

THE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 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
Natalie Gregory, MD
James McClain, MD
Linda Tjiattas-Saleski, DO
Edward Grove, MD
Mary J. Richardson, Public Member
Marcelo Hochman, MD

Excused Absence: George 'Scot' Dilts, 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
Virginia Wetzal, Office of Governmental Affairs
Jennifer Hollis, Investigator, Office of Investigations & Enforcement
Sam Sanders, 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
David Escalante, Investigator, Office of Investigations & Enforcement
Ryan Belton, Division of Operations Technology and Security
Court Reporter: Tina F. Behles, CVR-M

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Dr. Christopher Wright at 8:47 a.m. on Monday, August 4, 2025.

REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA/APPROVAL OF ABSENCES/MINUTES

Motion to adopt the agenda. Motion carried. A quorum was present. Motion to approve the May 5, 2025 meeting minutes; motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

Approval of Anesthesiologist's Assistant Code of Ethics Regulation—The Board members were presented with a written Code of Ethics to review for approval that would apply to Anesthesiologist's Assistants (AA). Dr. Root gave a brief overview on the requirement of the Anesthesiologist's Assistant Committee to create regulation for this particular healthcare profession. The Committee is currently working on creating regulation to include a written Code of Ethics for AA licensees in South Carolina. Motion made to approve the Anesthesiologist's Assistant Code of Ethics. Motion carried.

Travel Approval-Legal Counsel to FSMB Attorney Meeting, Nov. 6-7, 2025—Dr. Wright advised that Bob Horner, Advice Counsel for the BME, requests travel authorization to attend the November 6-7, 2025 Federation of State Medical Board's Attorney meeting in Philadelphia and called for a motion to approve. Motion made. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Renewals Update—The Board members were advised of the amount of paper renewals received for the 2025-2027 Permanent physician renewal cycle that ended on June 30, 2025. There was a brief discussion regarding potential changes to the application questions that may be implemented for the next renewal cycle in 2027.

Physician Assistant Committee—There was a Physician Assistant (PA) Committee meeting on July 11, 2025. There was one Physician Assistant that submitted a Letter of Interest and CV for consideration of the open PA Committee member seat. Motion made to appoint James Stachowiak to the PA Committee. Motion carried.

Respiratory Care Committee— There was a Respiratory Care (RC) Committee meeting on July 11, 2025. There were two individuals that submitted that submitted Letters of Interest and CVs for consideration of two open Respiratory Care Practitioner (RCP) member seats on the RC

Committee. Motion made to appoint Karen Simmons and Tracy Cook to the RC Committee. Motion carried.

Athletic Trainers' Advisory Committee – There was an Athletic Trainers' Advisory Committee meeting on July 9, 2025. There is currently one open seat for an athletic trainer on that committee. The Board will send out an E-blast seeking interested Athletic trainers.

Acupuncture Advisory Committee –There is no meeting date currently scheduled; scheduling is in process.

Anesthesiologist's Assistant Committee – There was an Anesthesiologist's Assistant meeting on May 8, 2025. One of the key topics discussed was the BME approval of the AA regulation. They will next meet in October 2025.

Joint Podiatry Surgery Advisory Committee–They did not meet for the scheduled meeting in May 2025.

Election Update—There are three Board seats expiring by December 31, 2025, so the Board will be sending out information regarding those elections for District 3, District 4, and an At-Large seat around September.

Upcoming Meeting Dates—November 3-4, 2025; February 2-3, 2026; May 4-5, 2026

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

Investigation and Enforcement Board Report – Ratisha Brisbon, OIE presented a total of 62 cases for Dismissal, 15 Letters of Caution and 8 Formal complaints.

Dismissals

62 Dismissals were presented to the board. Motion to approve dismissals. Motion carried.

Letters of Caution

15 Letters of Caution were presented to the board.

Motion made to require the licensee for Case Number 2024-561 to have an evaluation completed by RPP. Motion carried.

After a brief Board discussion, a motion was made to change Case Number 2024-707 from Letter of Caution, to a Dismissal. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the 13 remaining Letters of Caution. Motion carried.

Formal Complaints

8 Formal Complaints were presented to the board. Motion to approve formal complaints. Motion carried.

Ms. Shealey, ODC advised that there was no Triage report for this meeting.

Motion to open session; motion carried.

BREAK (10:06 a.m.-10:14 a.m.)

Motion to closed session; motion carried.

ABBY WHALEN, RCP, APPLICATION HEARING

Presentation of request for application approval. Motion to executive session for legal advice; motion carried. Motion out of executive session; motion carried. Motion to uphold the denial of application. Motion carried. If Applicant is able to get license reinstated in North Carolina and is in good standing there, applicant can re-apply for a South Carolina License.

Motion to open session; motion carried. The Board discussed, in general, that RCPs who are revoked, suspended or have other action on their licenses, would be ineligible for licensure in South Carolina until such issues are resolved and the applicant is in good standing.

Motion to closed session; motion carried

RALPH REACH, M.D., MOA FINAL ORDER HEARING, CASE NUMBER 2021-381

Motion to executive session for legal advice; motion carried. Motion out of executive session; motion carried. Motion to accept the memorandum of agreement, find violation of § 40-47-110(B)(9) with sanctions of a public reprimand and pay investigative costs of \$380. Motion carried. Applicant may reapply for licensure after resolving Tennessee and Virginia license issues.

RELEASE FROM PRIOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS [CLOSED]

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

LUNCH BREAK (11:45 a.m. to 1:03 p.m.)

Motion to open session; motion carried

TOMASZ WIRASZKA, M.D., APPLICANT FOR LICENSURE (WebEx)

After presentation by the Applicant a motion was made to approve application for licensure; Motion carried.

PEDRO NORAT GUIMARAES BARROSO MAGNO, M.D., APPLICANT FOR LICENSURE

After presentation by the Applicant, a motion was made to accept the CAST-approved fellowship training program at the University of Virginia and allow the physician to proceed with application for licensure. Motion carried.

OR COHEN-INBAR, M.D., APPLICANT FOR LICENSURE

After presentation by the Applicant, a motion was made to accept the fellowship training program at the University of Virginia, the SPEX exam, and other post-graduate training, and allow the physician to proceed with application for licensure. Motion carried.

Motion to closed session; motion carried.

JEFFREY SCHULTZE, M.D., MOA FINAL ORDER HEARING, CASE NUMBER 2023-59

Motion to executive session for legal advice; motion carried. Motion out of executive session; motion carried. Motion to accept the memorandum of agreement, find violations of § 40-47-110(B)(9) and § 40-47-220(B) (18) with sanctions of a public reprimand, suspension of licensure for the period of one year, said suspension being stayed, pay investigative costs of \$200, impose requirement of a chaperone for all patient encounters for the duration of the encounter, impose requirement of quarterly reports from employer, and terms and conditions known to the Board and the Respondent. Motion carried.

MOA FINAL ORDER HEARING, CASE NUMBER 2023-172 [CLOSED]

Motion to executive session for legal advice; motion carried. Motion out of executive session; motion carried. Motion to accept the Memorandum of Agreement, find violations of § 40-47-110(B)(4) and - § 40-47-110(B)(5) with sanctions of a private reprimand, pay investigative costs of \$130, and comply with other terms and conditions known to the Respondent and the Board. Motion carried.

SOF FINAL ORDER HEARING, CASE NUMBER 2022-574 [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 violation of 110(B)(17) with sanctions of a private reprimand, attend a record keeping course approved by the Board of not less than four hours in duration and pay investigative costs of \$850. Motion carried.

Motion to open session. Motion carried.

RORY DOWD, M.D., APPLICANT FOR ACADEMIC LICENSE

After presentation by the Applicant a motion was made to accept the September 2024 to September 2025 as the third required year for permanent licensure. Motion carried.

Motion to closed session; motion carried.

MOA FINAL ORDER HEARING, CASE NUMBER 2023-560
[CLOSED]

Motion to executive session for legal advice; motion carried. Motion out of executive session; motion carried. Motion to accept the memorandum of agreement, find violation of §40-47-110(B)(9) with sanctions of a private reprimand, attend a pediatric sedation course approved by the Board of not less than four hours in duration, and pay investigative costs of \$1,340. Motion carried.

No Public Comments

Motion to Adjourn meeting at 5:09 p.m.; motion carried.