

**THE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

MONDAY AND TUESDAY, MAY 6-7, 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  
George S. Dilts, MD  
Stephen Schabel, MD  
Dion Franga, MD (Monday)

**SCDLLR STAFF PRESENT:**

Bob Horner, Esq., Office of Advice Counsel  
Jessica Beise, Board Administrator  
Robynn Devine, Program Coordinator  
Temeka Atkinson, Administrative Coordinator  
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  
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  
Billie Chambers, Division of Operations Technology and Security

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Dr. Anne Cook at 8:42a.m. on Monday, May 6, 2024.

**REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA/APPROVAL OF ABSENCES/MINUTES**

Motion to adopt the agenda. Motion carried. The following absences were approved with approval of the agenda: Dr. Franga late attendance for Tuesday. A quorum was present for both days. Motion to approve the February 5, 2024 meeting minutes.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

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

Physician Assistant CME Requirements – Discussed the current law does not address continuing medical education as the law requires initial certification but doesn't require continuing certification for physician assistants. The Physician Assistant Committee took up the issue and recommended the number of continuing medical education should be similar to certification. Board discussed. Motion to support changes to the regulation to require 100 hours of continuing medical education every two years. Motion carried.

Appointments – Health Care Collaborative Committee Members – Discussed the appointment. Motion to appoint Dr. Chris C. Wright and Dr. Richard R. Howell to the Health Care Collaborative Committee. Motion carried.

Appointments – PA Advisory Committee Member – Discussed the appointment. Motion to appoint Cameron Moskos to the PA Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

Appointments – Anesthesiologists Assistant Committee Members – Discussed appointments. Motion to appoint Stephen Koty Price, Chas Goodwin and Jennifer Moon to the Anesthesiologists Assistant Committee. Motion carried. Discussed appointments. Motion to appoint Dr. Ray Brown, Dr. Stephen Gardner, and Dr. Victoria Pollard to the Anesthesiologists Assistant Committee. Motion carried.

Appointments – Medical Disciplinary Commission Member – Discussed the appointment. Motion to appoint Dr. Robert Messier Jr. and Dr. Nitesh Ainani to the Medical Disciplinary Commission. Motion carried.

Criminal Background Checks for Licenses and Registrations – Discussed previous board direction was to require background checks for all but the 14 Day Limited License and staff noted registrants were not included on the previous motion. Motion to require a background check for all registrants. Motion carried. Discussed challenges including delays of residency with background checks and limited licenses. Discussed conditional issuance and process for being heard by the board of Temporary Suspension Order process if background check results warranted it. Motion for initial limited license applicant to conditionally be approved if the

background check is the only missing application item as to not delay the start of the training program.

Laser Policy Updated – Discussed the policy. Motion to executive session. Motion tabled to later discussion.

### **ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Physician Assistant Advisory Committee – Last meeting was held January 12, 2024, no additional information since last board meeting.

Respiratory Care Practitioner Advisory Committee – Last meeting held April 12, 2024. The committee approved 42 temporary licenses, denied a license and sought additional information. Motion to approve the February 23, 2024 minutes. Motion carried.

Acupuncture Advisory Committee – Last meeting held November 18, 2022. Motion to authorize staff to see candidates for the Committee via eblast. Motion carried.

Anesthesiologist Assistant Committee – Members were appointed and a meeting is to be scheduled.

Athletic Trainers Committee – Meeting to be held in July, 2024.

Board of Certification Conference (Athletic Trainers) – July 9-10 – The Board was invited to attend the Board of Certification for Athletic Trainers Care Conference. Board Executive Beise requested authorization for attendance and travel costs. The Board received a scholarship for one attendee for some of the travel costs. Motion for the Medical Board to cover the travel costs for the Athletic Trainers Regulator Conference. Motion carried.

Joint Podiatry Surgery Committee – Staff has begun drafting an e-blast to seek members.

Recap for the FSMB Conference – Provided a recap of the conference outlining some of the items that were key takeaways from staff.

Administrators in Medicine – Discussed the Administrators in Medicine association and the informational sessions they provided at the FSMB Conference. The Board is currently not a member and Board Executive Beise Requested participation in the Administrators in Medicine. Motion to join the Administrator in Medicine. Motion carried.

Election Update – Reviewed the election updates. The Doctor of Osteopathy runoff election was held. One valid petition was received for Congressional District 6. No valid petitions were received for Congressional District 1 and another notice of election will need to be issued.

Newsletter – Discussed a request by Board Executive Beise to start drafting a newsletter for the Board. Motion to authorize staff to draft a board newsletter. Motion carried.

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

**TRANSITIONAL HOME VISITS BY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT - AESTHETIC MODIFIED SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR HOME VISITS (REFERRED FROM THE PA COMMITTEE)**

PA Committee Chair Dr. Stephen Gardner and Dr. Sarah Allen presented the topic which had been discussed at the January 2024 PA Committee Meeting. Discussed home visits and concerns. PA Committee chair received feedback from the board related to continuing scope approval as currently done with the option to add-on home visits within the established scope of practice approval process via the PA Committee. The Board shares concerns with group visits for procedure and for board approved methodology for individuals.

**MOA FINAL ORDER HEARING CASE NO. 2020-531 [CLOSED]**

Motion to closed session; motion carried. Motion to dismiss the case. Motion carried.

**MAYES, KATE, M.D., SEEKING REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSURE [CLOSED]**

Motion to executive session for legal advice; motion carried. Motion out of executive session; motion carried. Motion that Dr. Mayes must complete the SPEX exam, undergo a Clinical Skills Assessment Program approved by the Board and follow up with all recommendations, comply with other terms and conditions known to the applicant and the Board, once licensee returns to practice have quarterly supervisor reports with a limitation of 40 hours a week of practice and practice site approval, and applicant must petition for relief or removal of those restrictions. Motion carried.

**MOA FINAL ORDER HEARING CASE NO. 2018-408 [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 \$100.00. Motion carried.

**DOUGLAS WHITEHEAD, M.D., MOA FINAL ORDER HEARING CASE NO. 2019-292 [CLOSED]**

Motion to executive session for legal advice; motion carried. Motion out of executive session; motion carried. Motion to accept the Stipulation of Fact and find a violation of 40-74-110 (B) (1) and 40-47-110 (B) (18), issue a public reprimand and require an eight-hour professional boundaries course approved by the Board. Motion carried.

**LUNCH**

Lunch break from 1:00pm-1:40pm

**DISCUSSION REGARDING EXAM TAKINGS FOR BOARD CERTIFIED APPLICANTS**

Applicant – TAYLOR, William, MD

Applicant –COGGINS, Charlotte Shamiram, MD

Applicant –NGUYEN, Khoa Dang

Motion to open session; motion carried. Motion to executive session for legal advice; motion carried. Motion out of executive session; motion carried. Motion to hold that when considering exam takings for purposes of licensure, any subsequent taking after the fourth taking by an applicant can be considered for licensure when the application holds a certification, recertification, or a certificate of added qualification by a specialty board recognized by the ABMS or AOA under S.C. Code §40-47-32(F)(2) and therefore staff may proceed with licensure for the three applicants. Motion to closed session; motion carried.

**MOA FINAL ORDER HEARING CASE NO. 2021-485 [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 four-hour prescribing course and a four-hour ethics course. Motion carried.

**THOMAS STEPHEN CERASARO, MD, MOA FINAL ORDER HEARING CASE NO. 2020-505 & 2022-5 [CLOSED]**

Motion to executive session for legal advice; motion carried. Motion out of executive session; motion carried. Motion to accept the Stipulation of Fact and find a violation of 40-74-113 (A) and 40-47-110 (B) (17), issue a public reprimand, a one year suspension with a stay, two-day prescribing course and 40 hour boundaries course approved by the Board, a fine of \$10,000 and costs of \$1,480. Motion carried.

**MOA FINAL ORDER HEARING CASE NO. 2022-357 & 2023-158 [CLOSED]**

Motion to executive session for legal advice; motion carried. Motion out of executive session; motion carried. Motion to accept the MOA and find a violation of 40-47-110 (B) (9), issue a private reprimand and require compliance with terms and conditions known to the Respondent and the Board, and Respondent must return to the Board for release from these requirements and costs of \$473.54. Motion carried. Motion to reinstate respondents license; motion carried.

**MOA FINAL ORDER HEARING CASE NO. 2021-581 [CLOSED]**

Motion to executive session for legal advice; motion carried. Motion out of executive session; motion carried. Motion to defer final decision on the MOA and restrict practice to non-clinical, non-patient care activities, including no prescriptive authority until Respondent completes complies with additional terms and conditions and Respondent returns before the Board.

**MARTORANA, PERLITA, M.D. POTENTIAL APPLICANT SEEKING GUIDANCE FOR LICENSURE**

Motion to open session; motion carried. Board provided feedback on how to show competency and information on reentry into the medical field.

**WILLIAMS, LESLEY, M.D. POTENTIAL APPLICANT FOR LICENSURE**

Motion to closed session; motion carried. Motion to executive session for legal advice; motion carried. Motion out of executive session; motion carried. Motion to allow applicant to proceed with licensure under the following conditions: complete 150 hours of CME (recommended that it be in primary care to prepare for intended practice and hours on prescribing controlled substances).

**RECESS**

Motion to adjourn at 6:30pm.

**TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Dr. Anne Cook at 8:34 a.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 2024.

Motion to closed session; motion carried. Motion to clarify order the order for case number 2021-581, to clarify that the Board intention was for the Respondent to comply with all terms and conditions imposed effective May 6, 2024.

**ODC/OIE REPORT [CLOSED]**

Presented by Patrick Hanks, Esq., ODC, Prentiss Shealey, Esq., ODC, Ashley Bailey McNair, OIE, and Ratisha Brisbon, OIE.

Discussed OIE Board Report, Statistics Report, and Training Report. No motions made.

Office of Investigation and Enforcement – Internal Review Conference Board Report – Ashley Bailey-McNair and Ratisha Brisbon, OIE, presented a total of 90 cases. One case was listed on the report provided to the Board but was removed from Board review as further investigation was required.

Dismissals

72 dismissals were presented to the board. Item #54 was placed in the dismissal category but was intended to be in the Letter of Caution category. Motion to move item #54 to dismissal. Motion carried. Motion to approve dismissals. Motion carried.

Formal Complaints

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

Letters of Caution

13 letters of caution were presented to the board. Motion to move item #86 to dismissal. Motion carried. Motion to move item #87 to dismissal. Motion carried. Motion to accept letters of caution except for items #86 and #87. Motion carried.

Informal Conferences – Prentiss Shealey, Esq., ODC, presented a total of four cases. Motion to move case 2022-263 to a letter of caution. Motion carried. Motion to move 2023-506 to a dismissal. Motion move case 2022-41 to a letter of caution. Motion carried. Motion to leave 2023-496 as a formal complaint. Motion carried.

Motion to open session. Motion carried.

**ADILBAY, DAUREN, M.D., APPLICANT FOR ACADEMIC LICENSE**

Motion to approve academic license; motion carried.

**MORALES MANCILLAS, NALLELY RUBI, M.D., APPLICANT FOR ACADEMIC LICENSE**

Motion to approve academic license contingent upon correction of the application to include a letter from the MUSC Dean correcting deficiencies. Motion carried.

**BORNFRIEND, LYNN, M.D., OF NARBERTH, PA, APPLICANT**

Motion to approve for licensure; motion carried.

Motion to closed session; motion carried.

**MOA FINAL ORDER HEARING CASE NO. 2022-111 [CLOSED]**

Motion to executive session for legal advice; motion carried. Motion out of executive session; motion carried. Motion to accept the MOA and a violation of S.C. Code 40-47-110(B)(9), issue a private reprimand, require four hours of continued education hours related to informed consent, ethics, and payment of \$760 in investigative costs. Motion carried.

Motion to open session; motion carried.

Due to the resignation of Dr. Anne Cook as board chair, elections for officers was held. Motion to nominate Dr. Wright as Board President; motion carried. Motion to nominate Dr. Root; motion carried. Motion to close the nominations; motion carried. Call for a vote for Dr. Wright and Dr. Root for the office of President. By vote of 4-2, Dr. Wright elected Board President.

Motion to nominate Dr. Root as Vice President; motion carried. Motion to close nominations; motion carried. Call for a vote for Dr. Root to service as Vice President. By unanimous vote, Dr. Root elected Vice President.

Motion to nominate Dr. Kosciusko as Secretary; motion carried. No further nominations received. Call for a vote for Dr. Kosciusko to serve as Secretary. By unanimous vote, Dr. Kosciusko elected Secretary.

Motion to executive session for legal advice; motion carried. Motion out of executive session; motion carried.

Motion to adopt BME Guidance on Surgery Using Lasers, Pulsed Light, Radiofrequency Devices, or Other Techniques; motion carried.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 11:41 p.m.