

**THE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

MONDAY AND TUESDAY, AUGUST 5-6, 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:**

Christopher C. Wright, MD, President  
Anne Cook, MD  
Robert Kosciusko, MD  
Jennifer R. Root, MD  
Theresa R. Mills-Floyd, MD  
Richard R. Howell, MD  
George S. Dilts, 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  
Emily Farr, Director  
Brittany Hammond, Chief Financial Officer  
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 Hollis, Investigator, Office of Investigations & Enforcement  
Lolei Bristow, Investigator, Office of Investigations & Enforcement  
Jennifer Cooper, Paralegal, Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
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. Christopher Wright at 8:40a.m. on Monday, August 5, 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. Schabel excused and Dr. Franga excused Tuesday. A quorum was present for both days. Motion to approve the May 6-7, 2024 meeting minutes; motion carried.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Christopher Wright welcomed new Board Member Mary J. Richardson. Ms. Richardson provided a brief personal background.

Discussion of licensure fees – Director Emily Farr & Brittany Hammond, Finance Director – Emily Farr, LLR Director and Brittany Hammond provided an update on licensure fees. Bi-annually LLR is obligated to review fees and ensure that the Board maintains enough revenue to sustain operations. Currently the Board is positive financial position and suggestions were presented in lowering some fees. The Board discussed and provided feedback on the proposed fee changes. Motion to approve the proposed finance changes discussed. Discussion on shared services and limited license fee reduction when transferring to permanent licensure.

Legislative Update – Bob Horner, Advice Counsel, provided a legislative update. No motions made.

Joint Pharmacist Administered Immunization Protocol/PA Committee – Appointment of BME Member to Committee – Motion to appoint Dr. Richard Howell to the Joint Pharmacist Administered Immunization Protocol Committee. Motion carried. Motion to appoint Dr. Christopher Wright to the Physician Assistant Committee. Motion carried.

Election of DO Member – Bob Horner, Advice Counsel, provided an update on the election. The term for the Doctor of Osteopathy (DO) seat on the board did not specify a term in the election notice. Motion to designate the term of the new DO member as starting on January 1, 2025. Motion carried.

Criminal Background Checks – Athletic Training Licenses – Dr. Christopher Wright introduced the topic and staff confirmed all other licensees are required to complete a background check. Motion to require criminal background checks for athletic trainers.

PA Committee Reappointment – Motion to reappoint Brown J. McCallum to the PA Committee. Motion carried.

Physician Assistant CE Draft Regulation for Review & Approval - Bob Horner, Advice Counsel, provided an update on the draft regulation for PAs. Motion to adopt the drafted regulation to be posted in the State Register.

### **ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Licensing Update – Board Executive Jessica Beise provided an update to the board.

Physician Assistant Advisory Committee – Last meeting was held July 12, 2024. A special meeting was called for September 13, 2024, as the July 12 meeting ended without a quorum and certain topics could not be discussed because of that. No minutes presented; will be presented at the next meeting.

Respiratory Care Practitioner Advisory Committee – Last meeting held July 12, 2024. The committee approved licenses and discussed topics related to sleep labs. Motion to approve the April 12, 2024 minutes. Motion carried.

Anesthesiologist Assistant Committee – Members were sent out information and a meeting will be scheduled.

Acupuncture Advisory Committee – Last meeting held November 18, 2022. No additional information to report since last meeting.

Athletic Trainers Committee – First meeting held July 10, 2024. The Committee was complementary of the transition to working with LLR. No minutes presented as this was the Committee’s first meeting.

CARE Conference and South Carolina Athletic Trainers Symposium Update – Board Executive Jessica Beise attended the Board of Certification (Athletic Trainers) Care Conference and provided a recap to the Board. Board Executive Beise was invited to attend the South Carolina Athletic Trainers Symposium to represent the agency and to work with applicants for licensure. Bob Horner was awarded an award at the Symposium for the furtherance of the Athletic Training profession.

Election Update – Reviewed the election updates. One valid petition was received for Congressional District 6, which was forwarded to the Governor’s Office and confirmed. The

Congressional District 6 appointee was unable to attend the August 2024 meeting due to pending mandatory paperwork. For Congressional District 1, another notice of election was posted and candidates are being sought. Congressional District 3 to be run in the coming weeks. Dr. Franga thanked the board members for opportunity to serve.

FSMB Annual Meeting – Save the Date – April 24-26, 2025 – The next FSMB conference dates have been shared and scholarships are available for the board.

Travel Approval – FSMB Legal Counsel Meeting – Nov. 7-8, 2024 Reno, NV – Motion to release funds for the Advice Counsel to attend the Federation of State Medical Boards Counsel Meeting in Nevada; motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings: November 4-5 – upcoming meeting dates noted.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**BREAK** [off the record at 9:35am; open session resumed at 9:52am].

### **MAURICIO PEREIRA, M.D., APPLICANT FOR ACADEMIC LICENSURE**

Motion to approve academic license. Motion carried.

### **DIEGO DI SABATO, M.D., APPLICANT FOR ACADEMIC LICENSURE**

Motion to approve academic license. Motion carried.

### **ABDEL HINDI, M.D., APPLICANT FOR ACADEMIC LICENSURE**

Motion to approve academic license. Motion carried.

### **MATTEO TREZZI, M.D., APPLICANT FOR ACADEMIC LICENSURE**

Motion to approve academic license. Motion carried.

### **ALI ZIADA, M.D., APPLICANT FOR ACADEMIC LICENSURE**

Motion to approve academic license. Motion carried.

### **CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANT CERTIFICATION – REQUEST TO ALLOW RMA (AAH) CERTIFICATION - ESTHER RALEY AND JOSHUA ANDERSON**

Board heard a request to allow the RMA Certification. Motion to approve the Registered Medical Assistant certification provided by American Allied Health. Motion carried.

**MARTIN, WILLIAM DEAN, M.D., APPLICANT FOR LICENSURE**

Motion to accept Dr. Martin's Board Certification based upon the information presented. Motion carried.

**LUNCH**

Lunch break from 11:35 a.m.-12:44 p.m.

Motion to closed session; motion carried.

**SOF FINAL ORDER HEARING, CASE NUMBER 2018-360 [CLOSED]**

Motion to executive session for legal advice; motion carried. Motion out of executive session; motion carried. Motion to accept the Stipulation of Facts, find violations of 40-47-110(B)(17) with sanctions of a private reprimand, must complete a four-hour record keeping course, as approved by the Board, and pay investigative costs of \$800. Motion carried.

**RELEASE FROM PRIOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS [CLOSED]**

Petitioner requested release from prior terms and conditions. Motion to grant petitioner's request; motion carried.

**RELEASE FROM PRIOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS [CLOSED]**

Petitioner requested release from prior terms and conditions. Motion to grant petitioner's request; motion carried.

**SOF FINAL ORDER HEARING, CASE NUMBER 2023-26 [CLOSED]**

Motion to executive session for legal advice; motion carried. Motion out of executive session; motion carried. Motion to accept the Stipulation of Facts, find violations of 40-47-110(B)(14) and 40-47-113(A) with sanctions of a private reprimand, and pay investigative costs of \$190. Motion carried.

**BREAK** [off the record at 3:23 pm; closed session resumed at 3:28pm.]

**WADE BANKER, M.D., MOA FINAL ORDER HEARING, CASE NUMBER 2023-298 [CLOSED]**

Motion to executive session for legal advice; motion carried. Motion out of executive session; motion carried. Motion to accept the MOA, find violations of 40-47-111(A) with a sanction of permanent revocation of license.

**MOA FINAL ORDER HEARING, CASE NUMBER 2022-332 [CLOSED]**

Motion to executive session for legal advice; motion carried. Motion out of executive session; motion carried. Motion to accept the MOA, find violations of 40-47-110(B)(3), -110(B)(13), -110(B)(14), -110(B)(17), -110(B)(26), and 40-47-133(A) with sanctions of a private reprimand, Respondent shall submit quarterly written reports directly to the board or board's designee with the requirements of approval of the reviewing physician, reports being submitted before the tenth day after three months of clinical practice and every three months, reviewer of charts shall choose randomly charts for review and those meet the criteria, if employment ends, a report must be provided within ten days and chart review may not end until one year of satisfactory compliance has been documented, and an assessment of costs in the amount of \$2,591, payable within six months.

**RECESS**

Motion to adjourn at 5:40pm.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Dr. Christopher Wright at 8:33 a.m. on Tuesday, August 6, 2024.

Motion to closed session; motion carried.

**OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL (ODC)/ OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT (OIE) REPORT [CLOSED]**

Investigation and Enforcement Board Report – Ratisha Brisbon, OIE, and Ashley Bailey McNair, OIE, presented a total of 83 cases.

**Dismissals**

65 dismissals were presented to the board. Board commented on Number 31 should list sedative in the record versus anesthesia. Motion to approve dismissals. Motion carried.

**Letters of Caution**

13 letters of caution were presented to the board. Board discussed length of cases and timing of evaluations. Motion to accept letters of caution Motion carried.

**Formal Complaints**

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

Prentiss Shealey, ODC, presented the ODC Triage Report. Letter of Caution was recommended in case 2019-343. Motion to approve letter of caution. Motion carried. Letter of Caution was recommended in case 2023-321. Motion to approve letter of caution. Motion carried.

Motion to executive session to receive legal advice regarding complaint process; motion carried.

Motion to return to closed session; motion carried.

**MOA FINAL ORDER HEARING, CASE NUMBER, 2021-168 [CLOSED]**

Motion to dismiss the case; motion carried.

**SOF FINAL ORDER HEARING, CASE NUMBER, 2021-448 (continued)**

**SOF FINAL ORDER HEARING, CASE NUMBER, 2021-578 [CLOSED]**

Motion to executive session for legal advice; motion carried. Motion out of executive session; motion carried. Motion to accept the Stipulation of Facts, find violations of 40-47-110(B)(9) and -110(B)(17) with sanctions of a private reprimand, must complete an ethics and boundaries course of four hours, as approved by the Board, must complete a four-hour record keeping course, as approved by the Board, and pay investigative costs of \$1,180. Motion carried.

**PRAMOD GANTA, M.D., SOF FINAL ORDER HEARING, CASE NUMBER, 2022-375 [CLOSED]**

Motion to executive session for legal advice; motion carried. Motion out of executive session; motion carried. Motion to accept the MOA, find a Violation of 40-47-110(B)(7), -110(B)(9), -110(B)(13) violation of code of ethics, which pertain to S.C. Reg. 81-60(a) and S.C. Reg. 81-60(d) with a proposed sanction of a public reprimand and \$1,640 in investigative costs.

Motion to return to open session; motion carried.

**TELEMEDICINE REQUEST, S.C. ASSOCIATION FOR THE TREATMENT OF OPIOID DEPENDENCE, JACK EMMEL, M.D., WITH SARA GOLDSBY**

Petitioners requested an exemption pursuant to S.C. Code Section 40-47-37(C)(7)(b)(iv). The request was for practitioners in this State to conduct a telemedicine evaluation before writing orders for methadone when those practitioners are part of a qualified Opioid Treatment Program (OTP).

Motion to allow an exemption to S.C. Code Section 40-47-37(C)(7)(b)(iv) and find that practitioners working for a certified OTPs in South Carolina may conduct audiovisual telemedicine

initial patient evaluations for the purpose of ordering methadone to be dispensed according to OTP procedures, provided these practitioners meet the requirements set forth in 42 CFR Part 8. Motion carried.

**KATHERINE ANTEL, M.D., APPLICANT FOR ACADEMIC LICENSURE**

Motion to grant academic licensure to Applicant; motion carried.

Motion to closed session; motion carried.

**CHARLES WADEE, M.D., MOA Final Order Hearing, Case Numbers, 2021-92 & 2022-489 [CLOSED]**

Motion to executive session for legal advice; motion carried. Motion out of executive session; motion carried. Motion to accept the MOA, find violations of 40-47-110(B)(9), -110(B)(13), and -110(B)(17) with sanctions of a public reprimand, Respondent shall be barred from prescribing controlled substances, Respondent's license is suspended with said suspension being stayed, unless Respondent receives a relevant, credible complaint against his license, in which case the stay shall be lifted and the suspension shall become effective, and an assessment of costs in the amount of \$3,880 for Case No. 2021-92 and the costs in the amount of \$3,381 for Case No. 2022-489, for a total of \$7,261, payable within twelve months.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Motion to return to open session; motion carried. Motion to adjourn the meeting; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.