



Texas Medical Board

BOARD MEETING

October 15, 2021

The meeting was called to order on Friday October 15, 2021 at 8:10 a.m. by Board President Sherif Zaafran, M.D. Board members present were: Kandace Farmer, D.O., Vice President; Michael E. Cokinos, Secretary/Treasurer; Sharon Barnes; Ada L. Booth, M.D.; George L. DeLoach, D.O.; Robert Gracia; Tomeka Herod; Robert Martinez, M.D.; LuAnn R. Morgan; Satish Nayak, M.D.; Manuel Quinones, Jr., M.D.; Jason Tibbels, M.D.; and David Vanderweide, M.D. Board members not present were: Arun Agarwal; Devinder S. Bhatia, M.D.; James Distefano, D.O.; Jayaram B. Naidu, M.D.; and Ebony V. Todd, J.D. Staff members present were: Brint Carlton, J.D., Executive Director; Scott Freshour, J.D., General Counsel; Robert Bredt, M.D., Medical Director; and various other staff.

Dr. Naidu arrived at approximately 8:45 a.m., and Ms. Todd arrived at approximately 8:50 a.m.

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.

Resolution for Jeffrey Luna, MD Dr. Zaafran announced that a Board Resolution and Texas Plaque would be sent to Jeffrey Luna, M.D., in honor of his service on the board.

PMC Update Dr. Zaafran gave an update on changes to pain management clinics. Dr. Zaafran announced that the December board meeting will be moved to Dec 9th and 10th.

Agenda Item #3, Consideration and possible action for dispositions below minimum guidelines. After consideration, **Dr. Farmer moved, Ms. Morgan seconded, and the motion passed to approve the disposition below minimum guidelines for Joshua An Nguyen, M.D.**

Agenda Item #4, Consideration and approval of Mediated Settlement Agreed Orders. After consideration, **Mr. Cokinos moved, Dr. Martinez seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Mediated Settlement Agreed Order for Bratislav Velimirovic, M.D.**

Agenda Item #5, Consideration and possible action for Remedial Plans. After consideration, **Dr. Vanderweide moved, Dr. DeLoach seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Remedial Plans for Michael McMahon, II, M.D.; Marianne Beard, D.O.; Jaime Christine Benton, M.D.; Ricardo Garcia Del Villar, M.D.; Shweta Dhar, M.D.; Concepcion Ravelo Diaz-Arrastia, M.D.; James Dickson, Jr, M.D.; Dale Allen Funk, M.D.; Kathleen Elaine Hands, M.D.; Stella Grace Immanuel, M.D.; Heather Mercer King, M.D.; Alyson Jane Kirchner, M.D.; Roberto Antonio Lopez-Freeman, M.D.; Henry Stanford Lucid, M.D.; Lisa Uhl McIntire, M.D.; Manuel Sison Naron, M.D. Kathryn Ann Bailey Pifer, D.O.; Dale Ragle, M.D.; Ana Lisa Ramirez-Chapman, M.D.; Mark Thomas Stephens, M.D.; George Nicholas Stokes, M.D.; Daniel Ryan Wheeler, D.O.; and Eric Logan Henson, D.O.**

Agenda Item #6, Consideration and possible action for Agreed Orders. After consideration, Dr. Quinones moved, Dr. Vanderweide seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Agreed Orders for Rober Lee Stroud, M.D.; Jeffrey Patrick Mays, M.D.; Gregory Todd Seymour, M.D.; Machel Elaine Williams, D.O.; Lorraine Emma De Blanch, M.D.; Muhammad Ali Syed, M.D.; Hung Thien Dang, M.D.; Andrew Lawrence Doe, M.D.; Don Arthur Entym, M.D.; Michael Wesley Holmes, M.D.; Azim Amin Karim, M.D.; Darryl Dean Nix, M.D.; Virul Patel, M.D.; Vancy H. Bridges, M.D.; and Raul R.J. Capitaine, M.D.

Agenda Item #7, Consideration and approval of Modification Request/Termination Request Orders. After consideration, Dr. Nayak moved, Ms. Barnes seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Modification Requests/Termination Requests Orders for Fernando T. Avila, M.D.; Joel Fernandez, M.D.; Hernan Emilio Miranda, M.D.; Oscar Francisco Quintana, M.D.; Frank Torres, M.D.; Kelly James Turner, M.D.; Gonzalo Uribe-Botero, M.D. and Joseph Hassan Zadeh, D.O.

Agenda Item #8, Consideration and approval of Modification Request/Termination Request of Non-Public Rehabilitation Orders. There were none.

Agenda Item #9, Consideration and approval of Cease and Desist Orders. After consideration, Ms. Morgan moved, Dr. Farmer seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Cease and Desist Orders for Beth Cook, D.C. and Bryana Soto.

There were no items for Agenda Items #10-14.

Agenda Item #15, Report pre-investigation process. Mr. Chris Palazola, Director of Operations, gave a report on the pre-investigation process.

Agenda Item #16, Executive Director Report.

Board Graphic Mr. Carlton presented the board graphic update.

Budget Update Mr. Carlton gave an update on the budget. The new FY and biennium have started. The agency has posted a job announcement to hire a new CFO, and interviews start next week.

Internal Audit Update Mr. Daniel Graves presented the findings of the Internal Audit Plan for FY 2021.

Complaints Against the Agency There were none.

COVID-19 Update Majority of staff continues to work from home.

Legislative Update Mr. Carlton provided a legislative update.

Agenda Item #17, Medical Director Report. Dr. Bredt reported that there are currently 600 experts with a need in oncology, cardiology, and pediatric surgery.

Agenda Item #18, Public Information Update. Ms. Taurie Sloan, Governmental Affairs & Communication Manager, gave an update on public information.

Agenda Item #20, Consideration and possible action regarding pending litigation. Mr. Freshour gave a report on pending litigation.

Agenda Item #21, Report on Temporary Suspension Hearings. A report on Temporary Suspension Hearings was provided.

Agenda Item #22, Report on Suspensions by Operation of Law. A report on Suspensions by Operation of Law was provided.

There were no items for Agenda Items #23-36.

Agenda Item #37, Open Forum for Public Comment. No one signed into make public comments.

Agenda Item #38, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action relating to personnel matters. Mr. Carlton recognized Ms. Susan Rodriguez for her work with the agency.

Agenda Item #19, Report Physician Assistant Liaison. Ms. Sandra Longoria was present.

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

- 1. Consideration and approval of the August 20, 2021 and September 17, 2021 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, **Dr. Quinones moved, Dr. Vanderweide seconded, and the motion passed to approve the August 20, 2021, and September 17, 2021, Medical Board Meeting Minutes and action items, as well as the minutes and action items of committees meeting during the board meeting.**

Agenda Item #39, Adjourn. There being no further items, **Ms. Barnes moved, Dr. Vanderweide seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 a.m.**