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**The Illinois State Medical Licensing Board** convened via WebEx on Wednesday, December 8, 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  
Nicholas Parise, DO, Member

The members present constituted a quorum.

Shami Goyal, MD, Chief Medical Coordinator  
Brandon Thom, Chief of Business Prosecutions  
Daniel Valentin, Staff Attorney - Business Prosecutions  
Gabriel De Matteo, Staff Attorney - Business Prosecutions  
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.*

### UPDATES/REPORTS

Dr. Matzner thanked the Licensing Board for its vote of confidence in allowing him to serve as Chair for the past year. He stated that it has been an honor serving on the Board and commended the members on their professionalism in working collectively over the years.

Dr. Matzner asked for the record whether any member did not plan to serve on the new Medical Board starting January 1<sup>st</sup>. Members planning to serve on the new Board included Dr. Matzner, Dr. Laporta, and Dr. Dray. Dr. Parise explained that he would be unable to continue serving due to the time commitment required. It was also acknowledged that Dr. Niederberger did not plan to serve on the new Board.

## **OPEN MINUTES**

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Dray/Dr. Niederberger) to approve the open minutes of the November 10, 2021 Medical Licensing Board meeting. Roll call vote - Ayes: Dr. Matzner, Dr. Laporta, Dr. Dray, Dr. Niederberger, Dr. Parise; Nays: None. The motion passed.

## **DISCUSSION - CONSENT AGENDA**

The Board discussed streamlining the process for considering and voting on certain board agenda items. Upon discussion, it was determined that the following items could be included on a consent agenda when presented to the board for review and consideration at future meetings:

- 1) Requests for Variance from the USMLE 7-year requirement in Section 1285.60 of the Medical Rules.
- 2) Requests for Variance from the core clerkship requirement in Section 1285.20 of the Medical Rules.
- 3) Department orders and agreements, i.e., consent orders, CCTs, etc.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Matzner/Dr. Niederberger) to close the session pursuant to Section 2 (c)(15) of the Open Meetings Act. Roll call vote - Ayes: Dr. Matzner, Dr. Laporta, Dr. Dray, Dr. Niederberger, Dr. Parise; Nays: None. The motion passed and the session closed at 9:25 a.m.

The Medical Licensing Board closed session included review and recommendation on closed minutes, and 4 License Application Reviews, 2 Consent Orders, and 3 CCT Agreements.

## **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Laporta/Dr. Niederberger) to return to open session. The motion passed by a voice vote and the session opened at 10:47 a.m.

## **BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

- Approve closed minutes from November 10, 2021;
- Approve 4 Variances from Rules Section 1285.60(a)(7);
- Approve 2 Consent Orders; and
- Approve 3 Agreements of Care, Counseling, or Treatment.

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Niederberger/Dr. Laporta) to approve the board recommendations made in closed session on December 8, 2021. Roll call vote - Ayes: Dr. Matzner, Dr. Laporta, Dr. Dray, Dr. Niederberger, Dr. Parise; 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. Matzner/Dr. Niederberger) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.