



Arizona Medical Board

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NOTICE & AGENDA FOR TELECONFERENCE MEETING **Scheduled to begin at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2026** **1740 W. Adams St. • Phoenix, Arizona**

Notice is hereby given to the general public and to the members of the Arizona Medical Board (Board), that the Board will hold a special meeting open to the public at the Board's offices located at 1740 W. Adams St., Board Room A, Phoenix, Arizona. A.R.S. § 38-431.02. **The Board will not provide a physical location for this meeting. Board members, applicants, counsel and staff will participate either by Google Meets or telephonic communication, according to the information appended to this agenda.** The Board, upon a majority vote of a quorum of the members, may hold an *Executive Session* on any of the listed agenda items to obtain legal advice. A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A) (3). The Board may vote to go into *Executive Session* to discuss and consider records exempt by law from public inspection, including the receipt and discussion of information or testimony that is confidential by State or Federal law on agenda items D and I through U pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2).

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The Board reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda, except for matters set for a specific time. The formal interviews are scheduled to be heard during specific time blocks. However, the Chairman of the Board reserves the right to call cases in random order. Please note that the recommendations listed on the agenda are merely suggested Board actions. These recommendations do not become final until adopted by the Board. The Board has the authority to accept, reject or modify any recommendation listed on the agenda.

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THE BOARD WILL CONSIDER, DISCUSS AND MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY AGENDA ITEM

Board Members

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please contact the Board Coordinator at (480) 551-2734.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. CALL TO ORDER – 8:00 a.m.

Gary R. Figge, M.D., Chair

B. ROLL CALL

Laura Dorrell, R.N., Secretary

C. PUBLIC STATEMENTS REGARDING MATTERS LISTED ON THE AGENDA – 8:00 a.m.

This item will be limited to items on the agenda. Those wishing to address the Board need not request permission in advance; however, the Board may limit the number of speakers to three (3) per side on any one agenda item.

D. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Raquel Rivera, Executive Director

- Update on Returning to In-Person Meetings
- Review, Discussion and Consideration of Department of Justice ADA Compliance Mandate
- Review, Discussion and Consideration of Revised FAQs
- Update and Discussion on New Licensing Portal
- Update and Discussion on Pending Legislation:
 - SB 1124
 - HB 2248
 - HB 2660
 - SB 1021
- Update on AMB Newsletter

E. CHAIR'S REPORT

Gary R. Figge, M.D., Chair

F. LEGAL ADVISOR'S REPORT

Carrie Smith, Assistant Attorney General

G. PHYSICIAN HEALTH PROGRAM (PHP) REPORT

Erinn Poteryaev, PHP Manager

H. DISCUSSION REGARDING DEBRIEFING ON BOARD PROCESSES

Gary R. Figge, M.D., Chair

LEGAL MATTERS

I. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING UPDATED REPORT OF MEDICAL REVIEW OFFICER (MRO) AS IT RELATES TO A PRIOR ACTION TO SUMMARILY SUSPEND (Scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m.)

1. MD-26-0023A, PAUL A. AUPPERLE, M.D., LIC. #30485

J. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SETTLEMENT OFFER IN LIEU OF FORMAL HEARING (Scheduled to begin at 8:45 a.m.)

1. MD-18-1183A, MD-20-0310A, MD-21-0358A, MD-22-0789A, IRFAN MIRZA, M.D., LIC. #28306
2. MD-25-0012A, LAURA E. HARRINGTON, M.D., LIC. #24671

K. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RECOMMENDED DECISION.

Possible action includes, but is not limited to, adopting Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 41- 1092.08(i), the Board may meet and confer for purposes of modifying the recommended decision, including the Findings Of Fact, Conclusions Of Law and Recommended Order set forth in the ALJ's recommended decision issued in case no. 25A-65760-MDX involving Dr. Babar A. Khera.

(Scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m.)

The Board may only consider the official record when adjudicating a Formal Hearing Matter; therefore, the Board cannot consider new testimony or evidence at this time.

1. MD-23-0352A, BABAR A. KHERA, M.D., LIC. #65760

L. FORMAL INTERVIEWS (Scheduled to begin at 9:15 a.m.)

The Board will review, discuss and may vote to take action on the following cases pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1451(l). The Board may also table for further investigation, postpone, and/or forward for administrative review.

1. MD-23-0064A, ROYA KARBAKSH, M.D., LIC. #45781
Staff: Ms. Samaradellis, Dr. Haas
Presenting Board Member: Dr. Farmer

M. FORMAL INTERVIEWS (Scheduled to begin at 9:45 a.m.)

The Board will review, discuss and may vote to take action on the following cases pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1451(l). The Board may also table for further investigation, postpone, and/or forward for administrative review.

1. MD-23-0770A, GARY A. RADA, M.D., LIC. #4731
Staff: Ms. Shepherd, Dr. Ashby
Presenting Board Member: Ms. Dorrell

N. FORMAL INTERVIEWS (Scheduled to begin at 10:15 a.m.)

The Board will review, discuss and may vote to take action on the following cases pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1451(l). The Board may also table for further investigation, postpone, and/or forward for administrative review.

1. MD-25-0567A, MICHAEL P. ALBERTI, M.D., LIC. #24716
Staff: Ms. DesMarais, Dr. Dr. Haas
Presenting Board Member: Ms. Bain

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda items may be considered for approval as a single action unless a Board member wishes to remove an item for discussion.

O. CASES RECOMMENDED FOR DISMISSAL

The Board will review and may vote to take action on the following case(s).

1. MD-25-0186A, BRIGG W. BARSNESS, M.D., LIC. #68785
Staff: Ms. Hernandez

P. CASES RECOMMENDED FOR ADVISORY LETTERS

The Board will review and may vote to take action on the following case(s).

1. MD-25-1128A, NAMAN SUROYA, M.D., LIC. #R81273
Staff: Ms. Poteryaev
2. MD-25-0363A, STEVEN E. KONG, M.D., LIC. #53966
Staff: Ms. Dittlof, Dr. O'Neal
3. MD-25-0801A, ODINAKA P. MOGOR, M.D., LIC. #68016
Staff: Ms. Poteryaev
4. MD-24-0443A, MOSAB A. FREFER, M.D., LIC. #60805
Staff: Ms. Hernandez, Dr. O'Neal

5. MD-23-1151A, ROSALIE E. BANASIAK, M.D., LIC. #15037
Staff: Ms. Hernandez, Dr. Deschamps

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

The Board will review and may vote to take action on the following case(s).

1. MD-25-0214B, COLLINS APPIAH, M.D., LIC. #40381
Staff: Ms. Garcia, Dr. O'Neal
2. MD-23-0859A, ERNESTINA P. DE OLIVARES, M.D., LIC. #31109
Staff: Ms. Hernandez, Dr. Borhan
3. MD-25-0537A, VALERIE J. SCHOLTEN, M.D., LIC. #25181
Staff: Ms. Samaradellis, Dr. Borhan

R. PROPOSED CONSENT AGREEMENTS (Disciplinary)

The Board will review and may vote to take action on the following case(s).

1. MD-24-0884A, NEERAJ B. CHEPURI, M.D., LIC. #49117
Staff: Ms. Hernandez
2. MD-23-0856A, FRANK E. CIBULKA, M.D., LIC. #22921
Staff: Ms. Hernandez
3. MD-25-0486A, GENE H. LEE, M.D., LIC. #58285
Staff: Ms. Hernandez
4. MD-25-0543A, MICHAEL R. GRAY, M.D., LIC. #11623
Staff: Ms. DesMarais

S. LICENSE APPLICATIONS

The Board will review and may vote to take action on the following applications.

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

1. MD-25-0253A, ALAAELDIN A. BABIKER, M.D., LIC. # N/A
Staff: Ms. Hart

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

OTHER BUSINESS

T. REQUEST FOR TERMINATION OF BOARD ORDER

The Board will review and may vote to take action on the following case(s).

1. MD-23-0238A, TIMOTHY R. DOOLEY, M.D., LIC. #27528
Staff: Ms. DesMarais
2. MD-20-0010A, JAY V. SWANSON, M.D., LIC. #27669
Staff: Ms. DesMarais

U. REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION OF BOARD ORDER

The Board will review and may vote to take action on the following case(s).

1. MD-21-0691A, MD-22-0055A, MD-22-0082A, JOHN W. MCGETTIGAN, M.D., LIC. #12606
Staff: Ms. DesMarais

V. GENERAL CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Those wishing to address the Board need not request permission in advance; however, the Board may limit those persons speaking during the "General Call to the Public" at three (3) per side on any one issue. A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H). The Board can only take action on matters listed on the agenda and other matters related thereto. A.R.S. § 38-431.02(H). If appropriate, actions on public comment matters that are not listed on the agenda will be

limited to directing staff to study the matter or schedule the matter for further discussion at a later date. A.R.S. § 38-4301.01(H).

W. ADJOURNMENT



Raquel Rivera

Raquel Rivera, Executive Director

GOOGLE MEETS INFORMATION

AMB Teleconference Mtg

Wednesday, April 1 · 8:00am – 5:00pm

Time zone: America/Phoenix

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