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The Illinois State Medical Licensing Board convened via WebEx on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 9:05 a.m. It was unfeasible to meet in-person due to the COVID-19 disaster.

The following Board members and Department staff were present for the meeting:

Douglas G. Matzner, DC, Chairperson
Maria Laporta, MD, Member
Philip Dray, MD, Member
Craig Niederberger, MD, Member
Nicholas G. Parise, DO, Member

The members present constituted a quorum.

Shami Goyal, MD, Chief Medical Coordinator
Brandon Thom, Chief of Business Prosecutions
Munaza Aman, Associate General Counsel
Todd Robertson, Board Liaison

OPENING STATEMENT

Dr. Matzner read the following statement before the meeting started: *This meeting is being conducted by audio or video conference without the physical presence of a quorum of the members because the Governor of the State of Illinois has issued a disaster declaration related to public health concerns and an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of the disaster described in that declaration. This meeting is further being conducted by audio or videoconference because the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation has determined pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of the Open Meetings Act that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of a disaster. All votes will be conducted by roll call, so each member's vote on each issue can be identified and recorded.*

OPEN MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Niederberger/Dr. Parise) to approve the open minutes of the July 14, 2021 Medical Licensing Board meeting. Roll call vote - Ayes: Dr. Matzner, Dr. Laporta, Dr. Dray, Dr. Niederberger, Dr. Parise. Nays: None. Abstained: None. The motion passed.

DISCUSSION: USMLE 7-year requirement Variances

Ms. Aman will communicate separately with Dr. Dray and with Dr. Matzner about this topic prior to any specific discussion held by the full board.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Matzner/Dr. Parise) to close the session at 9:17 a.m. pursuant to Section 2 (c)(15) of the Open Meetings Act.. Roll call vote - Ayes: Dr. Matzner, Dr. Laporta, Dr. Dray, Dr. Niederberger, Dr. Parise. Nays: None. Abstained: None. The motion passed.

The Medical Licensing Board closed session included review and recommendation on closed minutes, 2 Consent Orders, 2 Agreements of Care, Counseling or Treatment (CCT), 1 Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Report and Recommendation, and 10 Application Reviews.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Niederberger/Dr. Matzner) to reconvene the open session meeting of the Complaint Committee at 10:56 a.m. The motion passed by a voice vote.

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

The Medical Licensing Board approved the following recommendations made in closed session:

Approve 2 Consent Orders;
Approve 2 CCT agreements;
Approve 1 ALJ Report and Recommendation;
Approve closed meeting minutes from July 14, 2021;
Approve 9 Variances from Rules Section 1285.60(a)(7);
Approve 1 Variance from Rules Sections 1285.20(d)(4) and 1285.20(i); and
Approve 1 Endorsement license application based on determination that applicant meets professional capacity requirements in Section 19 of Act and Rules Section 1285.95.

A motion was made and seconded (Dr. Laporta / Dr. Parise) to approve the board recommendations made in closed session on September 8, 2021. Roll call vote - Ayes: Dr. Matzner, Dr. Laporta, Dr. Dray, Dr. Niederberger, Dr. Parise. Nays: None. Abstained: None. The motion passed.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING

Dr. Matzner noted that he would not be available to attend the next business meeting on October 13, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Medical Licensing Board, a motion was made and seconded (Dr. Niederberger /Dr. Matzner) to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.