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The Illinois State Medical Board convened an **open meeting** at **9:05 a.m. on Wednesday, December 20, 2023** at 555 W. Monroe Street, Chicago, IL 60661 and at 320 West Washington Street in Springfield, IL 62786. Both locations were connected by video conferencing. The meeting was accessible for guests to attend remotely via WebEx.

The following board members were physically present for the meeting:

Maria Laporta, MD, Board Chair
Sreenivas Reddy, MD, Board Vice-Chair
Thomas Boyle, DO, Member
Mary Huffman, DC, Member
Ratna Kanumury, PA-C, Member
Radhika Lohia, JD, Public Member
James MacKenzie, DO, Member
Douglas Matzner, DC, Member
Caroline Moellering, Public Member
Alicia Rauh, MD, Member
Dana Ray, MD, Member
Pedro Rodriguez, MD, Member

The following board members attended the meeting via WebEx:

Thomas A. Boyle, DO, Member

The members who were physically present constituted a quorum.

The following Department staff were physically present for the meeting:

Shami Goyal, MD, Chief Medical Coordinator
Greg Marion, Chief of Medical Investigations
Lauren Craig, JD, Associate General Counsel
Iris Freeman, Administrative Assistant
Todd Robertson, Board Liaison

The following Department staff attended the meeting via WebEx:

Brandon Thom, JD, Chief of Medical Prosecutions
John Zander, MD, Deputy Medical Coordinator
Joseph Fojtik, MD, Deputy Medical Coordinator
Robert Mosley, MD Deputy Medical Coordinator
Theodore Adams, JD, Chief of Statewide Investigations
Jessica Pantoja, Patient Advocate Liaison

Open Minutes

A motion was made/seconded (Reddy/Moellering) to approve the open session minutes for the Medical Board meeting on December 6, 2023. The motion passed by a majority vote - Yes: Laporta, Reddy, Boyle, Huffman, Kanumury, Lohia, MacKenzie, Moellering, Rauh, Ray, Rodriguez; No: None; Abstain: Matzner.

Recommendations made by the Complaint Committee

Todd Robertson, Board Liaison reported that the Complaint Committee made the following recommendations on December 20, 2023:

Approve open and closed minutes for the Complaint Committee meeting on December 6, 2023, Close 7 complaints - 5 with a letter of concern, Refer 15 complaints to prosecutions for review, Close 10 mandatory reports, and refer 3 mandatory reports to prosecutions for review.

A motion was made and seconded (Matzner/Reddy) to approve the recommendations made by the Complaint Committee on December 20, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

Recommendations made by the Medical Board in closed session

Todd Robertson, Board Liaison reported that the Medical Board made the following recommendations in closed session on December 20, 2023:

Approve closed minutes from the November 15, 2023 Medical Board meeting; Approve termination of 1 agreement of care, counseling or treatment, Approve 8 subpoenas; Approve 3 consent orders; Approve 8 non-disciplinary orders; Approve 2 variances from the USMLE 7-year requirement in 68 Ill. Adm. Code Section 1285.60 (a)(7) for 2 physician and surgeon license applicants, Defer 1 application for chiropractic physician licensure pending receive of evidence that applicant has completed an additional 960 hours of chiropractic education in a program approved by the Division; and Defer 1 application for physician licensure pending additional internal review by the Division related to the applicant's professional capacity qualifications.

A motion was made and seconded (Moellering/Matzner) to accept the recommendations made by the Medical Board during the closed session meeting on December 20, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Greg Marion, Chief of Medical Investigations reported for the period of December 1, 2023 through December 13, 2023 that 59 complaints were received; 14 cases were referred to prosecutions for review; 80 cases were closed; there were 419 open investigations; and the average caseload for an investigator was 52 cases.

Shami Goyal MD, Chief of Medical Coordinator reported that as of December 18, 2023, there were 195 cases assigned to the medical coordinators with 33 agreements of care, counseling, or treatment (CCT) and 282 cases monitored by the Probation unit.

Brandon Thom JD, Chief of Medical Prosecutions reported that as of December 19, 2023, there were 808 open cases assigned to the Medical Prosecutions unit with 3 tax liability cases.

Lauren Craig JD, Associate General Counsel for the Division of Professional Regulation announced that the Medical Board will hold an election of officers during the business meeting on February 17, 2024. Attorney Craig informed the board members that nominations for Chairperson and for Vice Chairperson should be emailed to her attention.

Business Concluded

A motion was made and seconded (Laporta/Reddy) to conclude the business portion of the open session Medical Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the business portion of the open session meeting concluded at 9:13 a.m.

Optional

Chiropractic Presentation

Mary Huffman, DC presented information to the Medical Board members related to chiropractic care. Dr. Huffman answered questions related to the information presented.

Dr. Laporta announced that the open session of the Medical Board meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m.