

THE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024 AT 8:30 A.M.

SYNERGY BUSINESS PARK, KINGSTREE BUILDING, LOWCOUNTRY ROOM
110 CENTERVIEW DRIVE,
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29210

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anne G. Cook, MD, President
Christopher C. Wright, MD
Robert Kosciusko, MD
Jennifer R. Root, MD
Theresa R. Mills-Floyd, MD
Richard R. Howell, MD

SCDLLR STAFF PRESENT:

Bob Horner, Esq., Office of Advice Counsel
Jessica Beise, Board Administrator
Maggie Murdock, Esq., Program Director
Holly Beeson, Counsel to the Office of Communications and Governmental Affairs
Pat Hanks, Esq., Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Rowland P. Alston, III, Esq., Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Prentiss Shealey, Esq., Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Ratisha Brisbon, Office of Investigations & Enforcement
Ashley Bailey McNair, Investigator, Office of Investigations & Enforcement
Donnell Jennings, Esq. Asst. Dep. Dir. of Enforcement, Office of Investigation & Enforcement
Byron Ray, Office of Investigations & Enforcement
Jennifer Harris, Investigator, Office of Investigations & Enforcement
Pete Siepert, Investigator, Office of Investigations & Enforcement
Doris Cochran, Investigator, Office of Investigations & Enforcement
David Escalante, Investigator, Office of Investigations & Enforcement
Lolei Bristow, Investigator, Office of Investigations & Enforcement
Jennifer Mitchel, Board of Nursing
Allen Gay, Division of Operations Technology and Security

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Dr. Anne Cook at 8:30a.m. on Monday, February 6, 2023.

REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA/APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

The following absences were approved with approval of the agenda: Dr. Franga, Dr. Dilts, and Dr. Schabel. A quorum was present.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Legislative Update – Holly Beeson, LLR Counsel to the Office of Communications and Governmental Affairs, provided a legislative update. No motions made.

Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee – Public Member Appointments – Discussed the appointment. Motion to appoint Dan Atkinson to the Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

Ratification of Protocol for Administration of Vaccines by Pharmacists – Discussed the protocol and the initial approval by Board President required timely action. Motion to ratify the Protocol for the Administration of Vaccines by Pharmacists. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Physician Assistant Advisory Committee – Last meeting was held January 12, 2024. A vacancy exists on the Committee.

Respiratory Care Practitioner Advisory Committee – Last meeting held October 13, 2023. The next meeting of the Committee is upcoming as new Committee members are being on boarded.

Acupuncture Advisory Committee – Last meeting held November 18, 2022.

Election Update – Petitions for the DO seat were solicited and the election process upcoming. Elections for the Board Members representing Congressional District Seats 1 and 6.

FSMB Annual Meeting – April 18-20, 2024 – Invited Board members to attend and noted Board staff's planned attendance.

Upcoming Meetings: May 6-7, August 5-6 & November 4-5 – Noted the upcoming meetings dates.

ODC/OIE REPORT [CLOSED]

Ratisha Brisbon, OIE and Ashley Bailey, OIE

Investigation and Enforcement Board Report – Ratisha Brisbon, OIE, presented a total of 92 cases.

Dismissals

62 dismissals were presented to the board. Motion to move item #55 to a letter of caution. Motion carried. Motion to move item # 14 to a letter of caution. Motion to approve remaining dismissals. Motion carried.

Dismissal – Cease and Desist

Motion to approve Cease and Desist. Motion carried.

Letters of Caution

17 letters of caution were presented to the board. Motion to move item #68 to dismissal. Motion carried. Motion to move item #76 to dismissal. Motion carried. Motion to add additional language to the letter of caution. Motion carried. Motion to accept letters of caution except for items #68 and #76. Motion carried.

Formal Complaints

12 Formal Complaints were presented to the board. Motion to accept formal complaints. Motion carried.

CIRCLE MEDICINE, TELEMEDICINE REQUEST

Discussed request. Motion to executive session; Motion out of executive session. Motion carried. Motion to approve a telemedicine waiver allowing initial prescribing via a sole telemedicine visit provided that the patient be seen by a physician within three months for a face-to-face examination.

Motion to closed session. Motion carried.

MOA FINAL ORDER HEARING CASE NO. 2020-504 [CLOSED]

Motion to executive session for legal advice; motion carried. Motion out of executive session; motion carried. Motion to accept the MOA, issue a private reprimand and require costs of \$1,530.00 payable within six months of the final order. Motion carried.

TODD JAROSZ, M.D., CASE NO. 2018-60. PETITION TO BE RELEASED FROM BOARD ORDER [CLOSED]

Motion to grant petition to release Petitioner from all terms, conditions, and/or restrictions previously imposed by the Board. Motion carried.

MOA FINAL ORDER HEARING CASE NO. 2020-164 [CLOSED]

Motion to executive session for legal advice; motion carried. Motion out of executive session; motion carried. Motion to accept the MOA, issue a private reprimand and require costs of \$610.00 payable within six months of the final order. Motion carried.

Motion to closed session. Motion carried.

MOA FINAL ORDER HEARING CASE NO. 2021-121 [CLOSED]

Motion to executive session for legal advice; motion carried. Motion out of executive session; motion carried. Motion to accept the MOA, issue a private reprimand and require costs of \$60.00 payable within 90 days. Motion carried.

MOA FINAL ORDER HEARING CASE NO. 2020-421 [CLOSED]

Motion to executive session for legal advice; motion carried. Motion out of executive session; motion passed. Motion to reject the MOA and issue a non-disciplinary letter of caution. Motion carried.

CRAIG KONIVER, M.D., MOA FINAL ORDER HEARING CASE NO. 2022-15 [CLOSED]

Motion to executive session for legal advice; motion carried. Motion out of executive session; motion passed. Motion to accept the MOA, issue a public reprimand, impose a \$10,000 civil penalty payable within one year of the final order, complete a two-day live recordkeeping course, and restriction from prescribing ketamine and testosterone for one year. Reappear before the Board within one year to determine whether prescribing restriction should remain in place. Motion carried.

ROBERT BONZANI, M.D., APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE [CLOSED]

Motion carried. Motion to approve application for licensure. Motion carried.

Motion to open session. Motion carried.

ALTAN ALIM, M.D., APPLICATION FOR ACADEMIC LICENSURE [WebEx]

Motion to approve application for academic licensure. Motion carried.

Motion to closed session. Motion carried.

JESSICA THOMPSON, M.D., APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE

Motion to executive session for legal advice; motion carried. Motion out of executive session; motion carried. Motion to deny licensure for failure to meet the statutory qualifications for licensure in that applicant has not completed one year of residency. Motion carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 4:36 p.m.