Associate General Counsel
Greg Marion, Chief of Medical Investigations

Department staff who attended the meeting via Webex:

Iris Freeman, Administrative Assistant
Ted Adams, Chief of Investigations

Open Minutes

It was moved (Matzner) and seconded (Gleason) to approve the open session minutes from the June 17, 2026 Medical Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Laporta abstained.

Recommendations made by the Complaint Committee on July 15, 2026

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

- Close 14 complaints - 4 with a letter of concern
- Refer 15 complaints to Prosecutions for review
- Close 5 mandatory reports – 1 with a letter of concern
- Refer 5 mandatory reports to Investigations
- Refer 1 mandatory report to Prosecutions
- Approve open and closed minutes for June 17, 2026 Complaint Committee meeting

It was moved (Matzner) and seconded (Laporta) to approve the recommendations made by the Complaint Committee on July 15, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommendations made by Medical Board in closed session on July 15, 2026

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

- Approve 8 subpoenas
- Approve 9 consent orders
 - 2015-04978 Daniel Gibson DO 2025-01928 Samy-Malik Bendjemil MD
 - 2025-12505 Tibor C. Kopjas MD 2024-01110 Matthew C. Winkleman MD
 - 2026-09330 Kara Lienhard MD 2025-11438 Rusty Gene Baker PA
 - 2025-02582 Nicholas Borchers PA 2019-03929 Leonid Zetser MD
 - 2025-11357 Hyung Soo Kim DC
- Approve 6 non-disciplinary orders.
- Approve 1 Default Order
 - 2023-00775 John Pieniazek MD
 - Indefinitely suspend license for a minimum of 1 year
- Approve 6 applications for Temporary Licensure
 - Mohammad El Sibai Joanne Jiang
 - Elinor Benshabat Antony Pellegrino
 - Mehnoosh Torkzaban Ron Zaidman
- Approve 2 Variances from USMLE time limit requirement
 - Gustavo Guillermo Mendez MD
 - Syed Ahmed
- Defer 1 application for Physician and Surgeon Licensure
 - Lamiaa Hamie MD
- Defer 1 application for Chiropractic Physician Licensure
 - Melinda Marqui DC
- Approve closed minutes for June 17, 2026 Medical Board meeting

It was moved (Matzner) and seconded (Reddy) to approve the recommendations made in closed session by the Medical Board on July 15, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Mr. Marion reported for the period of July 1, 2026 through July 8, 2026: 45 complaints were received; 10 complaints were referred to Medical Prosecutions for review; 10 complaints were closed; there were 726 open investigations; and the average caseload for an investigator was 103 cases.

Dr. Goyal reported that as of July 15, 2026, there were 112 cases assigned to the medical coordinators with 24 agreements of care, counseling, or treatment (CCT), and 207 cases monitored by the Probation unit.

Ms. Pipolo reported that as of July 15, 2026, there were 953 open cases assigned to the Medical Prosecutions unit.

Public Comment

The Board received public comments from 3 individuals.

Adjourn Meeting

It was moved (Matzner) and seconded (Gleason) to adjourn the open session meeting of the Medical Board. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.