

TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD
MINUTES OF THE
DISCIPLINARY PROCESS REVIEW COMMITTEE
August 14, 2025 9:41 am

Manuel Quinones, Jr., M.D., Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:41 a.m. Other members present were Sharon Barnes, Devinder S. Bhatia, M.D., James S. Distefano, D.O., Kelly Green, M.D.; Zach Jones, M.D., LuAnn Morgan, Jason K. Tibbles, M.D.; Linda Troncoso, and Sherif Z. Zaafran, M.D.

Staff members present were Stephen Brint Carlton, J.D., Executive Director; Chris Palazola, J.D., Director of Operations; Scott Freshour, J.D., General Counsel; and various other staff.

Agenda Item #2. Texas Physician Health Program (TXPHP).

A. Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding referrals.

Dr. Bhatia moved and Ms. Morgan seconded to accept the referral of Case No. 23-0402 PIT MD and refer the participant back to TXPHP should they apply for licensure in the future. The motion carried.

Ms. Troncoso moved and Ms. Barnes seconded to accept the referral of Case No. 24-0303 MD. The motion carried.

Ms. Barnes moved and Dr. Bhatia seconded that Case Nos. 15-0191-C MD, 17-0209-A MD, 24-0802 PIT MD, 24-0918 MD, and 25-0209 DO remain under the management of TXPHP. The motion carried.

B. Report on Emergent Referrals.

There were no emergent referrals.

C. Other Discussion Items – Program Report

Ms. Kim Miller presented the Program Activity Report. These were information items only, and no vote was necessary.

Agenda Item #3. Reports and discussion regarding Investigation, Litigation and Compliance Departments.

A. Enforcement Activity Report There was nothing to report.

B. Warning Letters Report There was nothing to report.

C. Criminal Case Review Report Mr. Palazola presented the Criminal Case Review Report. This was an informational item only, and no vote was necessary.

D. Report Regarding Cases Over One Year Mr. Palazola presented the Report Regarding Cases Over One Year. This was an informational item only, and no vote was necessary.

Agenda Item #4. Consideration and approval of membership of the Expert Physician Panel. Ms. Barnes moved and Dr. Distefano seconded to grant the approval of 6 appointments on the Expert Panel members list. The motion carried. Dr. Green recused from the approval of panelist 6.

Agenda Item #5. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Review of Probationers' Appearances. There were none.

Agenda Item #6. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Rule Review and Proposed Changes to the Following Chapters in Title 22 of the Texas Administrative Code. There were none.

Agenda Item #7. Discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding routine follow-up on files previously referred from DPRC.

Dr. Distefano moved and Ms. Troncoso seconded that follow-up file 25-7324 PD be dismissed as recommended. The motion carried.

Ms. Barnes moved and Ms. Morgan seconded that follow-up file 24-8757 be dismissed as recommended. The motion carried.

Dr. Bhatia moved and Dr. Distefano seconded that follow-up file 24-8842 PD be dismissed as recommended. The motion carried.

Dr. Jones moved and Ms. Barnes seconded that follow-up files 25-1323 be dismissed as recommended. The motion carried.

Ms. Barnes moved and Dr. Distefano seconded that follow-up file 25-1388 be dismissed as recommended. The motion carried.

Ms. Barnes moved and Dr. Distefano seconded that follow-up file 25-3106 PD (JNF 24-6325) be dismissed as recommended. The motion carried.

Dr. Jones moved and Ms. Barnes seconded that follow-up file 25-5670 be dismissed as recommended. The motion carried.

At 10:21 am, Dr. Quinones moved and Dr. Bhatia seconded to go into Executive Session for deliberations concerning disciplinary action, investigative information, peer review information, and rehabilitation orders under the authority of the Medical Practice Act Sections 152.009, 160.006 through 160.008, 164.007(c), and 164.202 & .203, Texas Occupations Code and private consultation and advice of counsel concerning pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, and/or legal matters subject to the attorney-client privilege under the authority of the Open Meetings Act, Section 551.071, Texas Government Code.

Open session resumed at 10:35 pm, and it was announced that no action was taken during executive session. A certified agenda of the executive session was made.

Dr. Zaafran moved and Dr. Bhatia seconded that follow-up file 24-4714 be dismissed with a warning letter to the physician and program and also with a Board referral of the hospital to TX HHSC. The motion carried.

Agenda Item #8. Cases Recommended for Dismissal.

A. Non Standard of Care Cases.

B. Standard of Care Cases.

Ms. Morgan and Ms. Barnes seconded that all files be dismissed as recommended with the exception of 25-8548, 25-1772 SB, 25-7200 SB, 25-7243 SB, 25-4955, 25-2302, 25-0412, and 25-7413. The motion carried.

Ms. Troncoso moved and Ms. Barnes seconded to deny the dismissal of cases 25-8548, 25-1772 SB, 25-7200 SB, 25-7243 SB, and 25-4955 and return to investigations. The motion carried.

Dr. Tibbels moved to deny the dismissal of case 25-0412 and offer a remedial plan with standard administrative fee, 4 hours CME in Risk Management focused on mitigating risk in outpatient surgery, and 4 hours CME in medical documentation. Dr. Tibbels withdrew his motion. Dr. Tibbels moved and Dr. Bhatia seconded to deny the dismissal of case 25-0412 and recommend a remedial plan with a standard administrative fee, 4 hours CME focusing on risk management (where possible focusing on mitigating risk in office-based surgical procedures, and 4 hours CME in medical documentation. The motion carried.

Dr. Jones moved and Ms. Barnes seconded to send case 25-2302 back for expert review with specific questions. The motion carried.

Dr. Zaafran moved and Ms. Morgan seconded to dismiss case 25-7413 with a warning letter regarding communicating with patients. The motion carried.

Agenda Item #9. Review, discussion and possible action regarding appeals of dismissed complaints.

A. Jurisdictional

i. Investigations

24-5761 PD, 24-6577 SPH P2, 24-7378, 24-8445 (24-8446), 24-8531, 24-8558, 24-8559 PD (24-4557, 24-4556, 24-4555), 24-8812, 25-0312, 25-0497, 25-0671 SPH, 25-1387 PD, 25-2379 (25-2380), 25-2380 (25-2379)

ii. Legal Files

23-7073 (Legal 25-0031), 24-6902 (25-0164)

B. JNF

25-1248, 25-2929, 25-3623, 25-3806, 25-4604, 25-4822, 25-4826, 25-4936, 25-5273, 25-5314, 25-5448, 25-5496, 25-5587, 25-5611, 25-5619, 25-5635, 25-5688, 25-5775, 25-5781, 25-6125, 25-6138, 25-6229, 25-6248, 25-6295, 25-6474, 25-

6568, 25-6627, 25-6628, 25-6698, 25-6745, 25-6752, 25-6775, 25-7135, 25-7137,
25-7215, 25-7295, 25-7296, 25-7324, 25-7400, 25-7401, 25-7434 PD, 25-7496
C. NJ
25-7560, 25-8064

Case 25-6698 was pulled and rescheduled for October.

Ms. Troncoso moved and Dr. Distefano seconded to grant the appeals for cases 25-3623 and 25-7295. The motion carried.

Dr. Quinones moved and Ms. Barnes seconded to deny the appeal for case 25-5619 with a letter of concern to the Respondent with regards to the Respondent's use of Facetime for patient communication. The motion carried.

Dr. Distefano moved and Ms. Morgan seconded to deny the appeal for case 25-6627 with a letter of concern regarding using more clarity on billing information. The motion carried.

Dr. Distefano moved and Ms. Barnes seconded to deny the appeal for case 25-7434 with a letter to the complainant that all concerns were addressed. The motion carried.

Ms. Barnes moved and Dr. Distefano seconded to deny the remaining appeals under Agenda Item #9. The motion carried.

At 12:02 pm, Dr. Quinones moved and Dr. Green seconded to go into Executive Session for deliberations concerning disciplinary action, investigative information, peer review information, and rehabilitation orders under the authority of the Medical Practice Act Sections 152.009, 160.006 through 160.008, 164.007(c), and 164.202 & .203, Texas Occupations Code and private consultation and advice of counsel concerning pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, and/or legal matters subject to the attorney-client privilege under the authority of the Open Meetings Act, Section 551.071, Texas Government Code.

Open session resumed at 4:44 pm, and it was announced that no action was taken during executive session. A certified agenda of the executive session was made.

Agenda Item. #10, Review, discussion, and possible action regarding appearing appeals of dismissed complaints.

Dr. Tibbels moved and Ms. Barnes seconded to deny the appeal of case 25-4700. The motion carried.

Dr. Zaafran moved and Ms. Barnes seconded to deny the appeal of case 25-7323 without prejudice. The motion carried.

Dr. Zaafran moved and Dr. Tibbels seconded to deny the appeal of case 25-0582. The motion carried.

Dr. Distefano moved and Ms. Barnes seconded to deny the appeal of case 25-2929 and send a warning letter to the Respondent regarding ensuring patients are prescribed enough pain medicine at discharge from the ER. The motion carried.

Dr. Zaafran moved and Ms. Barnes seconded to grant the appeal of case 25-3349. The motion carried.

Dr. Quinones moved and Dr. Jones seconded to deny the appeal of case 25-2764. The motion carried.

Case number 25-3579 was deferred to the October meeting.

Dr. Quinones moved and Dr. Zaafran seconded to deny the appeal of case 25-4963 and send a warning letter to the Respondent regarding his lack of communication and lack of empathy. The motion carried.

Dr. Quinones moved and Dr. Jones seconded to grant the appeal of case 25-5574 and send back to investigations to obtain records and have them reviewed by an expert panelist. The motion carried.

Dr. Quinones moved and Dr. Distefano seconded to deny the appeal of case 25-6052. The motion carried.

Agenda Item. #11. Adjourn

Dr. Distefano moved and Ms. Morgan seconded that the meeting adjourn.

The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

**Texas Medical Board
Disciplinary Process Review Committee
TXPHP - Participant Case Review
August 14, 2025**

Case #	Remain with PHP	Accepted by TMB	Continue
1	X		
2	X		
3		X	
4		X	
5	X		
6	X		
7	X		

Expert Panel Members for Board Approval August 2025					
	LAST	FIRST	LIC#	CITY	SPECIALTY
1	Johnston	David	M3596	Fort Worth	Diagnostic Radiology – Breast Imaging
2	Koshy	Thomas	P4878	Dallas	Interventional Cardiology – Cardiovascular Diseases
3	Lovelace	Candis	N3845	Fort Worth	Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery
4	Nadeem	Sarah	T8425	Houston	Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism
5	Salam	Amir	P6073	Houston	Medical Oncology
6	Santamaria	Joseph	S6928	Marble Falls	Ophthalmology

Legal Number	Document Type	Rejected by Board
25-0158	Dismissal – Attny	No
25-0423	Dismissal – Attny	No
25-0424	Dismissal – Attny	No
25-0224	Dismissal - ISC	No
25-0314	Dismissal - ISC	No
25-0317	Dismissal - ISC	No
25-0319	Dismissal - ISC	No
25-0320	Dismissal - ISC	No
25-0324	Dismissal - ISC	No
25-0325	Dismissal - ISC	No
25-0327	Dismissal - ISC	No
25-0330	Dismissal - ISC	No
25-0332	Dismissal - ISC	No
25-0336	Dismissal - ISC	No
25-0339	Dismissal - ISC	No
25-0342	Dismissal - ISC	No
25-0352	Dismissal - ISC	No
25-0355	Dismissal - ISC	No
25-0360	Dismissal - ISC	No
25-0363	Dismissal - ISC	No
25-0389	Dismissal - ISC	No
25-0392	Dismissal - ISC	No
25-0395	Dismissal - ISC	No
25-0412	Dismissal - ISC	Yes
25-0413	Dismissal - ISC	No
25-0415	Dismissal - ISC	No
25-0416	Dismissal - ISC	No
25-0417	Dismissal - ISC	No
25-0428	Dismissal - ISC	No
25-0430	Dismissal - ISC	No
25-0445	Dismissal - ISC	No
25-0465	Dismissal - ISC	No
25-0475	Dismissal - ISC	No
25-0477	Dismissal - ISC	No
25-0479	Dismissal - ISC	No
25-0483	Dismissal - ISC	No
24-0219	Dismissal - PHP	No
25-0099	Dismissal - PHP	No
25-0309	Dismissal - PHP	No
24-0527	Dismissal - SOAH	No

Disciplinary Committee Decisions Regarding Complaints Reviewed Pursuant to Staff or ISC Panel Recommendation (Physicians)									
Total : 147									
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24-2416	X								
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