



## Arizona Medical Board

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### **FINAL MINUTES FOR SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING Held on Wednesday, November 5, 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.  
Lois E. Krahn, M.D.  
Jessyca Leach

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

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

Chair Figge called the meeting to order at: 5:08 p.m.

### **B. ROLL CALL**

The following Board members participated virtually: Dr. Figge, Dr. Beyer, Dr. Farmer, Ms. Dorrell, Dr. Gillard, Dr. Krahn, Dr. Artz and Ms. Bain.

The following Board members were absent: Dr. Bethancourt and Ms. Leach.

### **ALSO PRESENT**

The following Board staff participated in the meeting: Raquel Rivera, 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**

- Quarterly FSMB Update on USMLE

Ms. Rivera provided an update on upcoming changes.

- FSMB 2026 Presentation Co-Presentation- Remedial CME Criteria

Ms. Rivera provided the presentation for the Board's review and requested the Board's approval to present at the meeting.

Ms. Bain inquired if the Board needs to give permission to the Executive Director to do these types of things.

Ms. Smith noted that there is nothing in statute that requires the Board's approval.

Board members provided their support for this presentation.

- IMLC Annual Report

Ms. Rivera provided the report for the Board's review and stated that starting next year she will begin providing an update at every meeting. Ms. Rivera noted that as the Board's Executive Director she is a member of the IMLC commissioner and is assigned to the communications committee and will be attending the IMLC annual meeting and the AIM fall meeting in Aurora, Colorado.

- Request for Delegated Authority to Approve Pro Hac Vice Applications

Ms. Rivera requested delegated authority to approve pro hac vice applications for efficiency.

**MOTION: Dr. Krahn moved to allow the ED to approve Pro Hac Vice Applications.**

**SECOND: Dr. Gillard.**

Ms. Smith noted the out-of-state attorney who seeks admission must apply to the State Bar. The State Bar runs a primary source review of credentials. In addition, the attorney must have a local counsel who agrees to assist them.

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

**VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 3-absent.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

- Consideration of the Need for Legislation in Advance of Next Legislative Session

Ms. Rivera requested executive session for legal advice and review of confidential material.

**MOTION: Ms. Bain moved for the Board to enter into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-431.03(A)(3) and (2) to obtain legal advice and to discuss confidential matters.**

**SECOND: Dr. Beyer.**

**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 and Dr. Krahn. The following Board members were absent: Dr. Bethancourt, Dr. Artz and Ms. Leach.**

**VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 3-absent.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:29 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:54 p.m.

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

Ms. Rivera requested that the Board allow her to proceed with legislative change.

Dr. Figge spoke on behalf of the Board and requested that she proceed.

- Review of All Meetings Calendar

Ms. Rivera noted the 2026 calendar for the Board's review.

**MOTION: Dr. Gillard moved to approve the JLRC and Biannual Joint Officers meeting calendars.**

**SECOND: Ms. Dorrell.**

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

**VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 3-absent.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

## **E. CHAIR'S REPORT**

- 2026 Annual FSMB Meeting

Dr. Figge informed the Board of the upcoming meeting and that interested board members can contact staff to attend.

Dr. Figge thanked Ms. Leach for her time and service on the Board over the last year.

## **F. LEGAL ADVISOR'S REPORT**

- Update on *Atilla Mady, M.D., et al. v. Ramila De Souza Dias, et al.* Maricopa County Superior Court Case No. CV2025-032252

Michael Niederbaumer, AAG and Mathew Kelly, AAG introduced themselves to the Board. Ms. Smith noted that substantive materials have been provided to the Board for review.

- Update on *Mady v. Arizona Medical Board*, Case No. LC2025-000219-001

Ms. Smith reported that there was a motion for stay of the Board's Order for Revocation. That motion has been denied by the court. Ms. Smith has filed for a motion of Reconsideration.

## **G. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PRO HAC VICE APPLICATION**

Ms. Smith explained that the Board needs to approve the pending application.

**MOTION: Dr. Gillard moved to approve the Pro Hac Vice application.**

**SECOND: Dr. Krahn.**

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

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

## **H. PHYSICIAN HEALTH PROGRAM (PHP) REPORT**

No report was given.

## **I. DISCUSSION REGARDING DEBRIEFING ON BOARD PROCESSES**

Dr. Gillard acknowledged Dr. Krahn's service to the Board which allowed the Board to keep a quorum and keep functioning.

Board staff requested that Board members confirm attendance for December.

Ms. Bain commented that she may need to attend virtually in December.

## **LEGAL MATTERS**

### **J. RESCIND REFERRAL TO FORMAL HEARING AND ACCEPT PROPOSED CONSENT AGREEMENT**

1. MD-20-1000B, MD-24-0118A, MARK J. RUBIN, M.D., LIC. #28310

Callie Maxwell participated virtually on behalf of Dr. Rubin. Seth Hargraves, AAG participated virtually on behalf of the State. Deanie Reh, AAG participated virtually as the Board's Independent Legal Advisor.

Ms. Maxwell stated that they agreed to the consent agreement as drafted and requested that the Board accept it.

Mr. Hargraves agreed that after the settlement conference the parties put together the consent agreement based on what the Board agreed upon. Mr. Hargraves requested that the Board approve it.

**MOTION: Dr. Gillard moved to rescind the referral to formal hearing and accept the consent agreement for a Decree of Censure and Three-Year Probation. Respondent's practice is restricted in that he shall not return to treating patient and/or engaging in the clinical practice of medicine until authorized by the Board. Prior to any Board consideration for termination or modification of this Practice Restriction, Respondent must submit a written request to the Board. Respondent shall within six months of any request to return to active clinical practice, obtain no less than 15 hours of Board Staff pre-approved Category 1 Continuing Medical Education (CME) in an intensive, in-person/virtual course regarding controlled substance prescribing. Within six months of the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall complete the Professional/Problem-Based Ethics (ProBE) program offered by CPEP for Ethics and Boundaries. Respondent shall obtain an unconditional or conditionally passing grade. In the event that Respondent does not receive an unconditional or conditionally passing grade, Respondent shall follow any and all recommendations made for further education and/or remediation, subject to approval by the Board or its staff. Within 30 days after Respondent successfully completes ProBE, he shall enroll in ProBE Plus. Respondent shall successfully complete ProBE Plus as determined by the final report from the ProBE faculty monitor and approved by Board staff. The CME hours shall be in addition to the hours required for the renewal of licensure. The Probation shall not terminate except upon affirmative request of Respondent and approval by the Board.**

**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 and Dr. Krahn. The following Board members were absent: Dr. Bethancourt and Ms. Leach.**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

## CONSENT AGENDA

### K. CASES RECOMMENDED FOR DISMISSAL

Dr. Gillard noted that the Board previously reviewed case number four and sent it back for further review and had two medical consultants agree with dismissal.

**MOTION: Dr. Gillard moved to dismiss item numbers 1-5.**

**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 and Dr. Krahn. The following Board members were absent: Dr. Bethancourt and Ms. Leach.**

**VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0(Dr. Beyer recused from #4)-recuse, 2-absent.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

1. MD-24-0384A, JACK F. PERRONE, M.D., LIC. #55547

**RESOLUTION: Dismissed.**

2. MD-24-0050A, STEVEN L. ROSINSKI, M.D., LIC. #53603

**RESOLUTION: Dismissed.**

3. MD-23-0578A, CRAIG A. HOOVER, M.D., LIC. #21932

**RESOLUTION: Dismissed.**

4. MD-23-1212A, ANDERSON A. BAUER, M.D., LIC. #46060  
E.R., Dr. Bauer, and counsel Callie Maxwell addressed the Board during the Public Statements portion of the meeting. Dr. Beyer recused.

**RESOLUTION: Dismissed.**

5. MD-24-1012A, POUYA MOHAJER, M.D., LIC. #42513

**RESOLUTION: Dismissed.**

#### **L. CASES RECOMMENDED FOR ADVISORY LETTERS**

**MOTION: Dr. Gillard moved to issue an Advisory Letter in item numbers 1-4 and 9-16.**

**SECOND: Dr. Beyer.**

Dr. Krahn noted a typo in the SIRC report for case #4, it should state postmortem and not postpartum.

**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 and Dr. Krahn. The following Board members were absent: Dr. Bethancourt and Ms. Leach.**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

1. MD-24-0682A, JOONHEE LIM, M.D., LIC. #55529  
A.G. addressed the Board during the Public Statements portion of the meeting.

**RESOLUTION: Advisory Letter for inadequate communication of medication discontinuation and for failing to discuss or document alternative medications and/or bridging therapies. 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-23-0952A, ABDULKADIR A. HOURANI, M.D., LIC. #25270

**RESOLUTION: Advisory Letter for failing to comply with CSPMP mandatory use requirements. 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-23-0928A, SCOTT S. KATZMAN, M.D., LIC. #19596

**RESOLUTION: Advisory Letter for action taken by the Florida Board of Medicine. 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.**

4. MD-24-0227A, ALAN D. STELJES, M.D., LIC. #20671

**RESOLUTION: Advisory Letter for action taken by the Nevada Board of Medical Examiners. 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.**

5. MD-23-0184A, RAJEEV GARG, M.D., LIC. #43149

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

Dr. Gillard opined that if a physician is not comfortable diagnosing a cause of death, it should be sent to the Medical Examiner to sign the death certificate. Dr. Gillard requested that staff inquire about why the Medical Examiner's refused in this case.

Ms. Smith noted that staff can reach out as a general question to Medical Examiners or the Board can send these cases back for further investigation to inquire about the Medical Examiner's refusal.

Dr. Gillard stated that the response would not change his recommendations.

**MOTION: Dr. Gillard moved to dismiss cases 5 and 7.**

**SECOND: Dr. Beyer.**

Dr. Beyer commented that the physicians in both of these cases are in an awkward position, since they must fill out the death certificate but they also have an obligation to fill it out accurately and they did not know the cause. Dr. Beyer opined that these physicians should not be faulted.

Ms. Rivera commented that staff has corresponded with the ME's office and that if there was a physician providing care, then they will refuse to sign the death certificate. Ms. Rivera stated that she will reach out again and bring the response to the Board.

Dr. Artz inquired if this issue can be brought to the legislature.

Ms. Rivera explained that it is up to the Board to pursue a legislative review. Ms. Rivera explained that the families impacted could not bury their loved ones until the death certificates had been signed. They had seen delays ranging from weeks to months. The SIRC committee does its best to review each case based on its own merit.

Dr. Gillard opined that the statute places obligation on the ME's office.

**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 and Dr. Krahn. The following Board members were absent: Dr. Bethancourt and Ms. Leach.**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

6. MD-23-1003A, MARK D. MELLINGER, M.D., LIC. #31185

Dr. Mellinger and counsel Cody Hall addressed the Board during the Public Statements portion of the meeting.

Dr. Gillard commented that the right side was checked on the medical records, but the physician did not touch the right side. Dr. Farmer commented that he is suspicious of very minor medical record issues that are found as incidental findings. Dr. Farmer opined that this should be dismissed.

**MOTION: Dr. Farmer moved to dismiss.**

**SECOND: Dr. Gillard.**

Dr. Krahn commented that she doesn't disagree with the motion but noted that there is significance in identifying Right or Left. Dr. Krahn opined that this was not a trivial record issue. Dr. Farmer agreed regarding the significance of Right or Left but noted that he was talking about the minor errors. The frequency of errors that show up on EMRs is a serious problem.

**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 and Dr. Krahn. The following Board members were absent: Dr. Bethancourt and Ms. Leach.**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

7. MD-23-0832A, CHARLES B. STAUFFER, M.D., LIC. #47803

**RESOLUTION: Dismissed.**

8. MD-23-0611A, KASHIF ALVI, M.D., LIC. #43978

Counsel Zaheer Shah addressed the Board during the Public Statements portion of the meeting.

Dr. Gillard noted that there were informed consent and attestations from other individuals regarding the complications. Dr. Krahn commented that she appreciates why the Board received the additional information, but it has limited her ability to review the case. Dr. Krahn suggested that the case be returned for further investigation for another MC review.

**MOTION: Dr. Krahn moved to return the case for the MC to review the additional information provided by the attorney.**

**SECOND: Dr. Gillard.**

**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 and Dr. Krahn. The following Board members were absent: Dr. Bethancourt and Ms. Leach.**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

9. MD-25-0144A, BOURCK D. CASHMORE, M.D., LIC. #30819

Counsel Cody Hall addressed the Board during the Public Statements portion of the meeting.

**RESOLUTION: Advisory Letter for failing to obtain informed consent and inadequate documentation and communication. 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.**

10. MD-23-0853A, GUSTAVO A. D. RIFFEL, M.D., LIC. #54534

**Resolution: Advisory Letter for failing to comply with CSPMP mandatory use requirements. 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.**

11. MD-24-1051A, VICENTE FIGUEROA-DIAZ, M.D., LIC. #43505

**RESOLUTION: Advisory Letter for failing to recognize and address symptomatic anemia in a post-operative 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.**

12. MD-24-1123A, ANOUSHEH ASHOURI, M.D., LIC. #51154

**RESOLUTION: Advisory Letter for action taken by the California 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.**

13. MD-24-0053A, VLADIMIR A. GREBENNIKOV, M.D., LIC. #44640

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

**RESOLUTION: Advisory Letter for action taken by the Texas 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.**

14. MD-25-0374A, SRIKAR V. VEGESNA, M.D., LIC. #76780

**RESOLUTION: Advisory Letter for failing to report a misdemeanor charge in a timely manner. 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.**

15. MD-24-1281A, RICHARD K. GAINES, M.D., LIC. #41559

**RESOLUTION: Advisory Letter for action taken by the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure and Virginia Board of Medicine. 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.**

16. MD-24-1235A, HERBERT M. GROSSMAN, M.D., LIC. #19836

Counsel Robert Beardsley addressed the Board during the Public Statements portion of the meeting.

**RESOLUTION: Advisory Letter for inadequate documentation. 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.**

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

**MOTION: Dr. Krahn moved to issue an Advisory Letter with Non-Disciplinary CME order in item numbers 2 and 3.**

**SECOND: Dr. Gillard.**

**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 and Dr. Krahn. The following Board members were absent: Dr. Bethancourt and Ms. Leach.**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

1. MD-25-0088A, IHTISHAM CHOUDHRY, M.D., LIC. #46421

Dr. Choudhry and counsel Bradley Boone addressed the Board during the Public Statements portion of the meeting.

Dr. Beyer referred to Dr. Choudhry's public statement, and noted that he was unable to check the pages that Dr. Choudhry cited in his public statement. Given those page numbers, Dr. Beyer opined that this case should be sent back to the MC for further investigation.

**MOTION: Dr. Beyer moved to return the case for the MC to review the licensee's call-to-public statement.**

**SECOND: Dr. Gillard.**

Board staff noted that the medical records request had not been outright denied by Board staff, contrary to the attorney's statement. The records were not provided to the physician or the attorney until the MC found a deviation. Then at that time, the case file would be provided to the physician and the physician's attorney for review.

Dr. Figge stated that there are a few things that need to be looked at but opined that this can go back to the original MC.

**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 and Dr. Krahn. The following Board members were absent: Dr. Bethancourt and Ms. Leach.

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

2. MD-24-1011A, SAM VALID, M.D., LIC. #52607

**RESOLUTION:** Advisory Letter and Order for Non-Disciplinary CME for failing to perform a complete work up for acute coronary syndrome. 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. Within six months, complete no less than 5 hours of Board staff pre-approved Category I CME in the management of acute coronary syndrome. The CME hours shall be in addition to the hours required for license renewal.

3. MD-24-1125A, DEAN R. WRIGHT, M.D., LIC. #11512

**RESOLUTION:** Advisory Letter and Order for Non-Disciplinary CME for inappropriate prescribing of controlled substances, failing to comply with CSPMP mandatory use requirements, and inadequate documentation. 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. Within six months, complete no less than 10 hours of Board staff pre-approved Category I CME in an intensive, in-person (virtual) course regarding medical recordkeeping; and complete no less than 15 hours of Board staff pre-approved Category I CME in an intensive, in-person (virtual) course in prescribing controlled substances. The CME hours shall be in addition to the hours required for license renewal.

## **N. REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DISMISSALS**

**MOTION:** Dr. Gillard moved to uphold the Executive Director Dismissal in items 2 and 3.

**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 and Dr. Krahn. The following Board members were absent: Dr. Bethancourt and Ms. Leach.

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

1. MD-24-0516A, PAVAN K. T. VENKATA, M.D., LIC. #49297

A.H., Dr. Venkata and counsel Michael Tamm addressed the Board during the Public Statements portion of the meeting.

Dr. Krahn noted the call to public statement and commented that the Board proceeds according to the information in the case file and will act to protect the public. Dr. Gillard further commented that Board members have immunity when acting in good faith so there is no fear of a lawsuit. Dr. Figge commented that the Board's mission is to protect the public.

**MOTION:** Dr. Beyer moved to uphold the Executive Director's dismissal.

**SECOND:** Dr. Krahn.

Dr. Beyer noted that stage three lung cancer is not a slow growing cancer and if untreated has a median survival rate of four months. The treatment the physician offered is the standard of care and the physician was not at fault. Dr. Figge agreed that it was the appropriate treatment and was discussed with others. Dr. Figge commented that this is an unfortunate disease.

**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 and Dr. Krahn. The following Board members were absent: Dr. Bethancourt and Ms. Leach.**  
**VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 2-absent.**  
**MOTION PASSED.**

2. MD-24-1225A, JORDAN M. GRAFF, M.D., LIC. #41796  
Counsel Cody Hall addressed the Board during the Public Statements portion of the meeting.

**RESOLUTION: Dismissal upheld.**

3. MD-24-1040A, MOHAMMAD A. ABDULRASOOL, M.D., LIC. #53351  
K.B. addressed the Board during the Public Statements portion of the meeting.

**RESOLUTION: Dismissal upheld.**

## **O. PROPOSED CONSENT AGREEMENTS (Disciplinary)**

1. MD-25-0398A, LAURA L. LOESEL, M.D., LIC. #65282  
Dr. Figge noted that this is agendized as disciplinary but the order states it's non-disciplinary and requested clarification.

Ms. Smith confirmed that the order is non-disciplinary and advised that the Board can still take action on the matter with how it is agendized. Ms. Smith advised that the Board clarify in the motion that it is non-disciplinary.

**MOTION: Dr. Gillard moved to accept the consent agreement for a Non-Disciplinary Surrender of License.**

**SECOND: Dr. Beyer.**

**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 and Dr. Krahn. The following Board members were absent: Dr. Bethancourt and Ms. Leach.**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

## **P. LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

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

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

**SECOND: Ms. Bain**

**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 and Dr. Krahn. The following Board members were absent: Dr. Bethancourt and Ms. Leach.**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

1. MD-24-1175A, IZUCHUKWU D. OKPARA, M.D., LIC. # N/A

**RESOLUTION: License granted.**

2. MD-24-1014A, MIGUEL M. PALOS, M.D., LIC. # N/A

**RESOLUTION: License granted.**

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

1. MD-23-1185A, JONATHAN MCGARVEY, M.D., LIC. # N/A

Board staff noted that the license application has been withdrawn.

iii. **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 to grant licensure by endorsement in item numbers 1-4.  
**SECOND:** Dr. Krahn.

**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 and Dr. Krahn. The following Board members were absent: Dr. Bethancourt and Ms. Leach.

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

1. CORINNE O. LAURANCE, M.D., LIC. # N/A

**RESOLUTION:** Licensure granted by endorsement.

2. MICHAEL J. RANKIN, M.D., LIC. # N/A

**RESOLUTION:** Licensure granted by endorsement.

3. ENRIQUE H. VALLOTA, M.D., LIC. # N/A

**RESOLUTION:** Licensure granted by endorsement.

4. MESHAAL ALANZI, M.D., LIC. # N/A

**RESOLUTION:** Licensure granted by endorsement.

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

**MOTION:** Dr. Gillard moved to grant the waiver request and grant the license in item numbers 1-3.

**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 and Dr. Krahn. The following Board members were absent: Dr. Bethancourt and Ms. Leach.

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

1. LISA A. COLLAZZO, M.D., LIC. # N/A

**RESOLUTION:** Waiver and license granted.

2. MANUEL J. CASTELLANOS, M.D., LIC. # N/A

**RESOLUTION:** Waiver and license granted.

3. ANUPAMA S. Q. KATHIRESAN, M.D., LIC. # N/A

**RESOLUTION:** Waiver and license granted.

## OTHER BUSINESS

### Q. REQUEST FOR TERMINATION OF BOARD ORDER

1. MD-17-0789A, CELIA R. ELIAS, M.D., LIC. #26173

Dr. Gillard opined that there is no reason to continue with the board order.

**MOTION: Dr. Gillard moved to grant the request for termination of the July 13, 2018 Board Order.**

**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 and Dr. Krahn. The following Board members were absent: Dr. Bethancourt and Ms. Leach.**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

2. MD-22-0653A, MICHAEL G. KLASSEN, M.D., LIC. #38001

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

Dr. Gillard noted that this mirrored the California Order and California has terminated the Order and returned the licensee to full status.

**MOTION: Dr. Gillard moved to grant the request for termination of the February 2, 2023 Board Order.**

**SECOND: Dr. Beyer.**

**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 and Dr. Krahn. The following Board members were absent: Dr. Bethancourt and Ms. Leach.**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

3. MD-23-0179A, TERRY R. MAFFI, M.D., LIC. #32805

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

Dr. Krahn spoke in favor of the early termination and noted that there are two monitors in favor of termination.

**MOTION: Dr. Krahn moved to grant the request for termination of the April 2, 2025 Board Order.**

**SECOND: Dr. Gillard.**

**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 and Dr. Krahn. The following Board members were absent: Dr. Bethancourt and Ms. Leach.**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

4. MD-14-1045A, EDWARD J. HA, M.D., LIC. #46688

Dr. Ha and counsel Michael Goldberg addressed the Board during the Public Statements portion of the meeting.

Dr. Gillard noted that the physician has not practiced intervention cardiology since 2014.

**MOTION: Dr. Gillard moved to grant the request for termination of the May 5, 2017 Board Order.**

**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. Gillard and Dr. Krahn. The following Board**

member abstained: Dr. Farmer. The following Board members were absent: Dr. Bethancourt and Ms. Leach.  
VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 1-abstain, 0-recuse, 2-absent.  
MOTION PASSED.

## **R. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COMPLIANCE REVIEW FOR CONFIDENTIAL PHYSICIAN HEALTH PROGRAM (PHP) MATTERS**

1. MD-22-0741A

**MOTION:** Dr. Gillard moved to approve the Executive Director's recommendation.

**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 and Dr. Krahn. The following Board member abstained: Ms. Bain. The following Board members were absent: Dr. Bethancourt and Ms. Leach.

**VOTE:** 7-yay, 0-nay, 1-abstain, 0-recuse, 2-absent.

**MOTION PASSED.**

2. MD-21-0605A

**MOTION:** Dr. Krahn moved to Approve the Executive Director's recommendation.

**SECOND:** Dr. Gillard.

**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 and Dr. Krahn. The following Board members were absent: Dr. Bethancourt and Ms. Leach.

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

## **S. APPEAL OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION OR TAKE OTHER ACTION**

1. MD-24-0206A, ABHINEET CHOWDHARY, M.D., LIC. #67842

Dr. Chowdhary and counsel Cody Hall addressed the Board during the public statements portion of the meeting.

Board staff provided a summary of the case and noted that the matter had been initiated due to concerns regarding the treatment of three patients with acute subdural hematomas. The MC requested and reviewed the records of the three patients in question. The MC opined that Dr. Chowdhary had deviated from the standard of care by delaying neurosurgical treatment for acute subdural hematomas, either due to a lack of knowledge or a lack of responsibility. The case was deemed to require further investigation and was returned for an additional competency review. Dr. Chowdhary was asked to complete a competency evaluation. Due to the delay in providing Dr. Chowdhary with the Interim Competency Evaluation Order, Mr. Hall and Dr. Chowdhary are now appealing the Interim Order for a competency evaluation.

Mr. Hall requested that the Board invite Dr. Chowdhary to appear for a formal interview.

Dr. Chowdhary noted that he had not been aware of the concerns while at Banner, therefore he could not address them at the time or make any changes. He became aware of these concerns only after he voluntarily left Banner. Dr. Chowdhary stated he had not received any complaints while at other Banner facilities. Dr. Chowdhary explained that he had requested that the Banner University Oversight Committee review the concerns, but the request was ultimately denied, as the issues stemmed from a partner dispute.

**MOTION:** Dr. Gillard moved to approve the appeal and return the case for SIRC to make a disciplinary recommendation and then refer to the Board for Formal Interview.

**SECOND:** Dr. Krahn.

Dr. Beyer spoke in favor of the motion but noted that the only irregularity in the process, which was the delay, worked in favor of the physician.

**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 and Dr. Krahn. The following Board members were absent: Dr. Bethancourt and Ms. Leach.**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

## **T. GENERAL CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No one addressed the Board during the Call to Public

## **U. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**SECOND: Dr. Gillard.**

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

**VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 3-absent.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.



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Raquel Rivera, Executive Director