

VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE
Minutes of the July 1, 2026, Board Meeting
Remote via Teams and
280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671

Unapproved

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

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

Members Present:

Rob Ciappenelli; David Coddaira, MD; Evan Eyler, MD; Gail Falk; Rachel Gaidys, MD; Susan Blish, MD; Peter Ireland, MD; Suzanne Jones, PA-C; Patricia King, MD; Stephanie Lorentz; Ian Odigie, DPM; Judy Scott; Margaret Tandoh, MD; Robert Tortolani, MD; Scott Tucker.

Others in Attendance:

David Herlihy, Executive Director; Megan Campbell, AAG; Kurt Kuehl, AAG; Laura Ashikaga, AAG; Ron Hunt, MLOA; Scott Frennier, Investigator.

- **Public Comment: N/A**

- **Approval of the Minutes of June 3, 2026, Board Meeting:**

Dr. Tortolani moved to accept the minutes of the June 3, 2026 meeting. R. Ciappenelli seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: S. Tucker.

- **Board Issues:**

- Dr. Coddaira acknowledged L. Ashikaga, AAG as the person temporarily assigned to the Board of Medical Practice. Welcome Laura!
- Dr. Blish, our newest member of the Board was also acknowledged.
- Dr. Coddaira thanked both the licensed and public members of the Board, the Board staff, and the AAG staff for all their hard work and commitment.

- **Administrative Updates (D. Herlihy):**

- Current HSIN platform challenges were discussed. It appears to be working better at this time. Board members were encouraged to notify us if any issues arise.
- D. Herlihy informed members that licenses had recently received a mailing about a commercial CME offering that is labeled as Mandatory CME Required for Vermont License Renewal. Because it seemed likely that

licenses might take that to mean they needed to take that specific course to renew their license, staff sent an email to all licenses telling them that they are not required to take that particular course and summarizing the CME requirements for the upcoming renewal.

- A new Administrative Services Technician has been hired. They are expected to begin July 13.
- The hearing scheduled for September may be delayed. If the Hearing Officer reschedules the hearing after meeting with the parties members will be contacted.

- **Other Business:**

- **Artificial Intelligence in Medicine**

Discussion of Act 156 (*An act relating to regulating the use of artificial intelligence in the provision of mental health services*), the role of the Board's ad hoc committee on AI, and next steps.

Anyone interested in being on the committee should contact D. Herlihy.

- **Executive Session to Discuss:**

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

R. Ciappenelli made a motion to enter Executive Session at 12:28 PM to discuss confidential matters related to investigations. Dr. King seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

- **Return to Open Session: Board Action on matters discussed in Executive Session (1:24 PM):**

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

North Investigative Committee had no cases to close this month.

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

MPC 153-1025 – Special Letter #1

MPC 018-0226 – Letter #1

MPC 031-0326 – Special Letter #1 (Marga Sproul)

MPC 032-0326 – Letter #1

MPC 176-1225 – Special Letter #1

MPC 036-0326 – Letter #1

MPC 037-0326 – Letter #1

Dr. King made a motion to close the cases presented. J. Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: Central Investigative Committee, and Dr. Odigie and Dr. Blish on MPC 031-0326, MPC 032-0326, MPC 036-0326, MPC 037-0326.

S. Jones, PA-C, South Investigative Committee, asked to close:

MPS 015-0226 – Special Letter #1 (Marga Sproul)

Dr. Ireland made a motion to close the case presented. Dr. King seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: South Investigative Committee.

- **Upcoming Board meetings, committee meetings, hearings, etc.:** Locations are subject to change. A notification will be provided if a change takes place.
- **July 9, 2026, North Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM.**
[In Person at the South Burlington Public Library 180 Market St. South Burlington, VT and Remote via Teams](#)
- **July 10, 2026, Central Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM**
[Remote via Teams and at 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT](#)
- **July 15, 2026, South Investigative Committee Meeting, 12:00 PM.**
[Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT](#)
- **August 5, 2026, Licensing Committee Meeting, 10:30 AM.** [Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT](#)
- **August 5, 2026, Board Meeting, 12:00 PM.** [Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT](#)
- **Open Forum:**
- **Adjourn:**

Dr. Coddair declared the meeting adjourned at 1:34 PM.

June Licenses Issued Appendix A

Coming soon.