

**VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE**  
**Minutes of the July 3, 2024, Board Meeting**  
**280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671**  
**Remote via Teams**

**Unapproved**

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

Dr. Rick Hildebrant, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM  
David Herlihy called the roll.

**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; Patricia King, MD;  
Stephanie Lorentz; Ian Odigie, DPM; Dawn Philibert; Judy Scott; Margaret Tandoh, MD;  
Robert E. Tortolani, MD; Scott Tucker.

**Others in Attendance:**

Megan Campbell, AAG; Scott Frennier, Investigator; Kelly Lawler, Administrative Service  
Technician IV; Ron Hunt, MLOA; Lauren Layman, Esq.; David Herlihy, Executive Director;  
Kurt Kuehl, AAG; Paula Nenner, Investigator; Bill Reynolds, AAG; Justin Sheng, AAG;  
George Belcher, Esq.

- **Approval of the Minutes of the June 5, 2024, Board Meeting:**

Stephanie Lorentz moved to accept the minutes of the June 5, 2024, meeting. Dawn  
Philibert seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none;  
abstained: none.

- **Board Issues (Dr. Hildebrant):**

**No issues noted by Dr. Hildebrant**

- **Administrative Updates (D. Herlihy):**
  - **Ron Hunt, the new Medical Licensing and Operations Administrator, was introduced to the Board.**
  - **Members were advised that an amendment to the Vermont Public Meeting law requires all entities holding public meetings to offer a hybrid option and to record all meetings.** The requirement to record public meetings does not include executive sessions. The amendments to the law became effective on July 1; it was noted that the meeting was being recorded. With open session being recorded and posted, conversations and images will be available for public viewing; all should be attentive to this change and assume that our comments and actions could be scrutinized.
  - **New application options for Telehealth Registration and Telehealth License for MD, DPM, and PA have been added to the Board’s online system.** D. Herlihy noted all the work Tracy Hayes did creating six new applications and six different sets of instructions and updating the online system to make them all available to applicants.
  - **LTL season completed – almost 450 new and renewal licenses issued. Over 300 renewals and over 130 newly licensed residents.**
  - **D. Herlihy shared that over the past several weeks staff had been dealing with staff shortages and many different demands on their time.** He thanked staff for their dedication and hard work, and thanked members for their patience, as there may have been times when tasks were not completed as quickly as is the norm.
  - **Members were informed that a new “E-Blast” will be sent to all licensees in coming weeks.** As of July 3, there are two topics. (1) Publication of the Joint Statement on IV Hydration to all licensees. (2) Notice of new guidelines on Pediatric and Adult Brain Death and Death by Neurologic Criteria. The Department of Health and the Board were contacted by an NYU neurologist and neurosurgeon, who took part in a project by the American Academy of Neurology, American Academy of Pediatrics, Child Neurology Society, and Society of Critical Care Medicine to update the guidelines. Vermont law requires that determination of death be in accordance with accepted medical standards, so this work will be announced to licensees. There may be other topics added to the E-Blast as well.
  - **The Board was advised that there will be a need for members to participate in a hearing panel for a case with pending charges.** The charges originated from the South Committee; the panel will be made up of members from the Central and North Committees. The panel requires at least three members and there must be

at least one MD and at least one public member on the panel. Once the hearing dates are set a request will be sent out to eligible members.

- **Other Business:**

- **Overview of Symposium on Alternative Pathways to Licensure for Foreign-Trained Physicians (“FTPs”)** -- the Chair and Executive Director provided the Board an overview of the symposium they attended in Washington, DC on June 18. The event, convened by FSMB, focused on the concept of establishing alternative pathways to licensure for physicians who trained overseas and who have not completed a residency program in the United States or Canada.

Dr. Hildebrant noted that there is no structure for evaluation or accreditation of foreign training programs and that creating a system to do that will be essential for making a reliable process for licensing FTPs. He added that the ECFMG, which oversees a program for accreditation of foreign medical schools, has indicated they will work on such a program.

Dr. Hildebrant noted that three states have done the most in this area. Tennessee previously passed a law creating a pathway for FTPs, but no physicians have been licensed using that process and the law has recently been changed. Maine considered a law that would have created non-residency training programs for FTPs as a pathway to licensure, but the bill was not passed because of the cost. New York has put a lot of effort into reviewing FTPs on a case-by-case basis, but the number of licensees obtained is quite small for a state with about 100,000 physicians.

D. Herlihy added that a Commission has been established to create common standards and principles to promote consistency among states. The main purpose of the symposium was for states to come together to give the Commission input.

- **Medical Licensing Requirements Topics in the News** – D. Herlihy provided the Board a brief overview of a recent report presented to the Green Mountain Care Board and the AHS Director of Healthcare Reform. The report was part of a process directed by a 2022 law. It calls for efforts to make the Vermont healthcare system sustainable. The report mentioned concerns about healthcare workforce issues, including the consultant’s use of the term “burdensome licensing processes.” It was pointed out that in 2023 the Board engaged in a thorough review of licensing processes, which resulted in many recommendations

to revise processes. Some changes have been made, some are being implemented, and some will not be achieved until the IT system is updated.

- **Naturopathic Physician Technical Advisory Group** – The Board was asked to assist the Department of Health staff prepare for a study group directed by Act 158 of 2024 that will make recommendations as to whether Vermont law should be amended to add naturopathic physicians to the healthcare professionals who can take part in medical/legal issues such as end of life, COLST, and DNRs. The Board identified the following:
  - information about each of the processes, specifically the factors considered in each process and the role of the clinician, and what is at stake if the participating physician is not well prepared to participate in the process;
  - facts about the education and training of allopathic, osteopathic, and naturopathic physicians;
  - if there is a gap between the education and training of allopathic and osteopathic physicians as compared to the education and training of naturopaths, are there resources available to address any gaps; and,
  - to what extent are naturopaths involved in these processes in other states?
- **Discussion of any stipulations or disciplinary matters that are before the Board (12:58 PM):**

**In re: Tania Sarkaria, MD – Summary Suspension Motion – Matter MPS 175-0823 and MPS 067-0424**

Judge Belcher greeted the Respondent and their counsel, and then did the roll call. Judge Belcher invited AAG Campbell to present the matter. AAG Campbell addressed the Board, summarizing the facts leading up to the Summary Suspension Motion. Respondent's counsel responded to the allegations and motion. At 2:07 PM the Board entered deliberative session, accompanied by Hearing Office Belcher. The members of the South Committee did not participate in the deliberative session. At 2:40 PM the Board left deliberative session and the meeting resumed. Dr. Greenberg made a motion to reject the Summary Suspension Motion. Dawn Philibert seconded the motion.

R.Hunt recorded the roll-call vote: The motion passed; Yeas: Ten Opposed: none; Abstained: none; Recused: South Investigative Committee

- **Hearing Concluded at 2:44 PM**
- **Convene meeting; Executive Session to Discuss:**
  - Investigative cases recommended for closure
  - Other matters that are confidential by law, if any

Matt Greenberg made a motion at 2:45 PM to enter Executive Session to discuss confidential matters related to investigations. Dawn Philibert seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

- **Return to Open Session 3:46 PM; Board Actions on matters discussed in Executive Session: (Dr. Hildebrant left the meeting during Executive Session; Dr. Greenberg acted as Chair beginning at 3:34 PM)**

**Dr. King, North Investigative Committee, asked to close:**

MPN 016-0223 – Special Letter #2  
MPN 104-1022 – Letter #1 – Recused: Dr. Tandoh  
MPN 207-1023 – Letter #1

S. Lorentz 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 200-1023 – Special Letter #1  
MPC 014-0124 – Special Letter #1  
MPC 130-1222 – Letter #1  
MPC 217-1123 – Special Letter #1  
MPC 001-0124 – Special Letter #1

Dr. King made a motion to close the cases presented. Scott Tucker seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: Central Investigative Committee.

**PA Jones, South Investigative Committee, asked to close:**

MPS 053-0324 – Letter #1

MPS 042-0244 – Letter #1

MPS 012-0124 – Special Letter #1

MPS 026-0124 – Letter #1 – Recused Dr. Greenberg

MPS 219-1123 – Special Letter #2

MPS 048-0224 – Letter #1

MPS 029-0124 – Special Letter #1

Dawn Philibert made a motion to close the cases 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 11, 2024, North Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM,** [Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671](#)
  - **July 12, 2024, Central Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM.,** [Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671](#)
  - **July 17, 2024, South Investigative Committee Meeting, 12:00 PM,** [Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671](#)
  - **August 7, 2024, Licensing Committee Meeting, 10:30 AM,** [Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671](#)
  - **August 7, 2024, Board Meeting, 12:00 PM,** [Remote via Teams and 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671](#)
- **Adjourn:** Dr. Greenberg declared the meeting adjourned at 3:57 PM.

**APPENDIX A**

**PREVIOUS MONTH'S APPROVED APPLICATIONS**

Credential	Contact Name	First Name	Middle Name
042.0017868	Moshrik Abd Alamir	Moshrik	
042.0017869	Murtaza Amir	Murtaza	
042.0017870	Sean Robert McNamara	Sean	Robert
042.0017871	Felix Hernandez	Felix	
042.0017872	Samantha Jo Hunt	Samantha	Jo
042.0017873	Ekaterina Kolmogorova	Ekaterina	
042.0017874	Ann Victoria Mckane	Ann	Victoria
042.0017875	Seyed Mohammad Mohaghegh Poor	Seyed Mohammad	
042.0017876	Miguel Martin Palos	Miguel	Martin
042.0017878	Brian Fidali	Brian	
042.0017880	David Henry Kocoj	David	Henry
042.0017881	Astrid Kempainen	Astrid	
042.0017897	Kevin Thomas Argentieri	Kevin	Thomas
042.0017898	Alicia Joan Burns	Alicia	Joan
042.0017899	Manuel Balderas	Manuel	
042.0017900	Sabrina Khan Khalil	Sabrina	Khan
042.0017901	Jason Koutcher	Jason	
042.0017902	Carroll Lee Martins Ruschman	Carroll	Lee
042.0017903	Sarah Brianna French Hepworth	Sarah	Brianna French
042.0017904	Lilly Catherine Rizzo	Lilly	Catherine
042.0017905	Sienna Marie Searles	Sienna	Marie
042.0017906	Stefanie Ann Colavito	Stefanie	Ann
042.0017907	Edwin Taylor Haring	Edwin	Taylor
042.0017925	James Scott Kenney	James	Scott
042.0017926	Colin David Tkatch	Colin	David
042.0017927	Aaron Michael Wallace	Aaron	Michael
042.0017928	Ted Fan	Ted	
042.0017929	Nicholas Joseph Petrosino	Nicholas	Joseph
042.0017930	James Matthew Poss	James	Matthew
042.0017941	George Cao	George	
042.0017942	Barbara Ann Duffy	Barbara	Ann
042.0017944	Aviad Avraham Lavian	Aviad	Avraham
042.0017945	Karen Leigh Lawes	Karen	Leigh
042.0017946	Carrie Elizabeth Mahurin	Carrie	Elizabeth
042.0017947	Shauna Ono Dunton	Shauna	Ono
055.0031761	Nathan Banks	Nathan	
055.0031762	Austin Reed Marshall	Austin	Reed
055.0031763	Luke Raab	Luke	
055.0031764	Maria Lynn Chaloux Schaefer	Maria	Lynn Chaloux
055.0031765	Alyssa Morgan Schlenter	Alyssa	Morgan
055.0031766	Lauren Beth Gibbons	Lauren	Beth
055.0031767	Lindsey Nicole Heath	Lindsey	Nicole
056.0000210	Meaghan C Wood	Meaghan	C
060.0005808	Lisa Marie Morris	Lisa	Marie
060.0005809	McKenzie R Schwarz	McKenzie	R
060.0005810	Hayden Doughty	Hayden	
060.0005811	Jessica Ribkoff	Jessica	
060.0005812	Darius James Javidi	Darius	James
060.0005813	Lauren Mary Trumble	Lauren	Mary
060.0005814	Indira Acharya	Indira	
060.0005815	Linda Leyi Cui	Linda	Leyi
060.0005816	Olivia L Hanson	Olivia	L



060.0005817	Michael Kaiser	Michael	
060.0005818	Nathaniel Peterson Moore	Nathaniel	Peterson
060.0005819	Ryan Michael Leverant	Ryan	Michael
060.0005820	Scott Christopher Pelland	Scott	Christopher
060.0005821	Renuka Singh	Renuka	
042.0017848-COMP	Ajeet Harihar Dube	Ajeet	Harihar
042.0017882-TTRG	Renee Marie Sorrentino	Renee	Marie
042.0017883-COMP	Sheila Rose Boyle	Sheila	Rose
042.0017884-COMP	Brandi Marie Gary	Brandi	Marie
042.0017885-COMP	Manisha Ghimire	Manisha	
042.0017886-COMP	Thomas Anthony Gill	Thomas	Anthony
042.0017887-COMP	Meenal Kapoor Kheterpal	Meenal	Kapoor
042.0017888-COMP	Sujin Lee	Sujin	
042.0017889-COMP	Anabel Maria Morales Mangual	Anabel	Maria
042.0017890-COMP	Cynthia Chika Odogwu	Cynthia	Chika
042.0017891-COMP	Kimberly Quigley	Kimberly	
042.0017892-COMP	Reza Samad	Reza	
042.0017893-COMP	Brian Anthony Schliedt	Brian	Anthony
042.0017894-COMP	Julio Cesar Soto	Julio	Cesar
042.0017895-COMP	Terrence Wong	Terrence	
042.0017908-COMP	Grace Ching	Grace	
042.0017909-COMP	Rachel Anne Coel	Rachel	Anne
042.0017910-COMP	Marcela Espinosa	Marcela	
042.0017911-COMP	Magdalena Gasiorova	Magdalena	
042.0017912-COMP	Jiansan Gu	Jiansan	
042.0017913-COMP	Amitabh Gupta	Amitabh	
042.0017914-COMP	Jeffrey L Harris	Jeffrey	L
042.0017915-COMP	Heather Hirsch	Heather	
042.0017916-COMP	Shakir Ahmed Mohammed Hussein	Shakir	Ahmed Mohammed
042.0017917-COMP	Joanna Kingsley Tavarez	Joanna	
042.0017918-COMP	Diana Kumar	Diana	
042.0017919-COMP	Emill Levasseur Sanchez	Emill	
042.0017920-COMP	Stephen Patrick McElroy	Stephen	Patrick
042.0017921-COMP	Amish S Purohit	Amish	S
042.0017922-COMP	Danniel Joseph Stites	Danniel	Joseph
042.0017923-COMP	Nita Thapa	Nita	
042.0017924-COMP	Gina Bing Wilson	Gina	Bing
042.0017931-COMP	Scott Philip Brody	Scott	Philip
042.0017932-COMP	Joseph Chen	Joseph	
042.0017933-COMP	Kyle Keahi Chong	Kyle	Keahi
042.0017934-COMP	Meghan Crute	Meghan	
042.0017935-COMP	Arpna Dave	Arpna	
042.0017936-COMP	Julie Gutmark	Julie	
042.0017937-COMP	Mathew Scott Lemberger	Mathew	Scott
042.0017938-COMP	Wendy San-Sir Lin	Wendy	San-Sir
042.0017939-COMP	Kirstin Alexis Knobbe Lloyd	Kirstin	Alexis Knobbe
042.0017940-COMP	Brandon Arthur Mines	Brandon	Arthur
042.0017943-COMP	Lisa Larkin	Lisa	
042.0017948-COMP	Krishni Somaratne	Krishni	

**101 Items Found**

Last Name	Date Issued
Abd Alamir	6/3/2024
Amir	6/3/2024
McNamara	6/3/2024
Hernandez	6/6/2024
Hunt	6/6/2024
Kolmogorova	6/6/2024
Mckane	6/6/2024
Mohaghegh Poor	6/6/2024
Palos	6/6/2024
Fidali	6/6/2024
Kocoj	6/6/2024
Kempainen	6/6/2024
Argentieri	6/12/2024
Burns	6/12/2024
Balderas	6/13/2024
Khalil	6/13/2024
Koutcher	6/14/2024
Martins Ruschman	6/14/2024
Hepworth	6/15/2024
Rizzo	6/15/2024
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Trumble	6/6/2024
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Kumar	6/19/2024
Levasseur Sanchez	6/19/2024
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Lloyd	6/25/2024
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Larkin	6/26/2024
Somarathne	6/27/2024