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The Illinois State Medical Board convened an open session meeting via WebEx at 9:18 a.m. on Wednesday, May 3, 2023. It was not practical or prudent to meet in-person due to the COVID-19 disaster.

The following board members were present for the meeting:

Maria Laporta, M.D., Board Chair
Sreenivas Reddy, M.D., Vice Chair
Thomas Boyle, D.O., Member
Donald Diemer, DHSc., PA-C, Member
Mary Huffman, D.C., Member
Mohammed Jameel, M.D., Member
Ratna Kanumury, PA-C, Member
James MacKenzie, D.O., Member
Douglas Matzner, D.C., Member
Caroline Moellering, Public Member
Bartlomiej Nierzwicki, M.D., Member
Alicia Leung Rauh, M.D., Member
Pedro Rodriguez, Member

The members present constituted a quorum.

The following Department staff were present for the meeting:

Frank Lamas, J.D., Chief of Medical Prosecutions
Lauren Craig, J.D., Associate General Counsel
Shami Goyal, M.D., Chief Medical Coordinator
Greg Marion, Chief of Medical Investigations
John Zander, M.D., Deputy Medical Coordinator
Robert Mosley, M.D., Deputy Medical Coordinator
Joseph Fojtik, M.D., Deputy Medical Coordinator
Theodore Adams, J.D. Chief of Investigations
Jessica Pantoja, Patient Advocate Liaison
Iris Freeman, Administrative Assistant
Todd Robertson, Board Liaison

OPENING STATEMENT

Dr. Laporta read the following opening statement: This meeting is being conducted by audio/video conference without a quorum of members physically present 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 based on the disaster described in the declaration. Furthermore, the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation has determined pursuant to 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 that each member's vote on each issue can be identified and recorded.

OPEN MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded (Matzner/Moellering) to Approve the open session minutes for the Medical Board meeting on April 19, 2023. Roll call vote - Yes: Laporta, Reddy, Boyle, Diemer, Huffman, Jameel, Kanumury, MacKenzie, Matzner, Moellering, Nierzwicki, Rauh, Rodriguez; No: None. The motion passed.

RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Complaint Committee in closed session

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

Approve closed minutes from April 19, 2023 Complaint Committee meeting, Close 27 complaints - 3 with a letter of concern, and Refer 7 complaints for prosecution.

A motion was made and seconded (Reddy/Matzner) to Approve the Recommendations for the closed session Complaint Committee meeting on April 19, 2023. Roll call vote - Yes: Laporta, Reddy, Boyle, Diemer, Huffman, Jameel, Kanumury, MacKenzie, Matzner, Moellering, Nierzwicki, Rauh, Rodriguez; No: None. The motion passed.

RECOMMENDATIONS made by the Medical Board in closed session

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

Approve closed minutes from the April 19, 2023 Medical Board meeting; Approve termination of 2 agreements of care counseling or treatment; Approve 9 subpoenas; Approve 5 consent orders; Approve 1 non-disciplinary order; Indefinitely suspend 1 physician and surgeon license for a minimum of 2 years based on default; Adopt the Report and Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge to Grant the petition to remove 1 physician and surgeon license from suspended status subject to probation terms and conditions for a minimum of 5 years and Deny the petition to remove 1 physician controlled substance license from suspended status; and Approve Variances from the USMLE 7-year requirement in 68 Ill. Adm. Code Section 1285.60 (a)(7) for 2 physician license applicants.

A motion was made and seconded (Reddy/Laporta) to Approve the Recommendations for the closed session Medical Board meeting on April 19, 2023. Roll call vote - Yes: Laporta, Reddy, Boyle, Diemer, Huffman, Jameel, Kanumury, MacKenzie, Matzner, Moellering, Nierzwicki, Rauh, Rodriguez; No: None. The motion passed.

REPORTS

Greg Marion, Chief of Medical Investigations reported that for the period of 4/1/23 to 4/30/23: 87 complaints were received, 22 cases were referred to prosecutions, and 155 cases were closed. Also, as of 4/30/23 there were 488 open investigations with an average caseload of 61 cases per investigator.

Shami Goyal, M.D., Chief Medical Coordinator reported there are 241 cases assigned to the medical coordinators of which 43 are agreements of care, counseling or treatment (CCT). Also, that there are 313 cases being monitored by the probations unit.

Frank Lamas, J.D., Chief of General Prosecutions reported that as of 5/3/23, there are 759 cases open with the medical prosecutions unit of which 22 cases are related to tax liability.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Medical Board, a motion was made and seconded (Reddy/Matzner) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.