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**The Illinois State Medical Licensing Board** convened via WebEx on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 9:02 a.m. It was unfeasible to meet in-person due to the COVID-19 disaster.

The following Board members and Department staff were present for the meeting:

Maria Laporta, MD, Vice-Chairperson  
Philip Dray, MD, Member  
Craig Niederberger, MD, Member  
Nicholas G. Parise, DO, Member

The members present constituted a quorum.

Shami Goyal, MD, Chief Medical Coordinator  
Brandon Thom, Chief of Business Prosecutions  
Munaza Aman, Associate General Counsel  
Todd Robertson, Board Liaison

### OPENING STATEMENT

Dr. Laporta read the following statement before the meeting started: *This meeting is being conducted by audio or video conference without the physical presence of a quorum of the members because the Governor of the State of Illinois has issued a disaster declaration related to public health concerns and an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of the disaster described in that declaration. This meeting is further being conducted by audio or videoconference because the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation has determined pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of the Open Meetings Act that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of a disaster. All votes will be conducted by roll call, so each member's vote on each issue can be identified and recorded.*

### OPEN MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Niederberger/Dr. Dray) to approve the open minutes of the September 8, 2021 Medical Licensing Board meeting. Roll call vote - Ayes: Dr. Laporta, Dr. Dray, Dr. Niederberger, Dr. Parise. Nays: None. Abstained: None. The motion passed.

### CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Laporta/Dr. Dray) to close the session pursuant to Section 2 (c)(15) of the Open Meetings Act.. Roll call vote - Ayes: Dr. Laporta, Dr. Dray, Dr. Niederberger, Dr. Parise. Nays: None. Abstained: None. The motion passed and the session closed at 9:05 a.m.

The Medical Licensing Board closed session included review and recommendation on closed minutes, 4 License Application reviews, 1 Agreement of Care, Counseling or Treatment (CCT), and 1 Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Report and Recommendation.

## **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Dray/Dr. Parise) to return to open session. The motion passed by a voice vote and the session opened at 10:31 a.m.

## **BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Medical Licensing Board approved the following recommendations made in closed session:

Approve closed minutes from September 8, 2021;  
Approve 2 Variances from Rules Section 1285.60(a)(7);  
Approve 2 Variances from Rules Section 1285.60(a)(8);  
Approve 1 Application for Visiting Physician Permit pending receipt of additional information/  
Approve 1 CCT agreement; and  
Accept in part and reject in part 1 ALJ Report and Recommendation.

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Laporta/Dr. Parise) to approve the board recommendations made in closed session on October 13, 2021. Roll call vote - Ayes: Dr. Laporta, Dr. Dray, Dr. Niederberger, Dr. Parise. Nays: None. Abstained: None. The motion passed.

## **NEXT BUSINESS MEETING**

Dr. Parise noted that he may not be available to attend the next business meeting on November 10, 2021.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the Medical Licensing Board, a motion was made and seconded (Dr. Dray/Dr. Parise) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.