

**THE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 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  
Robert Kosciusko, MD  
Jennifer R. Root, MD  
Richard R. Howell, MD  
Marcello Hochman, MD  
George S. Dilts, MD  
Mary J. Richardson, Public Member

**SCDLLR STAFF PRESENT:**

Bob Horner, Esq., Office of Advice Counsel  
Jessica Beise, Board Administrator  
Robynn Devine, Program Coordinator  
Temeka Atkinson, Administrative Coordinator  
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 8:42a.m. on Monday, November 4, 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 and Dr. Mills-Floyd excused. A quorum was present. Motion to approve the August 5-6, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Legislative Update – Virginia Wetzel, provided a legislative update. No motions made.

Consent Orders – Bob Horner, Advice Counsel, provided an update related to the physician assistant renewal. Consent orders are typically done for practice with a lapsed license for other license types but have not been done for Physician Assistants. To not overwhelm the Office of Disciplinary Counsel with additional complaints, consent agreements would be offered with a private reprimand and fine to those who had unlicensed practice. Motion to accept the consent approvals. Motion carried.

Physician Assistant Committee Reappointment and Vacancies – Motion to reappoint Dr. O'Quinn and Derek Roper to the Physician Assistant Committee. Motion carried.

Joint Podiatric Surgery Advisory Committee – Motion to appoint Dr. Christopher Gross and Dr. Richard Marks to the Joint Podiatric Surgery Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Protocol for Administration of Vaccines by Pharmacists – Approval moved further into the meeting.

Medical Disciplinary Committee Appointments – Motion to appoint Dr. John David Osguthorpe, Dr. Justine DeCastro, Dr. Ronald Teed to the Medical Disciplinary Committee. Motion carried. Motion to appoint Dr. Thomas Litton and William C. Logan, Jr. to the Medical Disciplinary Committee. Motion carried. Motion to appoint Sunday A. Olatunde to the Medical Disciplinary Committee. Motion carried. Motion to appoint Wesley Liao to the Medical Disciplinary Committee. Motion carried. Motion to appoint Dr. B. James McCallum, Dr. Jamie Falkowitz, Dr. Mark A. Jones to the Medical Disciplinary Committee. Motion carried. Motion to appoint Dr. John Melville, Dr. Patrice M. Weiss, Dr. Stephen M. Tuel to the Medical Disciplinary Committee. Motion carried.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Anesthesiologist Assistant Committee – Last meeting was held on October 24, 2024. The next meeting will be in April 2025.

Physician Assistant Advisory Committee – Last meeting was held September 13, 2024. The committee discussed fluoroscopy and processing scopes. No minutes presented; minutes will be presented at the next meeting. Next meeting will be held in January 2025.

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

Respiratory Care Practitioner Advisory Committee – Last meeting held October 11, 2024. The committee approved licenses. Next meeting will be held in January 2025 and will feature a discussion regarding respiratory care in skilled nursing facilities and the scope of registered nurses in respiratory care. Members of the Board of Nursing and/or its committees and members of the Department of Public Health were invited to attend discussion.

Athletic Trainers Committee – First meeting held July 10, 2024. Next Meeting will be held in January 2025.

IRC Request - Discussion of Patient Records Act– Board Executive Jessica Beise provided an update to the board. IRC members inquired about the Patient Records Act and the challenges presented with the ownership of records in the variety practice settings. The board discussed the issues raised; no motion made.

Physician Assistant Documentation Audit – Board Executive Beise informed the Board of a number of Physician Assistants without supervising physician or scope of practice guidelines on file. Staff requested the Board consider sending a e-Blast to PA licensees to educate them on their requirement to have documentation approved by the Board and then to authorize staff to complete an audit. The board unanimously decided that it could move forward

2025 Renewals – Respiratory Care Practitioners/Cardiovascular Invasive Specialists, Physicians, Limited License Physicians, Academic License Physicians, Volunteer Physicians. Acupuncturists/Auricular Therapists, Anesthesiologist Assistants, & Physician Assistants - Board Executive Beise provided an update of the license types renewing in 2025.

Election Update – Reviewed the election updates. For Congressional District 1 an election was conducted and the results forward to the Governor’s Office. One valid petition was received for Congressional District 3 which was forwarded to the Governor’s Office. For Congressional Districts 2, 5, and 7 petitions were sought. Only one candidate was received for Congressional District 2 and 5 and will be forwarded to the Governor’s Office. An election is required in Congressional District 7 with two candidates.

Travel Approval: Administrators in Medicine Fall Conference – November 20- 22, 2024 Phoenix, AZ – Motion to release funds for the Board Executive to attend the Administrators in Medicine Fall Conference. Motion carried.

FSMB Annual Meeting –April 24-26, 2025 – Shared FSMB conference dates and noted scholarships are available for the board and staff with more information to come.

International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities – Membership – Board Executive Beise shared information about the International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities. Motion to become a member of the International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings: February 3-4, 2025; May 5-6, 2025; August 4-5, 2025; November 3-4, 2025 – Presented to the Board for information only.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment heard.

**BREAK** (9:35 a.m.-9:47 a.m.)

## **MOA FINAL ORDER HEARING, CASE NUMBER 2021-72 [CLOSED]**

Motion to closed session; motion carried. 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), (17) and (27) with sanctions of a private reprimand, investigative costs of \$2,400, and complete a four-hour course on supervisory roles of physicians, as approved by the Board. Motion carried.

Motion to return to open session; motion carried.

## **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PROTOCOL FOR ADMINISTRATION OF VACCINES BY PHARMACISTS**

Motion to approve the Joint Committee's recommendations for vaccine administration by pharmacists. Motion carried.

## **PROVIDENCE, TIFFANY OVERSTREET, M.D., APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE**

Motion to approve permanent license. Motion carried.

## **KHALAF, DINA, M.D., APPLICANT FOR ACADEMIC LICENSURE**

Motion to approve academic license. Motion carried.

## **PHAM, MICHAEL, M.D., APPLICANT FOR LICENSURE**

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

**SOF FINAL ORDER HEARING, CASE NUMBER 2020- 294 [CLOSED]**

Motion to hold hearing in closed session; motion carried. Motion to executive session for legal advice; motion carried. Motion out of executive session; motion carried. Motion to accept the SOF, find violations of 40-47-110(B)(9), (B)(14), (B)(17) with sanctions of a private reprimand and investigative costs of \$2,122. Motion carried.

**MOA FINAL ORDER HEARING, CASE NUMBER 2021- 581[CLOSED]**

Motion to executive session for legal advice; motion carried. Motion out of executive session; motion carried. Motion is to continue the restrictions of the Temporary Board Order of May 15, 2024 limiting clinical practice but not utilization review; to provide 30 days to comply with RPP Program or the license will be suspended and to defer a final decision on the MOA until the Board can assess continued compliance with prior Board orders.

**SOF FINAL ORDER HEARING, CASE 2021-448 [CLOSED]**

Motion to executive session for legal advice; motion carried. Motion out of executive session; motion carried. Motion to accept the SOF, find violations of 40-47-110(B)(3) and (B)(17) with sanctions of a private reprimand, investigative costs of \$3,224, must complete a four-hour course on ethics, as approved by the board, and must complete a four-hour recordkeeping course, as approved by the Board. Motion carried.

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

Investigation and Enforcement Board Report – Ratisha Brisbon, OIE, and Bianca Smith, OIE, presented a total of 109 cases.

**Dismissals**

78 dismissals were presented to the board. Motion to change Key 76 to Letter of Caution. Motion carried. Motion to change Key 59 to Letter of Caution. Motion to approve. Motion to approve 76 dismissals. Motion carried.

**Letters of Caution**

22 letters of caution were presented to the board. Motion to change Key 82 to a dismissal. Motion carried. Motion to change Key 91 to a dismissal. Motion carried. Motion to change Key 97 to a dismissal. Motion carried. Motion to accept 19 letters of caution. Motion carried.

**Formal Complaints**

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

**Cease and Desist**

2 Cease and Desist orders were presented to the board. Motion to accept the Cease and Desist orders. Motion carried.

Prentiss Shealey, ODC, presented the ODC Triage Report. Dismissal was recommended in case 2023-321. The board discussed a letter of caution. Motion carried. A letter of caution was recommended in case 2023-643. Motion to approve letter of caution. Motion carried. Letter of Caution was recommended in case 2024-40. Motion to approve letter of caution. Motion carried.

**MOA FINAL ORDER HEARING, CASE NUMBER 2022-135 [CLOSED]**

Motion to executive session for legal advice; motion carried. Motion out of executive session; motion carried. Motion to reject the MOA and administer a Letter of Caution reminding Respondent to be mindful of polypharmacy situations and possible drug interactions. Motion carried.

Motion to open session; motion carried.

**PREDESH PARASSERIL JOSE, M.D., APPLICANT FOR ACADEMIC LICENSURE**

Motion to approve academic license. Motion carried.

**AKYILDIZ, MURAT, M.D., APPLICANT FOR ACADEMIC LICENSURE**

Motion to approve academic license. Motion carried.

**SCHWARTZ, STEVEN, REQUEST TO CONSIDER A SPECIALTY BOARD  
CERTIFICATION UNDER S.C. CODE SECTION 40-47-32(F)(3)**

Motion to accept Dr. Schwartz's Board Certification based upon the facts presented to the Board. Motion carried.

**RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Motion to approve the July 12, 2024 Respiratory Care Practitioner Committee Meeting minutes.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn the meeting; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.