



## ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

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### FINAL MINUTES FOR SUMMARY ACTION TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Held on March 5, 2025

1740 W. Adams St., Board Room 4100 • Phoenix, Arizona

#### **Board Members**

Gary R. Figge, M.D., Chair  
Bruce A. Bethancourt, M.D., F.A.C.P., Vice-Chair  
Laura Dorrell, M.S.N., R.N., Secretary  
Katie S. Artz, M.D., M.S.  
Jodi A. Bain, M.A., J.D., LL.M.  
David C. Beyer, M.D., F.A.C.R., F.A.S.T.R.O.  
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James M. Gillard, M.D., M.S., F.A.C.E.P., F.A.A.E.M.  
Gail Guerrero-Tucker, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.A.F.P., D.A.B.F.M.  
Lois E. Krahn, M.D.  
Jessyca Leach

### GENERAL BUSINESS

#### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Figge called the Board's meeting to order at: 6:16 p.m.

#### **B. ROLL CALL**

The following Board members were present: Dr. Figge, Dr. Bethancourt, Ms. Dorrell, Dr. Artz, Ms. Bain, Dr. Beyer, Dr. Farmer, Dr. Gillard, Dr. Guerrero-Tucker, Dr. Krahn.

The following Board members were absent: Ms. Leach.

#### **ALSO PRESENT**

The following Board staff participated in the meeting: Patricia McSorley, Executive Director; Raquel Rivera, Deputy Director; Claude Deschamps, M.D., Chief Medical Consultant; Nicole Samaradellis, Investigations Manager and Heather Foster, Public Records Coordinator, Carrie Smith, Assistant Attorney General ("AAG") also participated in the teleconference.

#### **C. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No individuals that addressed the Board during the Public Statements portion of the teleconference.

### LEGAL MATTERS

#### **D. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SUMMARY ACTION**

1. MD-24-0863A, ALI DOSANI M.D., LIC. #67718  
Dr. Dosani and Council participated virtually.

Board staff summarized that this case was initiated after receiving a confidential complaint that the physician might have worked while under the influence. As part of the investigation the Executive Director issued an Interim Order for testing with a PHP contractor. The physician presented to testing and admitted to the contractor that he has drunk alcohol since completion of his PHP monitoring with the Board in February, 2024. The contractor reported to board staff the physician's test was positive. The Executive Director issued an interim order for PHP Assessment which the physician completed with the same contractor. The PHP contractor had the physician complete another test that was also positive. The PHP

contractor could not determine the physician's safety to practice and recommended a comprehensive evaluation. The PHP contractor has advised the physician of the recommendation. Board staff noted that the PHP contractor has not heard from the physician about whether he plans to follow through with the recommendation. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1452(F), a physician who is under a consent agreement or a probation order that is no longer in effect and who commits unprofessional conduct defined in A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(f) shall request the Board to place the licensee's license inactive status with cause. If the licensee fails to do this the Board shall summarily suspend the licensee's license per A.R.S. § 32-1451(D). The board staff offered the inactive with cause and the physician has declined. Board staff noted the physician has relapsed and requested to summarily suspend his license.

Council stated that the physician's employer does not have any concerns about being impaired while at work, which did not substantiate the complaint. The test results and the information from the physician are consistent with what was reported to the PHP contractor. The evaluator's recommendation was for a more comprehensive evaluation. The offer from the board staff was inactive with cause, which would require the physician to cease the practice of medicine. The only way to reactivate the license would be to enroll in an inpatient rehabilitation facility, which is not consistent with the evaluator's recommendation. Thus, the physician did not sign the board order. The physician is willing to follow the recommendation of the evaluator.

Dr. Dosani stated he never practiced medicine while under the influence and returning to social drinking has not been a problem. The first-time hearing from board staff after the evaluation was the offer of the Inactive with Cause board order.

**MOTION: Dr. Krahn moved for the Board to enter into Executive Session to obtain legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).**

**SECOND: Ms. Bain.**

**VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Figge, Dr. Bethancourt, Ms. Dorrell, Dr. Artz, Ms. Bain, Dr. Beyer, Dr. Farmer, Dr. Gillard, Dr. Guerrero-Tucker, Dr. Krahn.**

**The following Board members were absent: Ms. Leach**

**VOTE: 10-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

Dr. Gillard asked what proof the board staff has that the physician was impaired at work.

Board staff stated after the complaint comes in the first step is to have the physician report for testing. The complaint cannot be ignored. The physician has had a prior substance problem.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:50 p.m.

No legal action was taken by the Board during Executive Session.

**MOTION: Dr. Krahn moved to table this case to obtain additional information through a comprehensive evaluation within 10 days.**

**SECOND: Dr. Artz.**

**VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Figge, Dr. Bethancourt, Ms. Dorrell, Dr. Artz, Ms. Bain, Dr. Beyer, Dr. Farmer, Dr. Gillard, Dr. Guerrero-Tucker, Dr. Krahn.**

**The following Board members were absent: Ms. Leach.**

**VOTE: 10-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

## **E. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: Dr. Beyer moved for adjournment.**

**SECOND: Dr. Guerrero-Tucker.**

**VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Figge, Dr. Bethancourt, Ms. Dorrell, Dr. Artz, Ms. Bain, Dr. Beyer, Dr. Farmer, Dr. Gillard, Dr. Guerrero-Tucker, Dr. Krahn.**

**The following Board members were absent: Ms. Leach.**

**VOTE: 10-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.  
MOTION PASSED.**

The meeting adjourned at: 6:57 p.m.



*Raquel Rivera*

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Raquel Rivera, Interim Executive  
Director