



# Texas Medical Board

## BOARD MEETING

December 13, 2024

The meeting was called to order on Friday, December 13, 2024 at 8:06 a.m. by Board President Sherif Zaafran, M.D. Board members present were: Kandace B. Farmer, D.O.; Michael Cokinos; Sharon Barnes; Devinder S. Bhatia, M.D.; George L. DeLoach, D.O.; Luisa del Rosal; James Distefano, D.O.; Tomeka Herod; Zachary S. Jones, M.D.; Robert Martinez, M.D.; LuAnn R. Morgan; Jayaram B. Naidu, M.D.; Satish Nayak, M.D.; Manuel Quinones, Jr., M.D.; Jason Tibbels, M.D., Linda C. Troncoso; and David Vanderweide, M.D.

Garry Crain. did not attend. Staff members present were: Brint Carlton, J.D., Executive Director; Christopher Palazola, J.D., Deputy Director of Operations; Scott Freshour, J.D., General Counsel; Robert Bredt, M.D., Medical Director; and various other staff.

**Agenda Item # 1, Mission Statement.** Dr. Zaafran read the board's mission statement into the minutes. *Our Mission is to protect and enhance the public's health, safety and welfare by establishing and maintaining standards of excellence used in regulating the practice of medicine and ensuring quality health care for the citizens of Texas through licensure, discipline, and education.*

### **Agenda Item #2, Board Member Report.**

- a. **March meeting date** Dr. Zaafran reported that the March meeting will be held in person.
- b. **President Yearly Summary Report** Dr. Zaafran provided a summary of what the board did in the past year.

**Agenda Item #3, Consideration and possible action for dispositions below minimum guidelines.** There were none.

**Agenda Item #4, Consideration and approval of Mediated Settlement Agreed Orders.** A After consideration, **Dr. Quinones moved, Dr. Bhatia seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Mediated Settlement Agreed Orders for Charles Peter Anderson, MD; Huong Diem Pham, MD; Harold Lewis, DO; and Andrew Gomes, MD.**

**Agenda Item #5, Consideration and possible action for Remedial Plans.** After consideration, **Dr. Vanderweide moved, Dr. Tibbels seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Remedial Plans for Lori Rae Atkins, MD; Ephraim Brenman, DO; Christine Canterbury, MD; Obaigeli Ezewuiro, MD; Boris Kaim, MD; Curtis Okpara, MD; Samuel Duro Oloyo, MD; John Matt Parker, MD; Ronald Neal Parris, MD; Riaz Rahman, MD; Ahmad Sabouni, MD; Kish Carlton, MD; Robert Joseph Dimeff, MD; Chelsea Ann Therrien, MD; Folahan Ayoola, MD; Laura Huston, MD; and Sithara Vemuri, MD.**

**Agenda Item #6, Consideration and possible action for Agreed Orders.** After consideration, **Dr. Martinez moved, Dr. Vanderweide seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Agreed Orders for Grant William Mallory, MD; Iwan Nyotowidjojo, MD; Jim Michael Trione, MD; Jesus Aguirre-Burgos, MD; Jared Mitchell, MD; Dawn Spelman-Ojeda, MD; Michael P. Zeitlin, MD; Ingrid Elisabeth Schmidt, MD; Raul Cejudo, MD; Astik Joshi, MD; Ankur Khosla, MD; Adegboyega Lawal, MD; Paul Lenz, MD; Darella Cooper, MD.**

**Agenda Item #7, Consideration and approval of Modification Request/Termination Request Orders.** After consideration, **Dr. Distefano** moved, **Ms. Barnes** seconded, and the motion passed to approve the **Modification Requests/Termination Requests Orders** for **Odette Louis Campbell, MD; Christle Denise Colbert, MD; Douglas Mailman, MD; Bruce Allen Phillips, MD; Kelly James Turner, MD; Sarojini Bose, MD; Avinash Narine, MD; and Katherine Thompson, MD.**

**Agenda Item #8, Consideration and approval of Modification Request/Termination Request of Non-Public Rehabilitation Orders.** After consideration, **Ms. Morgan** moved, **Dr. Nayak** seconded, and the motion passed to approve the **Termination Request of Non-Public Order** for **Jita De, MD.**

**Agenda Item #9, Consideration and approval of Cease and Desist Orders.** After consideration, **Dr. Quinones** moved, **Dr. Farmer** seconded, and the motion passed to approve the **Cease and Desist Orders** for **Deanna Ellis Griffin, Sivan Parienta, Ariyan Pena, Trista Williams, Niuver Borroto Perez, and Mohammad M. Haque, PhD.**

**Agenda Item #10, Consideration and approval of Nunc Pro Tunc Orders.** There were none.

**Agenda Item #11, Consideration and approval of Agreed Resolution Orders.** There were none.

**Agenda Item #12, Consideration and approval of Consent Orders.** There were none.

**Agenda Item #13, Consideration and approval of Determination of Default.** There were none.

**Agenda Item #14, Consideration and approval of Proposal for Decision.**

**a. Tiffany Chan, MD, PFD SOAH #503-23-25722.MD**

Ms. Nadia Burns, Staff Attorney, provided an overview of the case. Dr. Tiffany Chan was present with counsel, Dan Lype.

**At 9:13 am, Dr. Nayak moved, Dr. Quinones seconded, and the motion passed to go into Executive Session for the purposes of deliberations concerning licensure applications and the character and fitness of applicants under the authority of The Medical Practice Act Sections 152.009 and 155.058, Occupations Code.**

**Open Session resumed at 10:06 am.**

After consideration, **Dr. Zaafran** moved, and **Dr. Martinez** seconded to adopt the **Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law** as recommended by the **ALJ** in the **Proposal for Decision** and approve the **Final Order** filed in this matter with the following sanctions: completion of **KSTAR** assessment within 120 days, preceptorship within a group practice for at least 1 year for at least 20 hours per week, **PACE** course with a focus on managing high impact emotions, 8 cycles of chart monitoring, referral to **TXPHP**, \$5000 administrative penalty and public reprimand. *Dr. Jones recused.*

**Agenda Item #15, Executive Director Report.**

**Budget Update.** Mr. Joey Estrada, CFO, gave an update on the agency's budget.

**Complaints Against the Agency.**

**Legislative Update.** Mr. Carlton gave an update on the Legislative Appropriations Request. Mr. Carlton provided an update on the loss of a valued employee, expressing condolences to the family and friends and TMB colleagues.

**Agenda Item #16, Medical Director Report.** Dr. Bredt reported that DPRC approved 10 new expert panelists and the current need for oncologists and pediatric subspecialty experts.

**Agenda Item #17, Public Information Update.** Ms. Taurie Sloan provided a brief report on the legislative session.

**Agenda Item #18, Report Physician Assistant Liaison.** Karrie Crosby, PA, was present.

**Agenda Item #19, Consideration and possible action regarding pending litigation.** Mr. Freshour provided an update on pending litigation.

**Agenda Item #20, Report on Temporary Suspension Hearings.** A report on Temporary Suspension Hearings was provided.

**Agenda Item #21, Report on Suspensions by Operation of Law.** A report on Suspension by Operation of Law was provided.

**Agenda Item #22, Report on Motions for Rehearing Requests.** There were none.

**Agenda Item #23, Report on Cease-and-Desist Orders Approved by Executive Director.** A report on Cease-and-Desist Orders Approved by the Executive Director was provided.

**Agenda Item #24, Report on Automatic Orders.** A report on Automatic Orders was provided.

There were no items for Agenda Items #25-28.

**Agenda Item #29, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding proposed rule amendments to 22 T.A.C.** Mr. Carlton gave an update on the rule review and comment period. After discussion, **Dr. Bhatia moved, Mr. Cokinos seconded, and the motion passed to adopt the proposed new rules with non-substantive changes based upon public comment and repeal existing rules.**

Kevin Stewart provided comments.

After discussion, **Mr. Cokinos moved, Dr. Farmer seconded, and the motion passed to adopt the rule review as published.**

There were no Agenda Items for #30-35.

**Consent Agenda, Discussion/Action Items – to be considered and any time the full board is in session:**

- 1. Consideration and approval of the October 18, 2024, Medical Board Meeting Minutes and actions items.**
- 2. Committee reports and the consideration and approval of minutes and action items committees meeting during the board meeting.**

After discussion, **Ms. Barnes moved, Dr. Vanderweide seconded, and the motion passed to approve the October 18, 2024, Medical Board Meeting Minutes and action items and the minutes and action items of committees meeting during the board meeting.**

**Agenda Item #36, Open Forum for Public Comment.** No one signed in to make public comments.

**Agenda Item #37, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action relating to personnel matters.** There were none.

**Agenda Item #37, Adjourn.** There being no further items, **Dr. Nayak moved, Dr. Vanderweide seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 am.**