

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

Meeting Date: January 13, 2021
Meeting Convened: 9:02 a.m.
Meeting Adjourned: 11:02 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
Munaza Aman, Associate General Counsel
Todd Robertson, Board Liaison

ITEM	ACTION
Election of Officers	<p>Motion made/seconded (Niederberger/Laporta) to nominate Dr. Matzner as Chairperson of the Medical Licensing Board. Motion passed by unanimous vote: Yes- Niederberger, Matzner, Dray, Laporta, Parise; No- None; Abstain-None.</p> <p>Motion made/seconded (Matzner/Dray) to nominate Dr. Laporta as Vice-Chairperson of the Medical Licensing Board. Motion passed by unanimous vote: Yes- Niederberger, Matzner, Dray, Laporta, Parise; No- None; Abstain-None.</p>
Announcements/ Updates	<p>Dr. Matzner provided an update on the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) orientation for board members that he attended virtually on December 4, 2020. The USMLE is a three-step examination that assesses a physician's ability to apply medical knowledge, concepts, skills, and principles that are the basis for the safe and effective practice of medicine. The speakers gave an overview of how the USMLE Program works to design, develop, and continually improve these assessments. It was also noted that the USMLE Program was reviewing complaints received from examinees about Step 2 CS including its cost, the burdens of traveling to appear at select test sites as well as the timing of the examinations. The speakers indicated that it is unclear about the future of a test to assess a physician's ability to perform physical examinations. There are still many details being worked out and answers to key questions not yet finalized; however, they anticipate sharing more detailed communication in early 2021.</p>

<p>Closed Session</p>	<p>Motion made/seconded (Matzner/Dray) to close the meeting pursuant to Section 2(c)(15) of the Open Meetings Act. Motion passed by roll call vote: Yes- Niederberger, Matzner, Dray, Laporta, Parise. Session closed at 9:18 a.m.</p>
<p>Deliberation</p> <p>Agreement of Care, Counseling and Treatment</p>	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>Motion made/seconded (Laporta/Matzner) to approve the agreement. Motion passed by unanimous vote: Yes- Niederberger, Matzner, Dray, Laporta, Parise; No- None; Abstain- None.</p>
<p>Application Review</p> <p>Physician and Surgeon</p> <p>Physician and Surgeon</p> <p>Physician and Surgeon</p> <p>Physician and Surgeon</p> <p>Physician and Surgeon</p> <p>Visiting Physician and Visiting Professor Permits</p>	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>Motion made/seconded (Niederberger/Dray) to approve a variance from the requirement in 68 Ill. Adm. Code 1285.60(a)(7). Motion passed by majority vote: Yes- Niederberger, Matzner, Laporta, Parise; No- Dray; Abstain- None.</p> <p>Motion made/seconded (Matzner/Laporta) to approve a variance from the requirement in 68 Ill. Adm. Code 1285.60(a)(7) to accept results of USMLE Steps 1, 2 CS, and 3 should applicant retake and pass Step 2CK. Motion passed by majority vote: Yes- Niederberger, Matzner, Dray, Laporta; No- Parise; Abstain- None.</p> <p>Motion made/seconded (Laporta/Dray) to approve a variance from the 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.</p> <p>Motion made/seconded (Parise/Matzner) to approve a variance from the 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.</p> <p>Motion made/seconded (Dray/Laporta) to approve a variance from the 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.</p> <p>Motion made/seconded (Matzner/Parise) to approve an application for Visiting Physician Permit and also to approve an application for Visiting Professor Permit based on review of application/documents provided electronically pending processing of paper application for Visiting Professor Permit. Motions passed by majority vote: Yes- Matzner, Dray, Laporta, Parise; No- None; Abstain- Niederberger.</p>

Open Session	Motion made/seconded (Matzner/Laporta) to return to open session at 11:01 a.m. Motion passed by roll call vote: Yes- Niederberger, Matzner, Dray, Laporta, Parise.
Board Recommendations	Motion made/seconded (Matzner/Parise) to approve the recommendations made in closed session. Motion passed by unanimous vote: Yes- Niederberger, Matzner, Dray, Laporta, Parise; No- None; Abstain- None.
In Closing	The Board offers a heartfelt thank you to Dr. Niederberger for his excellent service as Chairperson of the Illinois.
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.