

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

Meeting Date: February 10, 2021
Meeting Convened: 9:02 a.m.
Meeting Adjourned: 10:43 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: Douglas G. Matzner, D.C., Chairperson
 Maria Laporta, M.D., Vice-Chair
 Craig Niederberger, M.D.
 Philip Dray, 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
Announcements/ Updates	<p>Dr. Matzner asked for updates on the vacant board member and Chief Medical Coordinator positions, the status of a sunset bill for the Medical Practice Act, as well as any rules changes. Ms. Aman stated that no new information was available on the 2 vacant board member positions. Mr. Lamas stated that a new Chief Medical Coordinator is expected to start in April. Ms. Aman stated that the Department should have a final draft ready in the next few weeks for proposed changes to the MPA including extending the Act. Once proposed a bill would be available online at www.ilga.gov. Dr. Dray asked about a statute change to add a category for administrative licenses. Ms. Aman stated the Department is not currently considering adding a new license category. Ms. Aman noted that the Department would work on rules changes after the sunset changes take effect (at the beginning of next year). She further explained the Department would be looking at all of the rules Sections that have not been updated for many years.</p> <p>Dr. Dray raised a concern that the Board no longer reviews non-accredited clinical training programs for physician licensure. (Note: Department requires completion of postgraduate clinical training in the United States or Canada in accordance with Section 1285.40 of the administrative rules. If a hospital is accredited to provide clinical training by an accrediting agency named in 1285.40(d), the hospital meets the minimum criteria in 1285.40 (a)(1-4) and is approved to provide the clinical training required for physician licensure.) Dr. Dray stated that the Board should be evaluating the non-accredited programs as done in the past to determine the quality of the educational program - the Department should not just accept every fellowship in the U.S. that meets the minimum criteria in 1285.40. Dr. Dray stated that it is such a low bar of qualification for a fellowship to be recognized as approved that it would cause harm to our citizens and stressed that he would like Ms. Aman to</p>

	<p>discuss this with the Director. Dr. Niederberger stated his interpretation is that in the past the Board only reviewed non-accredited fellowships completed by international graduates as U.S. graduates complete accredited residencies. Therefore, in a sense this would allow consistency for the international graduates completing non-accredited programs by saying that if the hospital offers any accredited training programs, it has a GME that is overseen by the ACGME and there is a component of oversight. Dr. Matzner stated that the Board should block off some time for further discussion about this topic at a future business meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Robertson provided an update concerning the FSMB’s announcement that efforts to re-launch USMLE Step 2 CS have been discontinued. Mr. Robertson stated that this will not impact the statute; however, one section in the administrative rules (Section 1285.100 Visiting Professor Permits) will need amended due to a reference to Step 2 CS.</p>
Open Minutes	Motion made/seconded (Niederberger/Dray) to approved Open Meeting Minutes from December 2020 business meeting. Motion passed by unanimous vote: Yes- Matzner, Laporta, Niederberger, Dray, Parise; No- None; Abstain- None.
Closed Session	Motion made/seconded (Niederberger/Dray) to close the meeting pursuant to Section 2(c)(15) of the Open Meetings Act. Motion passed by roll call vote: Yes- Matzner, Laporta, Niederberger, Dray, Parise. Session closed at 9:38 a.m.
Application Review	Recommendation
Physician and Surgeon	Motion made/seconded (Niederberger/Parise) to approve a variance from the requirement in 68 Ill. Adm. Code 1285.60(a)(7). Motion passed by unanimous vote: Yes- Matzner, Laporta, Niederberger, Dray, Parise; No- None; Abstain- None.
Physician and Surgeon	Motion made/seconded (Dray/Laporta) to approve a variance from the requirement in 68 Ill. Adm. Code 1285.60(a)(7). Motion passed by majority vote: Yes- Matzner, Laporta, Dray, Parise; No- None; Abstain- None. Dr. Niederberger recused himself from voting.
Physician and Surgeon	Motion made/seconded (Laporta/Niederberger) to approve a variance from the requirement in 68 Ill. Adm. Code 1285.60(a)(7). Motion passed by unanimous vote: Yes- Matzner, Laporta, Niederberger, Dray, Parise; No- None; Abstain- None.
Physician and Surgeon	Motion made/seconded (Parise/Niederberger) to approve a variance from the requirement in 68 Ill. Adm. Code 1285.60(a)(7). Motion passed by majority vote: Yes- Matzner, Laporta, Niederberger, Parise; No- Dray; Abstain- None.

Deliberations	Recommendation
Consent Order	Motion made/seconded (Niederberger/Laporta) to approve the order. Motion passed by unanimous vote: Yes- Matzner, Laporta, Niederberger, Dray, Parise; No- None; Abstain- None.
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Closed Minutes	Motion made/seconded (Niederberger/Laporta) to approved Closed Meeting Minutes from December 2020 business meeting. Motion passed by unanimous vote: Yes- Matzner, Laporta, Niederberger, Dray, Parise; No- None; Abstain- None.
Open Session	Motion made/seconded (Niederberger/Laporta) to return to open session at 10:42 a.m. Motion passed by roll call vote: Yes- Matzner, Laporta, Niederberger, Dray, Parise; No- None; Abstain- None.
Board Recommendations	Motion made/seconded (Niederberger/Laporta) to approve recommendations made in closed session. Motion passed by unanimous vote: Yes- Matzner, Laporta, Niederberger, Dray, Parise; No- None; Abstain- None.
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.