

VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE
Minutes of the May 6, 2026, Board Meeting
Remote via Teams and
280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671

Approved

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

Dr. Matt Greenberg called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM

Members Present:

Matthew Greenberg, MD; Rob Ciappenelli; Evan Eyler, MD; Gail Falk; Peter Ireland, MD; Suzanne Jones, PA-C; Patricia King, MD; David Coddair, MD; Rachel Gaidys, MD; Ian Odigie, MD; Dawn Philibert; Judy Scott; Margaret Tandoh, MD; Robert Tortolani, MD; Scott Tucker.

Others in Attendance:

David Herlihy, Executive Director; Megan Campbell, AAG; Kurt Kuehl, AAG; Justin Sheng, AAG; Ron Hunt, MLOA; My Nguyen, Investigator; Tracy Hayes, Public Health Specialist; Lauren Layman, General Counsel; Jessica Schifano, VDH Policy Director; Meg McCarthy, VDH Public Health Policy Advisor.

- **Public Comment: N/A**

- **Approval of the Minutes of April 1, 2026, Board Meeting:**

D. Philibert moved to accept the minutes of the April 1, 2026 meeting. Dr. Tortolani seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

- **Board Issues:** Dr. Greenberg noted that the recent FSMB conference was valuable for all members who attended and invited attendees to share thoughts with the Board. G. Falk shared observations about three topics covered at the conference: artificial intelligence (AI) and the issues it raises for regulators of medical practice; emerging challenges with med spas, ketamine clinics, and GLP-1 clinics; and issues associated with the trend for physicians to be employed by entities that are not controlled by physicians, which creates issues with clinical decision making. She suggested that the Board form ad hoc committees to look at each of them. Dr. Tortolani, R.Ciappenelli, and Dr. King each shared comments about the meeting.

- **Administrative Updates (D. Herlihy):**
 - HSIN platform changes were noted. Members were thanked for their patience and extra time and effort to adapt to the changes and get their work done.
 - Dr. Fischer, UVM Dermatology, will present at the June meeting on issues associated with the use of lasers.
 - Members were reminded to submit expense forms as soon as possible. The state fiscal year ends on June 30, 2026, but past expenses need to be submitted well in advance.
- **Convene hearing to discuss any stipulations or disciplinary matters that are before the Board**
 - **Molly Smith PA-C, Hearing to Approve a Stipulation and Consent Order and Entry Agreement**

Justin Sheng, AAG, presented the Stipulation and Consent Order and Reentry Plan, which had been approved by the Licensing Committee, to the Board for approval. D. Philibert made a motion to accept the Stipulation and Agreement as presented. Dr. Eyler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with the members of the Licensing Committee recusing.

- **Other Business:**
- **Discussion of bills of interest to the Board pending in the Vermont General Assembly**
 - **H.816, *An act relating to regulating the use of artificial intelligence in the provision of mental health services.***

A recent version of the bill being considered in the Senate was summarized. The draft includes a section that calls on the Board and the Office of Professional Regulation to prepare a report with recommendations for regulation of the use of AI by regulated professionals. Dr. Eyler commented that the bill does not address informed consent or acceptance of the use of AI by the patient. Dr. Tortolani raised the point that non-verbal cues play an important role in communication in general, and especially in discussing mental health issues. Dr. Eyler later questioned whether informed consent alone is adequate, asking whether there should also be a requirement for an alternative to care by AI.

- **VDH Policy Staff Discussion of S.142, *An act relating to a pathway to licensure for internationally trained physicians and medical graduates***

The Board was joined by Jessica Schifano, VDH Policy Advisor and Meg McCarthy, VDH Public Health Policy Advisor, to discuss the tasks assigned to the Board by S.142. VDH Policy staff has begun the process of researching the details of the programs established in other states to create alternate pathways to licensure for internationally trained physicians. The Policy staff will continue to support the Board in its work on this issue.

- **Ad Hoc Committees to Address Tasks from New Legislation**

Dr. Greenberg proposed forming two ad hoc committees. One to study AI issues as set forth in H.816 and the other to focus on the internationally-trained physician issue as presented by S. 142. D. Herlihy will send an email reminding members to reply stating if they are interested in joining one of the ad hoc groups.

- **Executive Session to Discuss:**

- Investigative cases recommended for closure
- Other matters that are confidential by law, if any

D. Philibert made a motion to enter Executive Session at 1:55 PM to discuss confidential matters related to investigations. R. Ciappenelli seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

- **Return to Open Session: Board Action on matters discussed in Executive Session:**

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

MPN 164-1125 – Letter #1
MPN 019-0226 – Special Letter #1

S. Tucker made a motion to close the cases presented. Dr. Tortolani seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: North Investigative Committee.

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

MPC 101-0725 – Letter #1
MPC 137-0925 – Special Letter #2

D. Philibert made a motion to close the cases presented. Dr. King seconded

the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: Central Investigative Committee.

- **Upcoming Board meetings, committee meetings, hearings, etc.:**
Locations are subject to change. A notification will be provided if a change takes place.
- **May 14, 2026, North Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM.**
[In Person at South Burlington Public Library, 180 Market St. South Burlington, VT and Remote via Teams](#)
- **May 15, 2026, Central Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM**
[Remote via Teams and at 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT](#)
- **May 20, 2026, South Investigative Committee Meeting, 12:00 PM.**
[In Person at Asa Bloomer Office Building, 88 Merchants Row, Rutland, VT and Remote via Teams](#)
- **June 3, 2026, Licensing Committee Meeting, 10:30 AM.** [Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT](#)
- **June 3, 2026, Board Meeting, 12:00 PM.** [Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT](#)
- **Open Forum:** J. Scott asked about seeing some cases with differently formatted case numbers. D. Herlihy explained that cases begun in the new IT system, SRPS, will have case numbers that use the new system's format.

CCI = Central cases

CNI = North cases

CSI = South Cases

- **Adjourn:**

Dr. Greenberg declared the meeting adjourned at 2:56 PM.

April Licenses Issued Appendix A

Credential	Name	Date Issued
042.0040059	Acharya, Indira	04/01/2026
042.0040060	Ben-Kane, Suzanne	04/01/2026
042.0040061	Hoque, Mohammed Merajul	04/01/2026
042.0040063	Khalil, Nadia Khan	04/01/2026
056.0040062	Kanter, Paul	04/01/2026
042.0040064	Castillo, Richmond Malabanan	04/06/2026
060.0040065	Dana, Isabella	04/06/2026
042.0040067	Fosburgh, Blair Wardenburg	04/09/2026
055.0040066	Denby, Kelsey Cashin	04/09/2026
042.0040068- COMP	Williams, Adetunji Babatunde	04/10/2026
042.0040069- COMP	Singh, Neetu	04/10/2026
042.0040070- COMP	Gonzalez, Virginia Yolanda	04/10/2026
042.0040071- COMP	Chopra, Sahil	04/10/2026
042.0040072- COMP	Asempa, Oyetewa	04/10/2026
042.0040073- COMP	Malcolm, William	04/10/2026
042.0040074- COMP	Kumar, Rajeev S	04/10/2026
042.0040075- COMP	Splonskowski, Darren Jon	04/10/2026
042.0040076- COMP	Embrescia, Mary Megan	04/10/2026
042.0040077- COMP	French, Matthew Sanders	04/10/2026
042.0040078- COMP	Kish, Joshua Beddingfield	04/10/2026
042.0040079- COMP	Cossmann, Jack	04/10/2026
042.0040080- COMP	Rubsamen, Reid Martin	04/10/2026
042.0040081- COMP	Sakariya, Sonal	04/10/2026
042.0040082- COMP	Gibson, Cassandra	04/10/2026
042.0040083- COMP	Merchant, Omar	04/10/2026

042.0040084-COMP	Ballentine, Rebecca Deming	04/10/2026
042.0040085	Kaplan, Jonathan	04/10/2026
042.0040086-COMP	Niccoli, Sherry Lynn	04/10/2026
042.0040087-COMP	Godreau, Eric M	04/10/2026
042.0040088-COMP	CHURCH, ANN ALLISA	04/10/2026
042.0040089-COMP	Garcia, William	04/10/2026
042.0040090-COMP	Bharucha, Neza Farhang	04/10/2026
042.0040091-COMP	Lemmond, Keri Lee	04/10/2026
060.0040092	Melcher, Rowan	04/10/2026
055.0040093	Morris, Jeremy	04/11/2026
060.0040094	Qazi, Murtaza Ali	04/11/2026
060.0040095	Rodriguez, Ileana	04/12/2026
060.0040096	Rose, Emily Vicks	04/12/2026
060.0040097	Schneegurt, Noah	04/12/2026
060.0040098	Shahid, Arzu	04/13/2026
060.0040099	Sibindi, Cosmas	04/13/2026
042.0040100	Brown, Connor William	04/14/2026
042.0040102	Goodman, Zachary S.	04/16/2026
042.0040103	Rimmer, Clara	04/16/2026
042.0040104	Scarborough, Eric Thomas	04/16/2026
042.0040105	Wohl, Elyana Renee	04/16/2026
042.0040106	Wohlford, Luke Alexander	04/16/2026
042.0040107	Gerety, Brigid Meghan	04/16/2026
060.0040108	Francisco, Tyler Kenneth	04/16/2026
060.0040109	Archinal, Alex	04/17/2026
060.0040110	Beaudoin, Thomas Wayn	04/17/2026
042.0040113	Miller, Paul Peter	04/18/2026
060.0040111	Karin, Elizabeth Anne	04/18/2026
060.0040112	Lam, Katie	04/18/2026
060.0040114	Ulloa Jr., Daniel	04/18/2026
042.0040115-COMP	Wehle, Danielle Marie	04/20/2026
042.0040116-COMP	Jordan, Trisha Karen	04/20/2026
042.0040117-COMP	Matthews, Mark Ray	04/20/2026
042.0040118-COMP	Maniam, Rajivan	04/20/2026

042.0040119- COMP	Dyer, Crystal Shanelle	04/20/2026
042.0040120- COMP	Ratliff, Tabetha	04/20/2026
042.0040121- COMP	Pozniak, Sarah Jane	04/20/2026
042.0040122- COMP	Tran, Anthony Hoang	04/20/2026
042.0040123- COMP	Julian, Josephine D	04/20/2026
042.0040124- COMP	Robalino, Giannina	04/20/2026
042.0040125- COMP	Morocco, Elise B	04/20/2026
042.0040126- COMP	Wilson, Matthew Z.	04/20/2026
042.0040127- COMP	Tribuzio, Melissa Anne	04/20/2026
042.0040128	Bruce, Robert James	04/20/2026
042.0040129	Munroe, Christiana Eva	04/20/2026
042.0040131	Elaine, Marie	04/22/2026
042.0040132	Pacult, Mark Alexander	04/24/2026
055.0040133	Reeves, Travis Lance	04/24/2026
042.0040134	Lund, Nina Calantone	04/26/2026
042.0040135	Luther, Vera Parkhurst	04/26/2026
042.0040136	Mackinnon, Matthew William	04/26/2026
055.0040137	Szych-Brown, Brooklyn	04/26/2026
060.0040138	Chimene-Weiss, Jeremy	04/28/2026
060.0040139	Becerra Ramirez, Henry Alberto	04/30/2026