



Texas Medical Board

BOARD MEETING

June 21, 2024

The meeting was called to order on Friday June 21, 2024 at 8:10 a.m. by Board President Sherif Zaafran, M.D. Board members present were: Sharon Barnes; Devinder S. Bhatia, M.D.; George L. DeLoach, D.O.; James Distefano, D.O.; Tomeka Herod; 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.; and David Vanderweide, M.D. Kandace Farmer, D.O., Robert Gracia, and Michael Cokinos did not attend. 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.

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. **FSMB Update** Dr. Zaafran gave an update on his attendance of the FSMB annual meeting.
- b. **Ad Hoc Committee** Dr. Zaafran reported that staff will be putting together an Ad Hoc Committee to ensure rules and regulations are being followed by medical spas.

Agenda Item #3, Consideration and possible action for dispositions below minimum guidelines. After consideration, **Dr. Distefano moved, Dr. Vanderweide seconded and the motion passed to approve the disposition below minimum guidelines for Damon Alavekios, MD.**

Agenda Item #4, Consideration and approval of Mediated Settlement Agreed Orders. After consideration, **Dr. Quinones moved, Dr. Vanderweide seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Mediated Settlement Agreed Order for Luis Ysmael Silva, MD and Christopher Black, MD.**

Agenda Item #5, Consideration and possible action for Remedial Plans. After consideration, **Dr. Nayak moved, Ms. Barnes seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Remedial Plans for Bashir Al Kaddoumi, MD; Adam Corley, MD; Ahmed Unisa Jamaluddin, MD; Sarah Khan, MD; Ikram Kureshi, MD; Mark Jacob Perlow, MD; James Luis Wasson, MD; Paul Salinas, MD; Mehvesh Afrina, MD; Marzi Asadifar, MD; Subhankar Bandyopadhyay, MD; Nitesh Banker, MD; Donna Cynthia Coyne, MD; Richard Drake, MD; Danh Duong, MD; Thomas Jeneby, MD; Joseph Lopez, MD; Long Nguyen, MD; Damaso Oliva, Jr, MD; Brandon Perry, MD; Tanner Rawlings, MD; Jonathan Sheinberg, MD; Erin Silvertooth, MD; Christopher Skillern, MD; Eric Spicuzza, DO; Stephanie Stephens, MD; Carla Tabbs, MD; Van Thi Tran, MD; Scott Woomeer, MD; Kenneth Wu, MD; Milton Beato, MD; and Tori Marnell, MD.**

At 8: 24, Ms. Morgan moved, Ms. Barnes seconded, and the motion passed to go into Executive Session for the purpose of 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, Government Code. Open Session resumed at 8:59 am.

After discussion, **Dr. Quinones moved, Dr. Martinez seconded and the motion passed to approve the Remedial Plan for Susan Gale Dobbs, MD. Ms. Barnes and Ms. Morgan opposed. Dr. Zaafran and Dr. Bhatia recused. Dr. Naidu abstained.**

Agenda Item #6, Consideration and possible action for Agreed Orders. After consideration, **Dr. Distefano moved, Dr. Vanderweide seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Agreed Orders for Scott William Smith, MD; Randall David Crim, MD; Sonny Garcha, MD; Arthur Hernandez, MD; Richard Todd Husby, MD; Kevin John Hallal, MD; Suzanne Tintle, MD; Anand Pankaj Lalaji, MD; Frank Lee, MD; Raghav Mohindra, MD; Sajad Zalzal, MD; Francis Anwasi, MD; Yolanda Lagunas, MD; Michelle Legall, MD; Thomas Ockershausen, MD; Richard Oppeltz, MD; Humberto De Los Santos, MD; David Johnson, MD; Anton Lester, III, DO (*Dr. DeLoach recused*); Jonathan Quinby, MD; Shane Stone, MD; Daniel Boris Hadzic, MD; and Blas Alberto Miranda, MD.**

Agenda Item #7, Consideration and approval of Modification Request/Termination Request Orders. After consideration, **Dr. Vanderweide moved, Dr. Naidu seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Modification Requests/Termination Requests Orders for Laurence Cibley, MD; Jose Luis Cruzzavala, MD; Denis Phuong Doan, MD; Eugenio Galindo, MD (*Dr. Martinez recused*); Shawn Randall Gorden, MD; and Robert Ryan Reid, MD.**

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. Herod moved, Dr. Quinones seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Cease and Desist Orders for Firas Dairi, Faranak Jowkar, Alexandra Mejia, Nelson Ozoa, Vickmay Quinn, Justin Sheer, DPT, Julissa Solis, and Neliana Urbaneja.**

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.

a. James Herman Thomas, MD, SOAH # 503-24-13126.MD

Mr. Shane Nelder, Staff Attorney gave a brief overview of the case. Dr. Thomas was not present and no one was present on his behalf. After discussion, **Dr. Quinones moved, Ms. Barnes seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Determination of Default for James Herman Thomas, MD.**

b. Felicia Lenora Lewis, MD, SOAH # 503-24-13135.MD

Mr. Shane Nelder, Staff Attorney gave a brief overview of the case. Dr. Lewis was not present and no one was present on her behalf. After discussion, **Dr. Tibbels moved, Dr. Vanderweide seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Determination of Default for Felicia Lenora Lewis, MD.**

c. Reginald James Newsome, MD, SOAH # 503-24-09066.MD

Mr. Shane Nelder, Staff Attorney gave a brief overview of the case. Dr. Newsome was not present and no one was present on his behalf. After discussion, **Dr. Quinones moved, Dr. Martinez seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Determination of Default for Reginald James Newsome, MD.**

Agenda Item #14, Consideration and approval of Proposal for Decision. There were none.

Agenda Item #15, Executive Director Report.

Budget Update. Mr. Estrada gave an update on the agency's budget to date.

Complaints Against the Agency. Mr. Carlton reported on complaints against the agency.

Legislative Update. Mr. Carlton reported that the staff is gearing up for the upcoming Legislative Session.

Rule Update. Mr. Carlton gave an update on the review and rewrite of the board rules.

Agenda Item #16, Medical Director Report. Dr. Bredt provided a report.

Agenda Item #17, Public Information Update. Ms. Taurie Sloan provided an update and introduced Mr. Spencer Miller-Payne.

Agenda Item #18, Report Physician Assistant Liaison. Stephanie Corbett, PA was present.

Agenda Item #19, Consideration and possible action regarding pending litigation. Nothing to report.

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 Suspensions 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 #25-27.

Agenda Item #28, Consideration and possible action on rules regarding exceptions to the ban on abortions. After discussion, **Dr. Quinones moved, Dr. Vanderweide/Dr. Naidu seconded, and the motion passed to adopt rule regarding exceptions to the ban on abortions.**

There were no items for Agenda Items #29-35.

Agenda Item #36, Open Forum for Public Comment. Steve Bresnan was present and made public comments.

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

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

1. **Consideration and approval of the March 22, 2024, Medical Board Meeting Minutes and actions items.**

After discussion, **Dr. Distefano moved, Ms. Barnes seconded, and the motion passed to approve the March 22, 2024, Medical Board Meeting Minutes and action 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, Ms. Herod seconded, and the motion passed to approve the minutes and action items of committees meeting during the board meeting.**

Agenda Item #36, Open Forum for Public Comment. (CONT.) Todd Ivey was present and made public comments.

Agenda Item #38, Adjourn. There being no further items, **Ms. Herrod moved, Dr. Naidu seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 am.**