

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

Meeting Date: October 14, 2020
Meeting Convened: 9:02 a.m.
Meeting Adjourned: 11:08 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
Open Session	<p>Dr. Matzner provided an update after participating in a recent District Virtual Meeting of the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards. Keynote speakers were Melanie de Leon, J.D., Executive Director of the Washington Medical Quality Assurance Commission who spoke on the topic of sexual misconduct and Cary Coglianese, Ph.D., J.D. who spoke on Administrative Law and Regulatory Processes. Dr. Coglianese discussed regulatory excellence in the context of licensing boards. He identified key points for an excellent licensing board as: integrity, empathetic engagement and competence with transparency being the most important characteristic for a regulatory agency to have. Melanie de Leon, JD discussed the issue of sexual harassment along with the policies and guidelines in the State of Washington for cases involving sexual harassment.</p> <p>The Board discussed the recent update from the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) on the suspension of USMLE Step 2 Clinical Skills (CS) exam. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, USMLE Step 2 CS was suspended beginning in mid-March. On May 26, the USMLE announced that Step 2 CS would remain suspended for at least 12-18 months. However, the USMLE recognizes that the suspension cannot be allowed to disrupt the process of physicians progressing toward medical licensure. FSMB staff reviewed statutory language for each U.S. state and the District of Columbia and found no state statute identifying the USMLE Step 2 CS exam as a requirement for medical licensure. Therefore, the USMLE Composite Committee recently determined that medical school graduates with passing Step 1 and Step 2CK scores will be allowed to take the Step 3 exam, with some limitations. The Committee also determined that individuals who take and pass Step 3 during the CS suspension will not be redirected by the USMLE program to take Step 2 CS when it is relaunched. The Board discussed this new policy and its potential impact on medical licensure in Illinois. In response to a question, Ms. Aman noted that the provisions requiring completion of USMLE exams are in the Illinois administrative rules which may be varied by an order of the Director of the Division of Professional Regulation. However, the Division would want to treat all variance requests the same if the license applicant has completed all licensure requirements except for passing USMLE Step 2 CS because the exam was not available during the Step 2 CS suspension beginning in mid-March of 2020.</p>

Closed Session	Motion made/seconded (Parise/Dray) 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 9:06 a.m.
Enforcement Deliberation Consent Order Consent Order Consent Order Consent Order Letter of Concern	Recommendation Motion made/seconded (Dray/Parise) to approve the order. Motion passed unanimously: Yes- Niederberger, Matzner, Dray, Laporta, Parise; No- None; Abstain- None. Motion made/seconded (Parise/Dray) to approve the order. Motion passed unanimously: Yes- Niederberger, Matzner, Dray, Laporta, Parise; No- None; Abstain- None. Motion made/seconded (Laporta/Matzner) to approve the order. Motion passed unanimously: Yes- Niederberger, Matzner, Dray, Laporta, Parise; No- None; Abstain- None. Motion made/seconded (Dray/Parise) to approve the order. Motion passed unanimously: Yes- Niederberger, Matzner, Dray, Laporta, Parise; No- None; Abstain- None. Motion made/seconded (Parise/Laporta) to approve the letter of concern. Motion passed unanimously: Yes- Niederberger, Matzner, Dray, Laporta, Parise; No- None; Abstain- None.
Application Review Chiropractic Physician	Recommendation Motion made/seconded (Dray/Parise) to defer the application pending receipt of 150 hours of Category 1 CME with at least 30 hours in the topic of Diagnostic Radiology; and completion of a 6-month postceptorship with an accredited chiropractic college. Motion passed by unanimous vote: Yes- Niederberger, Matzner, Dray, Laporta, Parise; No- None; Abstain- None.
Open Session	Motion made/seconded (Matzner/Dray) to return to open session at 11:07 a.m. Motion passed by roll call vote: Yes- Niederberger, Matzner, Dray, Laporta, Parise; No- None; Abstain- None.
Board Recommendations	Motion made/seconded (Dray/Laporta) to approve the recommendations made in closed session. Motion passed by unanimous vote: Yes- Niederberger, Matzner, Dray, Laporta, Parise; No- None; Abstain- None.
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.