

THE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025 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 Wright, MD, President
Robert Kosciusko, MD
Jennifer R. Root, MD
Theresa R. Mills-Floyd, MD
George S. Dilts, MD
Natalie Gregory, MD
James McClain, MD
Linda Tjiattas-Saleski, DO
Edward Grove, MD
Mary J. Richardson, Public Member

Excused Absence: Marcelo Hochman, MD

SCDLLR STAFF PRESENT:

Bob Horner, Esq., Office of Advice Counsel
Jessica Beise, Board Executive
Robynn Devine, Program Coordinator
Tina Brown, 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
Holly Beeson, Esq., Office of Governmental Affairs
Virginia Wetzel, Office of Governmental Affairs

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Dr. Christopher Wright at 8:40a.m. on Monday, May 5, 2025.

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. Hochman excused. A quorum was present. Motion to approve the February 3, 2025 meeting minutes; motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Legislative Update – Virginal Wetzel and Holly Beeson, Office of Governmental Affairs provided a legislative update. No motions made.

Joint Pharmacist Administered Immunization Protocol/PA Committee—Dr. Wright asked for a volunteer from the Board to join the Joint Pharmacist Administered Immunization Protocol Committee. Dr. Mills-Floyd volunteered for the Joint committee. No motions made.

Eli Lilly Correspondence to BME—Bob Horner, Advice Counsel explained that Eli Lilly sent a letter to the Board to clarify that their weight loss drugs were no longer in short supply and to remind physicians and pharmacists about their trademark on certain drugs. There is no action for the Board to take and no requirements for the licensees. If the Board receives a complaint alleging illegal compounding, it would be investigated the same way as any other complaint filed to see if any violations occurred. Motion made to send communication to the licensees of the shortage of weight loss drugs that have compounding restrictions; motion carried.

S.C. Society of Anesthesiologists Correspondence to BME—The Board discussed the inquiry from the SC Society of Anesthesiologists regarding the use of the term “intern” being used in clinical settings to not only designate physicians, but also to describe any clinical trainee. After Board discussion, motion made to craft a message from the Board regarding the appropriate use of the terms “resident” and “intern”. Also, that the Board would refer this letter to the Board of Nursing and to the Department of Public Health (formerly DHEC) for their knowledge. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Physician Assistant Advisory Committee—The next meeting will be held in July 2025.

Respiratory Care Practitioner Advisory Committee—They were unable to meet on April 11, 2025 due to a lack of a quorum. They are scheduled to have their next meeting on July 11, 2025.

Anesthesiologist Assistant Committee – They will be having a rescheduled meeting on May 8, 2025.

Acupuncture Advisory Committee –There is no meeting date currently scheduled, but they are working on planning one.

Joint Podiatry Surgery Advisory Committee-Their next scheduled meeting will be held on May 16, 2025.

FSMB Annual Meeting –A brief overview of the FSMB meeting held in April.2025 attended by Ms. Beise, Mr. Horner, and Ms. Devine. She notified the Board members that they can attend the next meetings in 2026 and 2027 if interested.

International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities (IAMRA) Conference—The BME has joined this international conference and there is an opportunity to send an interested Board Member or Board staff to their scheduled meeting to be held in Ireland on September 3-6, 2025.

Election Update—There are currently no elections in progress. There will be a few seats that the Board will hold elections for starting later this year.

Upcoming Meetings—August 4-5, 2025; November 3-4, 2025; February 2-3, 2026; May 4-5, 2026

BREAK (9: 15 a.m. to 9:27 a.m.)

Motion to closed session; motion carried.

(Name Withheld) Request to be released from Board Order (**Web-Ex Appearance**)

Motion to open session; motion carried.

Dr. Rebecca Payne, M.D., South Carolina Recovering Professionals Program, Mental Health/Substance Abuse issues in perpetrators of Intimate Partner Violence—Dr. Payne spoke to the Board about the comorbidity of substance and psychiatric disorders within the specific population of perpetrators of domestic violence. After the presentation she answered questions presented.

Motion to closed session; 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 to accept the MOA, find violations of South Carolina Code 40-47-110 (B)(4), (B)(9), (B)(24), and 40-47-113(A) with sanctions of a private reprimand, if performing clinical work, Respondent must obtain work-site approval and is limited to 40 hours per week, investigative costs of \$ 902.00 and additional terms and conditions known to Respondent and the Board

MOA FINAL ORDER HEARING, CASE NUMBER 2023-496 [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 South Carolina Code 40-47-110(B)(2) with sanctions of a public reprimand.

Motion to open session; Motion carried.

Investigative Review Committee (IRC) Appointment—Mr. Horner notified the Board that Dr. Ball will be resigning from the IRC. Former Board member, Dr. Howell, was contacted to see if he was interested in the position. Dr. Howell expressed interest in serving if the Board approves. Motion made to appoint Dr. Howell to the IRC. Motion carried.

LUNCH BREAK (11:56 a.m. to 12:59 p.m.)

Motion to closed session; motion carried.

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

Ms. Prentiss Shealey, Esq. from the Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) gave a brief overview of the Agency's complaint process and how cases get brought before the Board.

Investigation and Enforcement Board Report – Ashley Bailey-McNair, OIE presented a total of 47 cases for Dismissal, 19 Letters of Caution and 3 Formal complaints.

Dismissals

47 Dismissals were presented to the board in addition to the additional three later approved. Motion to approve dismissals. Motion carried.

Letters of Caution

19 Letters of Caution were presented to the board. After a brief Board discussion, a motion was made to change Case (2022-556) from Letter of Caution, to a Dismissal. Second. Motion carried. After further discussion an additional motion was made to upgrade Letter of Caution Case (2024-332) to a Formal Complaint. Second. Motion carried. After discussion, a motion was made to change Case (2024-455) from Letter of Caution, to a Dismissal. Second. Motion carried. After discussion, a motion was made to change Case (2024-464) from Letter of Caution to a Dismissal. Second. Motion carried. After discussion, a motion was made to change Case (2024-572) from Letter of Caution to a Dismissal. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the 14 remaining Letters of Caution. Motion carried.

Formal Complaints

3 Formal Complaints were presented to the board in addition to the one previously approved. Motion to approve formal complaints. Motion carried.

Ms. Shealey, ODC presented the Triage report detailing recommendations from the Informal Conference for review and approval regarding Case (2024-363). Motion made to change the case to a Letter of Caution. Motion carried.

BREAK (2:00 p.m. to 2:10 p.m.)

Motion to closed session; motion carried.

MOA FINAL ORDER HEARING, CASE NUMBER 2018-334 [CLOSED]

Motion to Executive session for legal advice; motion carried. Motion out of executive session; motion carried. Motion to reject the MOA and dismiss the case. Motion carried.

MOA FINAL ORDER HEARING, CASE NUMBER 2020-398 [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 South Carolina Code 40-47-1005 (3) and (7) with sanctions of a private reprimand, and pay the investigative costs of \$585.00. Motion carried.

MOA FINAL ORDER HEARING, CASE NUMBER 2023-637 [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 South Carolina Code 40-47-110(22) (2011) with sanctions of a private reprimand, and pay investigative costs of \$180.00. Motion carried.

MOA FINAL ORDER HEARING, CASE NUMBER 2024-518 [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 South Carolina Code 40-1-110 (1)(f) with sanctions of a private reprimand, pay a fine of \$1000.00 and must take a 4-hour CME course in Ethics, and pay the investigative costs of \$ 80.00. Motion carried.

MOA FINAL ORDER HEARING, CASE NUMBER 2021-49 [CLOSED]

Motion to reject the MOA and dismiss the case. Motion carried.

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Motion to open session; motion carried.

Motion to send two LLR staff members to the IRAMA conference. Motion carried.

No Public Comments

Motion to Adjourn meeting at 5:19 p.m.; motion carried.