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The Illinois State Medical Licensing Board convened via WebEx on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 9:03 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:

Douglas G. Matzner, Chairperson
Maria Laporta, MD, Vice-Chairperson
Philip Dray, MD, Member
Craig Niederberger, MD, Member

The members present constituted a quorum.

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

OPENING STATEMENT

Dr. Matzner 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 October 13, 2021 Medical Licensing Board meeting. Roll call vote - Ayes: Dr. Matzner, Dr. Laporta, Dr. Dray, Dr. Niederberger; Nays: None. The motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Aman announced it would be her last meeting as legal counsel due to a reassignment of professions for DPR Legal Affairs. Vaughn Bentley will begin serving as legal counsel for the Medical Board.

Dr. Goyal informed the Board members that the IDFPR Chicago office recently moved to its new location: 555 West Monroe Street, 5th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60661.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Laporta/Dr. Dray) to close the session pursuant to Sec. 2 (c)(15) of the Open Meetings Act. Roll call vote - Ayes: Dr. Matzner, Dr. Laporta, Dr. Dray, Dr. Niederberger; Nays: None. The motion passed and the session closed at 9:09 a.m.

The Medical Licensing Board closed session included review and recommendation on closed minutes, and 9 License Application reviews.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Niederberger/Dr. Laporta) to return to open session. The motion passed by a voice vote and the session opened at 10:37 a.m.

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

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

Approve closed minutes from October 13, 2021;

Approve 3 Variances from Rules Section 1285.60(a)(7);

Approve 1 Variance from Rules Section 1285.130(c);

Defer 2 applications for physician licensure based on professional capacity qualifications pending receipt of evidence that applicants have recently completed an additional 100 hours of AMA PRA Category 1 Credit in clinical subjects/topic areas;

Defer 2 applications for chiropractic licensure based on professional capacity qualifications pending receipt of evidence that applicants have recently completed an additional 960 hours (1 year) of formal, supervised remedial clinical training through an accredited chiropractic college; and

Approve 1 application for physician licensure based on evidence of applicant's professional capacity qualification.

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Niederberger/Dr. Matzner) to approve the board recommendations made in closed session on November 10, 2021. Roll call vote - Ayes: Dr. Laporta, Dr. Niederberger, Dr. Dray; Nays: None. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Medical Licensing Board, a motion was made and seconded (Dr. Niederberger/Dr. Laporta) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.