



# Texas Medical Board

BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 5, 2021  
Video Conference

The meeting was called to order on Friday March 5, 2021 at 8:01 a.m. by Board President Sherif Zaafran, M.D. Board members present were: Kandace B. Farmer, D.O., Vice-President; Michael E. Cokinos, Sec/Treasurer; Sharon Barnes; Devinder S. Bhatia, M.D.; George L. DeLoach, D.O.; James S. Distefano, D.O.; Linda Molina, J.D.; LuAnn R. Morgan; Manuel "Manny" Quinones, Jr., M.D.; Jason K. Tibbels, M.D. and David G. Vanderweide, M.D. Board members not in attendance were Arun Agarwal; Robert Gracia; Tomeka Herod; Jeffrey L. Luna, M.D.; Roberto D. Martinez, M.D.; Jayaram N. Naidu, M.D. and Satish Nayak, M.D. Staff members present were Stephen Brint Carlton, J.D., Executive Director; Scott Freshour, J.D., General Counsel; Robert Breddt, 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.**

**Tribute Anand Mehendale, M.D.** Dr. Zafraan presented Dr. Mehendale's family with a plaque, certificate, and Texas Flag in honor of Dr. Anand Mehendale for his service to the state of Texas. Members of the Board and staff made remarks in tribute to Dr. Mehendale.

**TXPHP Update (Presiding Officer).** Dr. McDaniel was appointed as the TXPHP Presiding Officer.

Dr. Zafraan made comments regarding mask mandate.

There were no items for agenda item #3.

**Agenda Item #4, Consideration and approval of Remedial Plans.** After consideration, **Dr. Farmer moved, Dr. Quinones seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Remedial Plans for Sergio Alvarez, M.D.; Gilbert Blancarte, M.D.; Rana Rahman Ghauri, M.D.; Bernice Gonzalez, M.D.; Frank Paul Jircik, M.D.; David Gary Johnson, M.D.; Farhat Khan, M.D.; Minh Huy Le, M.D.; Satish Nayak, M.D., John Nicholas Nicolau, M.D.; Jerome Lee Sang, M.D.; Sergio Silva, M.D.; James Ford Trotter, M.D.; Paul Christopher Young, M.D., Henry Ignatus Zaleski, Jr., M.D.; Ana Yolanda Perez, M.D.; Kranti Purimetla, M.D.; Ayo Adu, M.D.; Valentin Almendarez, Jr., M.D.; Muhammad Tariq Aziz, M.D.; Thomas Kevin Cook, M.D.; Arthur Linwood Day, M.D.; Jeffrey T. De Haan, M.D.; Shreenath Vasant Doctor, M.D.; William Alan Dulin, M.D.; Daniel S. Forrer, D.O.; Richard R. Francis, M.D.;**

**Michael Hunt Huber, M.D.; Tareq Hulali, M.D.; Cesar Alberto Matos-Martinez, M.D.; Jeremy Wei-Kiang Szeto, D.O.; Melissa Anne Weidert, M.D.; Jason Robert Bauerschlag, M.D.; Juan Ignacio Campos, M.D.; Linus Jerry Miller, D.O.; Sue Moss, M.D.; Charles Hong Lac Tran, D.O.; Michael Y. Zhao, M.D.; Lawrence Ray Bailey, Jr, M.D.; Mohammad Ezzeldin, M.D.; Brent Wayne Sherwood, M.D.; Holly Sharon Stewart, M.D.; Venkat Ramana Thadareddy, M.D.; and Anna Ha Tran, M.D.**

**Agenda Item #5, Consideration and possible action for Agreed Orders.** After consideration, Ms. Barnes moved, Dr. Distefano seconded and the motion passed to approve the Agreed Orders for Gary D. Boyd, M.D.; M Kaleem Arshad, M.D.; Frank Leroy Emert, Jr., M.D.; Ansuk Kakria, M.D.; Ho Dzung Anh, M.D.; Kenneth Cobbs, M.D.; Vinson M. DiSanto, D.O.; Alfredo Fausto Gurmendi, M.D.; Leonardo A. Longoria, M.D.; Luv Bipin Patel, M.D.; Farrukh Anwar, M.D.; Christopher Price Creighton, M.D.; Susannah Parker Friemel, M.D.; Thomas Eric Hansen, M.D.; Morton Isaac Hyson, M.D.; Alexander Jovanovich, M.D.; Chinedu Nicholas Nwabueze, M.D.; Scott T. Roethle, M.D.; Michael Alan Anderson, M.D.; William Melvin Chambers, Jr., M.D.; Craig Anthony Charleston, M.D.; Robert Amos Griffin, M.D.; Nisha Jain, M.D.; Edward W. Johnson, III, M.D.; Christos A. Katsigiannis, M.D.; Edwin Brady Locke, M.D.; Cervando Martinez, Jr., M.D.; Cameron M. McDougall, M.D.; Guillermo Parra, M.D.; Bruce Allen Phillips, M.D.; Allison Bonds Travis, M.D.; Anil Tukarampant Bangale, M.D.; Jerel Raymond Biggers, D.O.; Miguel J. Flores, M.D.; Germaine Bernard Hawkins, M.D.; Arnold Walter Mech, M.D.; John Miller Sherman, M.D.; Joe Bob Alexander, M.D.; Sadiq Ali, M.D.; Ryan R. Barrientos, M.D.; Barbara Blasko, M.D.; Wayne Jay Franklin, M.D.; Roland Hale Green, Jr., M.D.; Gregory DeWayne McClain, M.D.; Bharatkumar S. Patel, M.D.; Abhishek Seth, M.D.; Brett McKinney Thacker, M.D.; Joel Fernandez, M.D.; and Michael Byron Taylor M.D.

**Agenda Item #6, Consideration and approval of Modification Request/Termination Request Orders.** After consideration, Ms. Barnes moved, Dr. Quinones seconded and the motion passed to reject the Modification Request/Termination Request Order for Robert V. Hallett, M.D.

After consideration, Dr. Farmer moved, Dr. DiStefano seconded and the motions passed to approve the Modification Request/Termination Request Orders for Jeffrey A. Astbury, M.D.; Maninderjit K. Atwal, M.D.; Beauford Basped, Jr., D.O.; Emad Mikhail Bishai, M.D.; Francisco Julian Fiallo, M.D.; Erica Nicole Grant, M.D. (Barnes recused); Casey Brian Green, M.D.; Richard Neal Green, M.D.; Wayne Charles Jones, M.D.; Joshua K. Kern, M.D.; Terry Douglas Madsen, M.D.; Leeroy McCurley, M.D. (Barnes recused); Parvez Anjum Qureshi, M.D.; Gabriel Angel Rodriguez, M.D.; William Marcus Spurlock, M.D.; Rafael E. Valenzuela, M.D.; Carlos A. Quiroz, M.D.; and Peter Baker Craig, M.D.

There were no items for agenda item #7.

**Agenda Item #8, Consideration and Approval of Cease and Desist Orders.**

After discussion, **Ms. Morgan moved, Dr. Vanderweide seconded and the motion passed to approve the Cease and Desist Orders for Kim Castleberry, O.D.; Beatriz Garcia, Duaa Al Hawamdeh; Jessica Stangenwald, APN; Leslie Tatum; and Crystal Felici Visintine.**

There were no items for agenda items #9-13.

**Agenda Item # 14 Executive Director Report.**

**Budget Update.** Mr. Carlton gave a general update on the budget. The overall budget is on track even with the 5% reduction.

**Enforcement Report.** Mr. Carlton provided a report.

**Complaints Against the Agency.** Mr. Carlton provided a report on complaints against the agency.

**Internal Audit Update.** Mr. Carlton gave an update on the Internal Audit. The Audit is complete, but the final presentation is not available.

**COVID-19 Update.** Mr. Carlton gave an update on the agency's response to COVID-19. Most employees continue to work from home. A survey was sent out to employees working in the building to see if they would be voluntarily wearing masks. The agency will continue to recommend that employees wear masks.

Mr. Carlton made comments of appreciation for the staff.

**Agenda Item #15, Medical Director Report.** Dr. Bredt reported that there are currently 771 approved experts. There is currently a backlog of 5 cases in Neurology and the oldest case is 3 months old. Recommendations always welcome.

**Agenda Item #16, Public Information Update.** Ms. Randermann provided an update. The agency is currently tracking around 200 bills that have an impact on licensees, the agency or the employees. That number is expected to grow.

**Agenda Item #17, Report Physician Assistant Liaison.** Janeth Mills, PA-C was present.

**Agenda Item #18, Consideration and possible action regarding pending litigation.**  
Mr. Freshour gave an update on pending litigation.

**Agenda Item #19, Report on Temporary Suspension Hearings.** A report on Temporary Suspensions was provided. No action was taken on this agenda item.

**Agenda Item #20, Report on Suspensions by Operation of Law.** A report of Suspensions by Operation of Law was provided. No action was taken on this agenda item.

There were no items for agenda item #21.

**Agenda Item #22, Report on Cease and Desist Orders approved by Executive Director.**  
A report on Cease and Desist Orders approved by Executive Director was provided.

**Agenda Item #23, Report on Automatic Revocation Letters by Executive Director.** A report on Automatic Revocation Letter by Executive Director was provided.

There were no items for agenda items #24-34.

**Agenda Item #35, Open Forum for Public Comment.** Public comments were given by Sheila Hemphill.

There were no agenda items for agenda items 36.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Discussion/Action Items – to be considered at any time the full board is in session:**

After Consideration, **Dr. Martinez moved, Dr. Quinones seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Consent Agenda items:**

- 1. Consideration and approval of the December 4, 2020 Medical Board Meeting Minutes and action items.**
- 2. Consideration and approval of the December 29, 2020 and the January 14, 2021 Executive Committee Emergency meeting minutes and action items.**
- 3. Committee reports and the consideration and approval of minutes and action items of committees meeting during the board meeting.**

**Agenda Item #37, Adjourn.** There being no further agenda items, **Ms. Barnes moved, Dr. Vanderweide seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 a.m.**