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The Illinois State Medical Board convened an open session meeting via WebEx at 9:08 a.m. on Wednesday, January 5, 2022. It was not practical or prudent to meet in-person due to the COVID-19 disaster.

The following members were present for the meeting:

Aja Carr-Favors, JD
Philip Dray, MD
Darren D. Hancock, DC
Peter Hofmann, MD
Maria Laporta, MD
Douglas G. Matzner, DC
Caroline Moellering
Karen O'Mara, DO
Umang S. Patel, MD
Sreenivas G. Reddy, MD

The members present constituted a quorum.

The following Department staff were present for the meeting:

Shami Goyal, MD, Chief Medical Coordinator
John Zander, MD, Deputy Medical Coordinator
Joseph Fojtik, MD, Deputy Medical Coordinator
Robert Mosley, MD, Deputy Medical Coordinator
Ted Adams, Chief of Investigations
Greg Marion, Chief of Medical Investigations
Jessica Pantoja, Patient Advocate Liaison
Brandon Thom, Chief of Business Prosecutions
Vaughn Bentley, Associate General Counsel
Todd Robertson, Board Liaison

OPENING STATEMENT

Dr. Reddy read the following opening statement: *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.*

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Dr. Laporta and Dr. Reddy were nominated for Chair of the Medical Board. Roll call vote - Dr. Laporta: Dr. Matzner, Dr. O'Mara, Dr. Laporta; Dr. Reddy: Ms. Carr-Favors, Dr. Dray, Dr. Hancock, Dr. Hofmann, Ms. Moellering, Dr. Patel, Dr. Reddy. Dr. Reddy was elected Chair by majority vote.

Dr. Laporta was nominated for Vice Chair of the Medical Board. No other nominations were made. Roll call vote - Ayes: Ms. Carr-Favors, Dr. Dray, Dr. Hancock, Dr. Hofmann, Dr. Laporta, Dr. Matzner, Ms. Moellering, Dr. O'Mara, Dr. Patel, Dr. Reddy; Nays: None. Dr. Laporta was elected Vice Chair by unanimous vote.

OPEN MINUTES - Licensing Board

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Laporta/Dr. Matzner) to approve the open session minutes for the Licensing Board meeting held on December 8, 2021. Roll call vote - Ayes: Dr. Dray, Dr. Laporta, Dr. Matzner; Nays: None; Abstain: Ms. Carr-Favors, Dr. Hancock, Dr. Hofmann, Ms. Moellering, Dr. O'Mara, Dr. Patel, Dr. Reddy.

OPEN MINUTES - Disciplinary Board

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Reddy/Dr. Patel) to approve the open session minutes for the Disciplinary Board meeting held on December 15, 2021. Roll call vote - Ayes: Ms. Carr-Favors, Dr. Hancock, Dr. Hofmann, Ms. Moellering, Dr. O'Mara, Dr. Patel, Dr. Reddy; Nays: None; Abstain: Dr. Dray, Dr. Laporta, Dr. Matzner. The motion passed.

RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Complaint Committee in closed session on January 5, 2022

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

Close 21 complaints - 6 with Letters of Concern; Refer 10 complaints for prosecution; Close 1 mandatory report; and Approve closed minutes from the December 15, 2021 Complaint Committee meeting.

A motion was made and seconded (Ms. Carr-Favors/Dr. Reddy) to accept the recommendations made by the Complaint Committee during its closed session meeting on January 5, 2022. Roll call vote - Ayes: Ms. Carr-Favors, Dr. Dray, Dr. Hancock, Dr. Hofmann, Dr. Laporta, Dr. Matzner, Ms. Moellering, Dr. O'Mara, Dr. Patel, Dr. Reddy; Nays: None. The motion passed.

RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Medical Board in closed session on January 5, 2022

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

Approve termination of 2 Agreements of Care, Counseling or Treatment, Approve 3 Consent Orders, and 3 Non-Disciplinary Orders, and 1 Agreement of Care Counseling or Treatment; Approve 1 Board Subpoena; Approve 3 Variances from the USMLE 7-year requirement in Section 1285.60(a)(7) of the Medical Rules for 3 license applicants; and Approve closed session minutes for December 8, 2021 Licensing Board meeting and closed session minutes for December 15, 2021 Disciplinary Board meeting.

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Matzner/Dr. Hancock) to accept the recommendations made by the Disciplinary Board during its closed session meeting on January 5, 2022. Roll call vote - Ayes: Ms. Carr-Favors, Dr. Dray, Dr. Hancock, Dr. Hofmann, Dr. Laporta, Dr. Matzner, Ms. Moellering, Dr. O'Mara, Dr. Patel, Dr. Reddy; Nays: None. The motion passed.

CHIEF MEDICAL COORDINATOR REPORT:

Dr. Goyal reported that 177 cases are currently assigned to Medical Coordinators of which 52 are CCTs and 275 cases in Probations.

CHIEF OF MEDICAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT:

Mr. Marion reported that for the month of December: 100 complaints were received, 19 cases were referred to Medical Prosecutions, and 197 cases were closed. There are 977 cases open in Medical Investigations with 177 case files assigned to Medical Coordinators. The average caseload per investigator is 122 cases.

CHIEF OF MEDICAL PROSECUTIONS REPORT:

Mr. Thom reported that a total of 724 cases are open in Medical Prosecutions - 15 cases are tax cases.

GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT:

Mr. Bentley offered a reminder for board members interested in serving on the new Medical Board to complete the application process through the Governor's website. He also advised board members to encourage others to apply who would be interested in serving and who would be good candidates for the new Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further open session business to be brought before the Disciplinary Board, a motion was made and seconded (Dr. Patel/ Ms. Moellering) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote - the open session meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.