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FINAL MINUTES FOR SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING Scheduled to begin at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 1740 W. Adams St., 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.
R. Screven Farmer, M.D.
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

Chair Figge called the meeting to order at: 5:06 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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

The following Board member was absent: Dr. Bethancourt.

ALSO PRESENT

The following Board staff participated in the meeting: Raquel Rivera, Interim Executive Director; Claude Deschamps, M.D., Chief Medical Consultant; Nicole Samaradellis, Investigations Manager; and Michelle Robles, Board Operations Manager. Carrie Smith, Assistant Attorney General ("AAG") also participated in the meeting.

C. PUBLIC STATEMENTS REGARDING MATTERS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Individuals who addressed the Board during the Public Statements portion of the meeting appear beneath the case.

D. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Discussion Regarding AMB Meeting Calendar for 2026

Ms. Rivera stated the proposed calendar have been submitted for your review. If there are no objections to the proposed calendar staff would request approval for the 2026 meeting dates to be formalized.

MOTION: Dr. Gillard moved to approve the 2026 meeting calendar.

SECOND: Dr. Beyer.

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

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 3-absent.
MOTION PASSED.

- Review, Discussion, and Possible Action Regarding Amended Substantive Policy Statement #14 and Substantive Policy Statement #18 Addressing Pending Malpractice Claims Disclosed During the Licensing Process

Ms. Rivera noted that the Board previously verbally approved of the SPS but they are now before the board in writing for approval.

MOTION: Dr. Gillard moved to approve Revised SPS #14 and #18.
SECOND: Dr. Krahn.

Ms. Smith clarified that SPS #14 is a revised statement, but SPS #18 is new.

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

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 3-absent.
MOTION PASSED.

- Update and Discussion Regarding Board Member Appointments

Ms. Rivera updated the Board regarding Board member appointments and where each board member stands.

Dr. Figge asked if the Governor's office aware of the situation. If it would help to draft a letter of concern authorized by the Board to the Governor.

Ms. Rivera stated a letter of concern to the Governor is not needed at this time.

Ms. Rivera mentioned she has reached out to other organizations for assistance. Will keep the Board up to date with any future information.

- Update on FSMB New Free Educational Video Series on Physician Professional Boundaries

Ms. Rivera informed the board that the FSMB released a new webinar series, the video is free, and the link is provided on the FSMB newsletter.

- Update on PBI's Navigating Professional Boundaries in Medicine Course

Ms. Rivera informed the board that it's a series on professional boundaries. The videos show scenarios that are frequently investigated at the board. This is a good resource for Arizona physicians and regulators. Physicians can receive CME credit.

- Update on AMB Draft Newsletter – May 2025

Ms. Rivera informed the board that she is anticipating that it will be released in a week.

- Legislative Update, including but not limited to:

- SB1395

Ms. Rivera reported that she has received emails from the Governor's office regarding the Board's position. Based on review of the Board minutes from February, the Board was originally in opposition. The bill at that time would eliminate the additional 24 month residency training requirement for international medical school graduates. After the February Board meeting, striker language was added to SB1395 to change the requirement from "to successfully complete" to "to be enrolled in an approved 24 month hospital Internship residency, or clinical fellowship." This would be in addition to the 12-month requirement for basic licensure as outlined in statute unless the applicant completed a 5th pathway. Ms. Rivera provided the most recent version of Senate Bill 1395 for the Board's review and requested direction on whether the Board maintained their opposition, or whether the striker language would change the Board's position on the bill.

Dr. Figge opined that the changes have made it more palatable and he would not oppose it the way it is, especially after recently learning more about what ECFMG certification entails. Dr. Krahn noted that she also had the opportunity to go to the FSMB presentation and found it very informative.

MOTION: Dr. Krahn moved to change the Board's position to neutral.

SECOND: Dr. Gillard

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

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 3-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

E. CHAIR'S REPORT

- Update to the Federation of State Medical Boards Annual Meeting

Dr. Figge informed the Board that the FSMB had a lot of changes regarding professionalism and assessing licensure. Dr. Figge opined the FSMB is a great source for resources that can benefit physicians. The meeting is not just about regulation but also about medical practice as well. The topics presented addressed issues the Board sees routinely during meetings. Dr. Figge recommended that all Board members attend in the future.

- Appointment of Administrative Joint Legislation and Rules Committee Members

Ms. Smith noted that due to Dr. Krahn's involvement with the ED Selection and Retention Committee she has requested to step down from the JLRC. If there is anybody who is interested in serving on the JLRC Dr. Figge can appoint a new member.

Dr. Figge requested that if anyone is interested to let him and staff know.

F. LEGAL ADVISOR'S REPORT

- Update re: Case 2:21-cv-01417-DLR *Issacson et. al. v Mayes et. el.*

Ms. Smith provided an update on the case which has been pending since 2021. The parties have stipulated to a dismissal, which has been provided to the Board members for their records. Ms. Smith confirmed that this case has been concluded.

G. UPDATE ON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SELECTION AND RETENTION COMMITTEE'S MEETINGS

Dr. Krahn recognized that Ms. Rivera has stepped in as the Interim Executive Director. Dr. Krahn reported that the Committee is currently receiving more applications.

H. DISCUSSION REGARDING DEBRIEFING ON BOARD PROCESSES

Dr. Beyer noted that once the 411 is taken down the documents are no longer available.

Board staff informed Board members that if a document is needed that they can email staff for a copy.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- November 25, 2024 Summary Action Meeting

MOTION: Dr. Gillard moved to approve the November 25, 2024 Summary Action Meeting.

SECOND: Dr. Krahn.

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

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 3-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

LEGAL MATTERS

J. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SETTLEMENT OFFER IN LIEU OF FORMAL HEARING

1. MD-22-0977A, ERIK M. RAMNATH, M.D., LIC. #28391

Dr. Ramnath participated virtually with counsel Flynn Carey. Seth Hargraves, AAG participated virtually on behalf of the State. Lynette Evans, AAG participated virtually as the Board's Independent Legal Advisor.

Mr. Carey presented his settlement offer to the Board and stated that the proposed revocation from SIRC does not honor the conclusions by the evaluators. Mr. Carey provided the Board with two letters on behalf of Dr. Ramnath. Mr. Carey proposed that Dr. Ramnath requests the ability to provide limited care without direct patient contact. Mr. Carey proposed that if Dr. Ramnath wished to provide direct care, he would need to come back before the Board. Mr. Carey stated that his proposal was based on Dr. Lott's report and informed the Board of the specific terms of the requested Order. Mr. Carey stated that he has a strong case if this were to go to hearing.

Mr. Hargraves stated the case was initiated after Dr. Ramnath's criminal attorney disclosed a class 5 felony charge. Mr. Hargraves disagreed with counsel's interpretation Arizona caselaw, and stated that it had no bearing on the proposal.

Mr. Carey stated by utilizing Dr. Lott's evidence-based evaluation recommendations and the Board's criteria, the parties could have a path forward and that Dr. Ramnath's recommendation respects the seriousness of the case. Mr. Carey requested that the board accepts the settlement proposal.

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

SECOND: Dr. Farmer.

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

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 3-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

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

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:08 p.m.

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

Dr. Krahn noted comments from Dr. Lott's report and stated that those comments give her pause about allowing this physician to have the ability to practice in any capacity. Dr. Farmer echoed Dr. Krahn's comment. He stated that Mr. Carey is trying to find a path to practice for his client but the Board is here to protect the public and the facts of this case are egregious and the statutes state that a conviction by the court proves that the actions happened.

MOTION: Dr. Farmer moved to deny the proposed settlement offer and proceed to formal hearing.

SECOND: Dr. Krahn.

Dr. Gillard questioned the public safety issue since disciplinary action including restrictions may be reached. Dr. Gillard spoke against the motion since there are other avenues the Board can take. Dr. Figge noted for the record that the Board has three options. Dr. Farmer noted that there has been discussion regarding using a license to work in an administrative capacity or treating patients but both involve conducting oneself as a physician. Working in an administrative capacity requires public trust and involves confidential information; therefore, public safety is implicated. Dr. Farmer stated that he found the distinction to be very artificial and agreed with SIRC's recommendation.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Figge, Ms. Dorrell, Dr. Artz, Ms. Bain, Dr. Beyer, Dr. Farmer, Dr. Gillard, Dr. Guerrero-Tucker, Dr. Krahn and Ms. Leach. The following Board member was absent: Dr. Bethancourt.
VOTE: 10-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.
MOTION PASSED.

K. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SUMMARY ACTION

1. MD-25-0130A, URSULA V. ROEDER, M.D., LIC. #16141

Dr. Roeder was not present. Dr. Farmer recused from the case. Ms. Bain and Dr. Bethancourt were absent. Dr. Artz stated that she knows the physician, but it will not affect her ability to adjudicate the case.

Board staff summarized that the Board initiated case number MD-25-0130A after receiving a complaint from Dr. Roeder's employer alleging that she did not report her DUI arrest to them in a timely manner and did not report her DUI arrest to the Board in a timely manner. Board staff requested a response to the complaint, Dr. Roeder has not provided a response. Dr. Roeder verbally informed Board staff she was arrested for DUI with a BAC of .15, in addition to Board staff obtaining a copy of the police report. As a result, the Board's Executive Director issued an Interim Order for PHP Assessment for Dr. Roeder. Dr. Roeder did not present for a PHP Assessment. Board staff offered Dr. Roeder an Interim Consent Agreement for Practice Restriction but she has not provided Board staff with a signed copy. In addition to failing to report a DUI in a timely manner, Dr. Roeder was terminated from employment due to a pattern of being significantly delinquent in completing patient notes. Board staff recommended the summary suspension of Dr. Ursula Roeder's medical license.

MOTION: Dr. Krahn moved to summarily suspend Dr. Roeder's license pending the outcome of a formal hearing in this matter based on a finding that the public health, safety and welfare imperatively requires emergency action.

SECOND: Dr. Guerrero-Tucker.

Dr. Beyer stated that there is enough to investigate but is unsure that there is an imminent threat to the public. Dr. Figge stated that the rationale was due to the non-compliance during the investigation and the physician being deemed unregulatable. Dr. Krahn stated that the physician has been absolutely uncooperative and forces the Board to take this action. Dr. Gillard if this goes to formal hearing the physician can explain herself there.

Ms. Rivera commented that the recommendation was based on the totality of circumstances. The Board' standard practice with a physician with a DUI is to issue an order for a PHP Assessment. The physician did not comply. Her license is unrestricted, so there is nothing to prevent her from being employed somewhere else and not disclose the investigation, as it is confidential.

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

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 1-recuse, 2-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

CONSENT AGENDA

L. CASES RECOMMENDED FOR DISMISSAL

1. MD-24-0953A, FALAK J. PATEL, M.D., LIC. #73921

Dr. Gillard noted that this physician was a resident and the attending physician bears responsibility, but opined that this should be tracked with an advisory letter. Dr. Artz noted that he was a second year resident and agreed with the dismissal since this was the responsibility of the attending physician. He is discussed later and took full responsibility which is appropriate. Dr. Krahn commented that it would be difficult for a seven day old second year resident to say they feel uncomfortable when the attending requests

participation in the case, opined that reduced the responsibility of inadequate supervision and teaching.

MOTION: Dr. Gillard moved to dismiss.

SECOND: Dr. Artz

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

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

MOTION PASSED.

2. MD-23-1197A, CASSANDRA L. BEIENBURG, M.D., LIC. #63405

Dr. Beienburg addressed the Board during the Public Statements portion of the meeting.

MOTION: Dr. Krahn moved to dismiss.

SECOND: Dr. Gillard.

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

VOTE: 9-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 2-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

M. CASES RECOMMENDED FOR ADVISORY LETTERS

MOTION: Dr. Beyer moved to issue an Advisory Letter in item numbers 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6.

SECOND: Dr. Artz

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

VOTE: 9-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 2-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

1. MD-22-1145A, NEAL A. NIRENBERG, M.D., LIC. #25484

Dr. Nirenberg, counsel Cynthia Patane and L.N. addressed the Board during the Public Statements portion of the meeting on behalf of the physician. J.S., W.S. and F.G. addressed the Board during the Public Statements portion of the meeting.

RESOLUTION: Advisory Letter for inadequate medical records and for providing misleading information during the investigation. While there is insufficient evidence to support disciplinary action, the board believes that continuation of the activities that led to the investigation may result in further board action against the licensee.

2. MD-23-1000A, JOSEPH A. COUVILLON, M.D., LIC. #66528

Counsel Leah Sachar addressed the Board during the Public Statements portion of the meeting on behalf of the physician.

RESOLUTION: Advisory Letter for failing to properly perform ethanol sclerotherapy by instilling an exceeding high volume of ethanol and for action taken by the Colorado Medical Board. While the licensee has demonstrated substantial compliance through rehabilitation or remediation that has mitigated the need for disciplinary action, the board believes that repetition of the activities that led to the investigation may result in further board action against the licensee.

3. MD-23-1055A, MARCELLA T. TORRES, M.D., LIC. #21643

Dr. Torres and counsel Tracy Olson addressed the Board during the Public Statements portion of the meeting.

Dr. Krahn stated that she knows the physician but it would not affect her ability to adjudicate the case.

Dr. Gillard noted that the patient presented to the emergency department for a lump of the neck and the physician performed an exam, determined it was not an emergent situation and recommended a follow-up. During the follow up an ultrasound was ordered. The results of the ultrasound were salivary stones. Dr. Gillard stated that he cannot find fault with the physician.

MOTION: Dr. Gillard moved to dismiss.

SECOND: Dr. Farmer.

Dr. Beyer spoke in favor of the motion and stated that during the Call to Public, the physician spoke of a detailed examination.

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

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 3-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

4. MD-23-1251A, ANGEL R. LOPEZ, M.D., LIC. #58633

RESOLUTION: Advisory Letter for failing to provide adequate informed consent and for inadequate medical records. While there is insufficient evidence to support disciplinary action, the board believes that continuation of the activities that led to the investigation may result in further board action against the licensee.

5. MD-24-0503A, DAVID J. WEITZ, M.D., LIC. #41768

Counsel Mandi Karvis addressed the Board during the Public Statements portion of the meeting on behalf of the physician.

RESOLUTION: Advisory Letter for failing to identify and report a possible tumor in the posterior fossa on brain imaging studies. While there is insufficient evidence to support disciplinary action, the board believes that continuation of the activities that led to the investigation may result in further board action against the licensee.

6. MD-24-0688A, KYLE K. CHONG, M.D., LIC. #74308

RESOLUTION: Advisory Letter for failure to perform an adequate cardiac work-up in a patient with an abnormal EKG and for action taken by the Hawaii Medical Board. While there is insufficient evidence to support disciplinary action, the board believes that continuation of the activities that led to the investigation may result in further board action against the licensee.

7. MD-24-0907A, MATTHEW ROSS, M.D., LIC. #55306

Dr. Ross addressed the Board during the Public Statements Portion of the meeting.

Dr. Gillard noted that this was a patient who had been seen for the same thing multiple times and opined that these are very difficult patients. Dr. Gillard stated he can see how the MC was disturbed by the potential malingering and heard from the physician that there was potential secondary gain and attention seeking behavior. Dr. Gillard stated that the physician probably could have used a better diagnosis, but this patient was worked up multiple times.

MOTION: Dr. Gillard moved to dismiss.

SECOND: Dr. Beyer.

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

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 3-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

N. CASES RECOMMENDED FOR ADVISORY LETTERS WITH NON-DISCIPLINARY CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION ORDERS

1. MD-22-1078A, ROBERT J. WYLIE, M.D., LIC. #

Dr. Gillard stated this case was from a \$100,000 hip fracture malpractice settlement. He noted that it was a pretty complicated three-part fracture. The fluoroscopy showed an acceptable reduction. Three days later, a CT scan showed shortening of the femur and displacement of the subtrochanteric fragment. Dr. Gillard agreed that an advisory letter is warranted, but not the CME.

MOTION: Dr. Gillard moved to issue an Advisory Letter for failure to appropriately reduce a post-traumatic hip fracture in an active and healthy patient. While there is insufficient evidence to support disciplinary action, the board believes that continuation of the activities that led to the investigation may result in further board action against the licensee.

SECOND: Dr. Guerrero-Tucker.

Dr. Beyer spoke against the motion, said that people could learn a lot during a malpractice case. He stated that the response from the physician did not lead him to believe the physician has learned from this case and there still is a learning opportunity. Dr. Figge agreed with Dr. Gillard that there is nothing to be learned since the patient had a second surgery and was fine afterwards.

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

VOTE: 6-yay, 2-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 3-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

2. MD-24-1001A, STEPHEN E. BROWN, M.D., LIC. #18611

Counsel Callie Maxwell addressed the Board during the Public Statements portion of the meeting on behalf of the physician.

Dr. Beyer opined that the ethics CME is not necessary. This hinged on things that were done and said during the malpractice case.

MOTION: Dr. Beyer moved to issue an Advisory Letter for failing to adequately supervise a surgical resident resulting in a colo-vaginal fistula. While there is insufficient evidence to support disciplinary action, the board believes that continuation of the activities that led to the investigation may result in further board action against the licensee.

SECOND: Dr. Artz.

Dr. Artz noted that he has submitted a letter stating that he is retiring at the end of the year and no longer has a role with residents.

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

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 3-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

O. REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DISMISSALS

MOTION: Dr. Farmer moved to uphold the Executive Director dismissal in item numbers 1 and 2.

SECOND: Dr. Beyer.

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

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 3-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

1. MD-24-0487A, CHRISTOPHER N. COMPTON, M.D., LIC. #34117
K.H. addressed the Board during the Public Statements portion of the meeting.

RESOLUTION: Dismissal upheld.

2. MD-24-0017A, HAYDER K. ABDELLA, M.D., LIC. #28692

RESOLUTION: Dismissal upheld.

P. PROPOSED CONSENT AGREEMENTS (Disciplinary)

MOTION: Dr. Gillard moved to accept the Consent Agreement in item numbers 1-4.

SECOND: Dr. Artz.

Dr. Krahn spoke in support of the motion but noted her opinion that Dr. Gordon's case could have risen to a Decree of Censure. Dr. Krahn stated that since he has signed the consent for a Letter of Reprimand, she will accept it. Dr. Figge commented that the consent is for a Letter of Reprimand and Probation. Dr. Gillard asked if the CME was completed prior to the consent agreement being signed. Dr. Figge asked Ms. Smith or Board staff whether the physician has completed the CME portion of his probation.

Ms. Smith stated she is unable to locate records of completed CME. If the CME has been completed, Board staff can accept in satisfaction of the probation requirement. If the CME has not been completed, then the physician will still need to complete it.

Board staff confirmed the CME has not been completed.

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

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 3-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

1. MD-24-0158A, DANIEL J. GLATT, M.D., LIC. #53177

RESOLUTION: Consent Agreement for a Letter of Reprimand and Probation to comply with the California Board's Order. Dr. Glatt shall remain in compliance with the California Board's Order, and quarterly reports shall be submitted to the Board regarding the status of his compliance. The Probation shall not terminate except upon affirmative request of the physician and approval by the Board, and Dr. Glatt's request for termination shall be accompanied by proof that the California Board Order has been terminated.

2. MD-23-1132A, JAMES D. GORDON, M.D., LIC. #28386

RESOLUTION: Consent Agreement for a Letter of Reprimand and Probation. Within six months, complete no less than five hours of Board staff pre-approved Category 1 CME in the treatment of head and neck carcinomas. The CME hours shall be in addition to the hours required for license renewal. The Probation shall terminate upon proof of successful completion of the CME coursework.

3. MD-23-0449A, GREGORY A. ROBERTSON, M.D., LIC. #17506

RESOLUTION: Consent Agreement for a Letter of Reprimand and Probation. Within six months, complete CPEP's ProBE course in ethics and boundaries. The licensee shall obtain an unconditional or conditionally passing grade. The CME hours shall be in addition to the hours required for license renewal. The Probation shall not terminate except upon affirmative request of the physician and approval of the Board, and Dr. Robertson's request for termination shall be accompanied by proof of successful completion of the CME.

4. MD-21-0220A, MD-21-0791A, MD-22-0251A, MARY E. SCHLOTTERER, M.D., LIC. #21607

RESOLUTION: Consent Agreement for a Decree of Censure.

Q. LICENSE APPLICATIONS

i. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY LICENSE APPLICATION, OR TAKE OTHER ACTION

MOTION: Dr. Krahn moved to grant the license in item numbers 1-5.

SECOND: Dr. Gillard.

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

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 3-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

1. MD-24-0949A, JONATHAN L. SOLLENDER, M.D., LIC. # N/A

RESOLUTION: License granted.

2. MD-24-0937A, SELMA RASHID, M.D., LIC. # N/A

Dr. Rashid addressed the Board during the Public Statements portion of the meeting.

RESOLUTION: License granted.

3. MD-24-1250A, JOHN B. ANDELIN, M.D., LIC. # N/A

RESOLUTION: License granted.

4. MD-24-1003A, JONATHAN ORTON, M.D., LIC. # N/A

RESOLUTION: License granted.

5. MD-24-1224A, SANJEEV K. SHARMA, M.D., LIC. # N/A

Dr. Sharma addressed the Board during the Public Statements portion of the meeting.

RESOLUTION: License granted.

ii. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY LICENSE APPLICATION, OR TAKE OTHER ACTION WITH STAFF RECOMMENDATION

1. THIS CASE HAS BEEN PULLED FROM THE AGENDA.

2. MD-24-0715A, RAVINDRAKUMAR GANGADHARIAH, M.D., LIC. # N/A

Dr. Gangahariah and counsel Melissa Cuddington addressed the Board during the Public Statements portion of the meeting.

Dr. Gillard noted that the physician surrendered his Iowa license, but the investigation was not completed.

Ms. Smith clarified that he did not surrender he let his license expire. There is a prohibition against pending investigations, but since his license expired there is no longer a pending investigation.

Dr. Gillard noted that the physician has requested a probationary license.

Ms. Smith explained that the Board is within its discretion to offer a probationary license and recommended that if the Board intends to offer one, the case could be returned to SIRC with a recommendation on what type of probationary terms the board would like to issue and come back to the Board with a proposed consent agreement.

Dr. Gillard noted that the physician is board certified in dermatology but has not practiced in two years. He has surrendered his DEA license and has had some malpractice suits. Dr. Figge clarified he lost his DEA and Medicare.

MOTION: Dr. Gillard moved to return to SIRC to consider a probationary license. MOTION FAILED DUE TO NO SECOND.

MOTION: Dr. Krahn moved to offer the applicant the opportunity to withdraw his license application in lieu of a formal license denial within 30 days. If not withdrawn, the license application shall be denied based on A.R.S. § 32-1422(A)(3)(4)(6), (C) and (D).

SECOND: Dr. Farmer.

Dr. Guerrero-Tucker noted that this is a high need for this specialty in the rural areas. Dr. Krahn expressed concern that there are so many different issues in one case and found that malpractices have merit and noted that he has never been board certification in dermatology, but rather the physician has been certified in internal medicine but was practicing dermatology. Dr. Krahn expressed concern about past patterns of malpractice., Dr. Krahn noted being excluded from federal programs, surrendering his DEA license and confidential concerns. Dr. Beyer stated that while he was sensitive to the needs of rural communities, he opined this is not the solution. Dr. Farmer acknowledged Dr. Guerrero-Tucker's comments, but opined that someone with this track record would be worse.

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

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 3-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

iii. **REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICANT'S REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENT**

MOTION: Dr. Gillard moved to grant the request for waiver and grant the license in item numbers 1 and 2.

SECOND: Dr. Krahn.

Dr. Gillard noted Dr. Schreiman was unable to get records for the remote malpractice. Also, the Board had received no information as to the physician's postgraduate training or his area of practice as this was not posted to the 411.

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

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 3-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

1. CHRISTOPHER E. HERZIG, M.D., LIC. # N/A

RESOLUTION: License granted.

2. ROBERT C. SCHREIMAN, M.D., LIC. # N/A

Dr. Schreinman addressed the Board during the Public Statements portion of the meeting.

RESOLUTION: License granted.

iv. **REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 32-1426(B) AND R4-16-201(F), OR TAKE OTHER ACTION**

MOTION: Dr. Gillard moved grant licensure by endorsement for item numbers 1 and 2.

SECOND: Dr. Artz

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

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 3-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

1. SHENIF LADAK, M.D., LIC. # N/A

RESOLUTION: License granted.

2. DALE J. TROMBLEY, M.D., LIC. # N/A

RESOLUTION: License granted.

*****END OF CONSENT AGENDA*****

OTHER BUSINESS

R. REQUEST FOR TERMINATION OF BOARD ORDER

1. MD-23-0011A, HETALKUMAR C.C. SHAH, M.D., LIC. #25006

Dr. Gillard stated there was a Letter of Reprimand with one year Probation to complete CME. The physician has completed the terms of her probation per the documentation.

MOTION: Dr. Gillard moved to grant the request for termination of the June 6, 2024 Board Order.

SECOND: Dr. Artz.

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

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 3-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

S. GENERAL CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No individuals addressed the Board during the General Call to the Public.

T. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dr. Gillard moved for adjournment.

SECOND: Dr. Farmer

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

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 3-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.



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Director