

VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE
Minutes of the February 5, 2025, Board Meeting
280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671 and
Remote via Teams

Unapproved

- **Call to Order; Call the Roll; Acknowledge Guests:**

Dr. Rick Hildebrant, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM

Members Present:

Rob Ciappenelli; David Coddair, MD; Evan Eyler, MD; Gail Falk; Rachel Gaidys, MD; Matthew Greenberg, MD; Rick Hildebrant, MD; Suzanne Jones, PA-C; Stephanie Lorentz; Ian Odigie, DPM; Dawn Philibert; Judy Scott; Margaret Tandoh, MD; Scott Tucker; Peter Ireland, MD.

Others in Attendance:

Megan Campbell, AAG; Scott Frennier, Investigator; Tracy Hayes, Public Health Specialist; David Herlihy, Executive Director; Kurt Kuehl, AAG; Paula Nenninger, Investigator; Bill Reynolds, AAG; Ron Hunt, MLOA; Marcy Quinlan, Admin assistant.

- **Approval of the Minutes of the January 8, 2025, Board Meeting:**

D. Philibert moved to accept the minutes of the January 8, 2025, meeting. R. Ciappenelli seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

- **Board Issues (Dr. Hildebrant): N/A**

- **Administrative Updates (David Herlihy):**

R. Hunt and D. Herlihy presented a chart showing the new and renewal license trends from 2022 through 2024.

Note: There were some errors in the chart shown during the meeting. Below is a corrected version.

License Type	2022	2023	2024
New MD Licenses	997	853	793
Renewal MD Licenses (Biennial)	4139	17	6099
New LTL MD Licenses	192	188	159
Renewed LTL MD Licenses (Annual)	309	351	309
New AA Licenses	5	5	2
Additional AA Licenses	2	5	3
Renewal AA Licenses (Biennial)	22	0	42
New PA Licenses	112	93	56
Renewal PA Licenses (Biennial)	142	363	201
Renewal RA Licenses (Biennial)	1	0	0
New DPM Licenses	3	5	4
Renewal DPM Licenses (Biennial)	1	32	0
New LTL DPM Licenses	0	1	0
Renewed LTL DPM Licenses (Annual)	0	0	0
Total Licenses Held	5925	1913	7668

The total number of licenses held has **increased by 29.41% from 2022 to 2024**

- **Other Business:**
 - **Legislative Update – D. Herlihy summarized pending bills of interest to the Board.**
 - S.12 - Sealing criminal history records – revises the statutes on expungement and sealing of criminal records. It is of interest because the Board at times needs to obtain and consider information about an applicant’s or licensee’s criminal history. Staff and the AAGs assigned to the Board will analyze the bill and monitor its progress.

- S.28 – Amendments to the legally protected health care provisions. The Board received a brief overview of the bill. One provision in Section 3 of the bill was identified as in conflict with the Board’s view on telemedicine prescribing. Dr. Eyler made a motion to approve the statement below. D. Philibert seconded the motion. The motion passed 15-0-0 with 2 absent.

Section 3 creates a carve out to the statutory standard for prescribing via telemedicine. The current law, consistent with the Board’s longstanding position, is that it is unacceptable for a prescriber to rely on only a questionnaire when prescribing by telemedicine. The bill proposes to amend 26 V.S.A. § 1354(a)(33)(A) by adding an exception that would apply to only prescriptions of drugs to terminate a pregnancy.

The Board opposes that provision because Board members believe that prescribing by questionnaire alone, with no interaction between the patient and prescriber, does not constitute quality care. The Board’s position is that there must be some form of iterative communication – some back and forth between the prescriber and patient – as reflected in the Board’s policy on Telemedicine. Allowing a patient to obtain a prescription by only answering an online questionnaire with no exchange with the prescriber deters communication. Ironically, the findings at page 3, lines 17-18 of the bill include the following language describing the aspiration to “cultivate an environment where best practices in shared decision-making can flourish.” (emphasis added). The Board agrees with that aspiration and believes that two-way communication supports better care. Communication with the prescriber, even if only by a text exchange, allows the prescriber a better basis on which to prescribe. Allowing a prescription to be issued based on just a questionnaire deters communication and thus avoids shared decision-making.

- **It was noted that a bill has not yet been filed regarding the issue of additional pathways to licensure for internationally trained physicians.**
- **[The agenda item regarding correction of item from the December 2024 meeting was omitted.]**
- **Convene hearing to discuss any stipulations or disciplinary matters that are before the Board (12:30 PM):**

In re: David Bourgeois, MD – State’s Motion for Amended Stipulation and Consent Order. Docket # MPN 131-0423

Hearing Officer Belcher convened the hearing at 12:30 PM. Dr. Bourgeois was present via Teams meeting. AAG Campbell presented the Amended Stipulation and Consent Order.

The Amended Stipulation and Consent Order passed unanimously, Opposed: none; Abstained: none; Recused: South Investigative Committee.

Hearing Concluded at 1:04PM

• **Convene meeting; Executive Session to Discuss:**

- A pending legal action;
- Investigative cases recommended for closure;
- Other matters that are confidential by law, if any

D. Philibert made a motion at 1:05PM to enter Executive Session to discuss confidential matters related to investigations. S. Lorentz seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

• **Return to Open Session 2:07 PM Board Actions on matters discussed in Executive Session:**

D. Philibert, North Investigative Committee, asked to close:

MPN 181-0823 – Special Letter #1

MPN 086-0524 – Cease and Desist Letter

Dr. Coddair made a motion to close the cases presented. R. Ciappenelli seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: North Investigative Committee.

G. Falk, Central Investigative Committee, asked to close:

MPC 120-1024 – Letter #1

MPC 134-1024 – Letter #1

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D. Philibert made a motion to close the cases presented. S. Lorentz seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: Central Investigative Committee.

PA Jones, South Investigative Committee, asked to close:

There were no cases to close for South Committee this month.

- **Upcoming Board meetings, committee meetings, hearings, etc.:** Locations are subject to change. A notification will be provided if a change takes place.
- **February 13, 2025, North Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM.** [Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671.](#)
- **February 14, 2025, Central Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM.** [Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671.](#)
- **February 19, 2025, South Investigative Committee Meeting, 12:00 PM.** [Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671.](#)
- **March 5, 2025, Licensing Committee Meeting, 10:30 AM.** [Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671.](#)
- **March 5, 2025, Board Meeting, 12:00 PM.** [Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671.](#)
- **Open Forum:**
- **Adjourn:**

Dr. Hildebrant declared the meeting adjourned at 2:11 PM.

January Licenses Issued Appendix A

Credential	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Date Issued
042.0018326	Daniel	Alexander	Driscoll	1/7/2025
042.0018327	Christina	Helen	Hernon	1/7/2025
042.0018328	Svetlana	G	Miroshnichenko	1/7/2025
042.0018329	Ikshvanku	Amrutlal	Barot	1/8/2025
042.0018330	Wilfred		Carey	1/8/2025
042.0018331	Vijiladevi	Persis	Dhas	1/8/2025
042.0018332	Louis	David	May	1/8/2025
042.0018333	Jeremy	Choumany	Porter	1/8/2025
042.0018334	Ashley		Wysong	1/8/2025
042.0018335	Mahmoud	Fathi Mahmoud Abdallahman	Nassar	1/8/2025
042.0018336	Nicole	Cedar	Smith	1/8/2025
042.0018358	Dimas	Christian	Espinola	1/14/2025
042.0018359	Vinita	Dhir	Tandon	1/14/2025
042.0018379	Michael	Frederick	Daily	1/24/2025
042.0018380	Mary	Ann	Lathrop	1/24/2025
042.0018381	James	Thomas	Boothe	1/24/2025
042.0018382	Alexander	Paul	Lukez	1/28/2025
042.0018383	Shubash		Adhikari	1/29/2025
042.0018384	Joshua		Sonnen	1/29/2025
042.0018385	Shana	Teresa	Rakowsky	1/30/2025
042.0018386	Tyrone	Jamar	Williams	1/30/2025
055.0031792	Sara		Lewis	1/7/2025
055.0031793	Jeffrey	William	Brown	1/8/2025
055.0031794	Evan		Johnson	1/9/2025
055.0031795	Ashley	Rose	Hart	1/15/2025

055.0031796	Sarabeth	Ivey	Hurst	1/22/2025
060.0005852	Charles		Chatman	1/8/2025
060.0005853	Mitchell	Christopher	Fuller	1/8/2025
060.0005854	Lorenzo		Spencer	1/8/2025
060.0005855	Steven	Alexandre	Greenberg	1/16/2025
060.0005856	John	D	Campagna	1/23/2025
042.0018337- COMP	Anil		Abraham	1/9/2025
042.0018338- COMP	Norman	Mason	Burns	1/9/2025
042.0018339- COMP	Irvine		Duplan	1/9/2025
042.0018340- COMP	Jeanne	Nicole	Eisenbrown	1/9/2025
042.0018341- COMP	Hisham	Gibriel Bakhiet	Elkhider	1/9/2025
042.0018342- COMP	John	Francis	Feller	1/9/2025
042.0018343- COMP	Katrina		Gordon	1/9/2025
042.0018344- COMP	Tyler	Kenneth	Hartman	1/9/2025
042.0018345- COMP	Mary	Holden	Jones	1/9/2025
042.0018346- COMP	Sunhee		Kim	1/9/2025
042.0018347- COMP	Veena		Korah	1/9/2025
042.0018348- COMP	Mikhailia		Lake	1/9/2025
042.0018349- COMP	Justin	Ryan	Lohmeier	1/9/2025
042.0018350- COMP	Emily		Lu	1/9/2025
042.0018351- COMP	Daisy- Scarlett		MacCallum	1/9/2025

042.0018352-COMP	Daniel		McConnell	1/9/2025
042.0018353-COMP	Katherine		McMullan	1/9/2025
042.0018354-COMP	Hazim		Rishmawi	1/9/2025
042.0018355-COMP	Jonathan		Rosenthal	1/9/2025
042.0018356-COMP	David	Michael	Wachs	1/9/2025
042.0018360-COMP	Paul	Carl	Adjei	1/17/2025
042.0018361-COMP	Sutapa		Dube	1/17/2025
042.0018362-COMP	Lawrence		Huan	1/17/2025
042.0018363-COMP	Joyce	Pilar	Johnson	1/17/2025
042.0018364-COMP	Joshua	Gordon	Martin	1/17/2025
042.0018365-COMP	Russell		McUne	1/17/2025
042.0018366-COMP	Eli		Muhrer	1/17/2025
042.0018367-COMP	Erik		Nelson	1/17/2025
042.0018368-COMP	Erin	Bosher	Payne	1/17/2025
042.0018369-COMP	Dirk	A	Perritt	1/17/2025
042.0018370-COMP	Maria		Ramos Mendez	1/17/2025
042.0018371-COMP	Beverly	J	Stoute	1/17/2025
042.0018372-COMP	Mikela		Yarawamai	1/17/2025
042.0018373-COMP	Muteeb		Ghaffar	1/17/2025

042.0018374- COMP	Daniel		Aridgides	1/22/2025
042.0018375- COMP	Bradley	Eugene	Chatlin	1/22/2025
042.0018376- COMP	Serena		Del Mundo	1/22/2025
042.0018377- COMP	David		Smoger	1/22/2025
042.0018378- COMP	George	Peter	Stacy	1/22/2025