

**Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
Division of Professional Regulation
Illinois Medical Licensing Board**

Meeting Date: December 9, 2020
Meeting Convened: 8:15 a.m.
Meeting Adjourned: 9:50 a.m.
Meeting Location: This meeting was held via WebEx. It was unfeasible to meet in person due to the COVID-19 disaster.

Board Members: Craig Niederberger, M.D., Chairperson
Douglas G. Matzner, D.C., Vice-Chair
Philip Dray, M.D., Member
Maria Laporta, M.D., Member
Nicholas G. Parise, D.O., Member

Division Staff: Frank Lamas, Chief, Medical Prosecutions
Vladimir Lozovskiy, Attorney, Medical Prosecutions
Munaza Aman, Associate General Counsel
Todd Robertson, Board Liaison

ITEM	ACTION
Closed Session	Motion made/seconded (Laporta/Matzner) to close the meeting pursuant to Sections 2(c)(15) of the Open Meetings Act. Roll call vote: Yes- Niederberger, Matzner, Dray, Laporta, Parise. Motion passed unanimously - session closed at 8:15 a.m.
Deliberation Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation to the Director	Recommendation Motion made/seconded (Laporta/Dray) to approve Findings, Conclusions and Recommendation to the Director to deny the applicant’s physician license application. Motion passed by unanimous vote: Yes- Niederberger, Matzner, Dray, Laporta, Parise; No- None; Abstain- None.
Closed Meeting Minutes	Motion made/seconded (Matzner/Dray) to approve closed meeting minutes for September 2020, October 2020, and November 2020 business meetings. Motion passed by unanimous vote: Yes- Niederberger, Matzner, Dray, Laporta, Parise; No- None; Abstain- None.
Application Review Visiting Professor Permit Visiting Professor Permit Physician and Surgeon	Recommendation Motion made/seconded (Niederberger/Matzner) to approve the application. Motion passed by unanimous vote: Yes- Niederberger, Matzner, Dray, Laporta, Parise; No- None; Abstain- None. Motion made/seconded (Dray/Parise) to approve the application. Motion passed by unanimous vote: Yes- Niederberger, Matzner, Dray, Laporta, Parise; No- None; Abstain- None. Motion made/seconded (Dray/Laporta) to approve variance from requirement in 68 Ill. Adm. Code 1285.60(a)(7). Motion passed by majority vote: Yes- Matzner, Dray, Laporta, Parise; No- None; Abstain- Niederberger.

Physician and Surgeon	Motion made/seconded (Niederberger/Dray) to defer further consideration of variance request pending receipt of additional information from applicant to address application deficits and irregular responses. Motion passed by unanimous vote: Yes- Niederberger, Matzner, Dray, Laporta, Parise; No- None; Abstain- None.
Physician and Surgeon	Motion made/seconded (Parise/Dray) to approve variance from requirement in 68 Ill. Adm. Code 1285.60(a)(7). Motion passed by unanimous vote: Yes- Niederberger, Matzner, Dray, Laporta, Parise; No- None; Abstain- None.
Open Session	Motion made/seconded (Laporta/Matzner) to return to open session at 8:57 a.m. Motion passed by roll call vote: Yes- Niederberger, Matzner, Dray, Laporta, Parise; No- None; Abstain- None.
Board Recommendations	Motion made/seconded (Dray/Matzner) to approve the recommendations made in closed session. Motion passed by unanimous vote: Yes- Niederberger, Matzner, Dray, Laporta, Parise; No- None; Abstain- None.
Open Meeting Minutes	Motion made/seconded (Dray/Parise) to approve open meeting minutes for September 2020, October 2020, and November 2020 business meetings. Motion passed by unanimous vote: Yes- Niederberger, Matzner, Dray, Laporta, Parise; No- None; Abstain- None.
Announcements/Updates	Dr. Dray and Dr. Matzner provided summaries of two separate articles related to the investigative and disciplinary powers of state medical boards. The articles explained that medical boards conduct investigations based on receiving complaints from the general public. The complaints may involve concerns about physician impairment, standard of care, improper prescribing, as well as other concerns related to a physician's professionalism, conduct or practice. The articles also described how physicians may be impacted by the disciplinary processes. Medical boards may take actions including probation, suspension, and revocation; may order impaired physicians to enter treatment programs for substance abuse; and may limit or restrict the practice of license physicians. There was discussion around the balance between the state medical board's mandate to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of the public versus the physician's right of defense against unnecessary or excessive punitive actions taken by a state medical board.
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.