



# Texas Medical Board

## BOARD MEETING

March 21, 2025

The meeting was called to order on Friday, March 21, 2025 at 8:01 a.m. by Board President Sherif Zaafran, M.D. Board members present were: Kandace B. Farmer, D.O.; Michael Cokinos; Sharon Barnes (*arrived at 8:09 am*); Devinder S. Bhatia, M.D.; Garry Crain (*arrived 8:17 am*); George L. DeLoach, D.O.; Luisa del Rosal; James Distefano, D.O.; 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.

Tomeka Herod 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., 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. **Legislative Update** Dr. Zaafran gave an update on the current Legislative Session.

**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.** After consideration, **Dr. Quinones moved, Dr. Farmer seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Mediated Settlement Agreed Orders for Darryl Shane Camp, MD; Ryan Ross Freemyer, MD; David Richard Stager, MD; Jose de Jesus Trevino, MD; Bing Get Yee, MD; and Marcos Ikeda, MD.**

**Agenda Item #5, Consideration and possible action for Remedial Plans.** After consideration, **Mr. Cokinos moved, Dr. Vanderweide seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Remedial Plans for Salman Ahmad, MD; Yasir Ahmed, MD; Mohammad Athari, MD; Mohammad Khan, MD; Elizabeth King, MD; Daniel Leeman, MD; Jeffrey Liang, MD; Suzanne Manzi, MD; Kerry Neal, MD; Clinton Price, MD; Rafiquddin Rahimi, MD; Kenneth Shore, MD; Michelle Stegenga, DO; Hitham Tayoun, MD; Arunditi Xantus, MD; Michele Zerah, MD; Vijesh Patel, MD; Robert Babuji, MD; Eric Yang Baden, MD; Marie Beauvoir, MD; Michael Blanc, MD; Olmer Brooker, MD; Benton Lee Brown, MD; Henry Burkholder, MD; Christine Contreras, MD; Quynh-Chi Dinh, MD; Fernando Gallegas Garcia, MD; Peter Grays, MD; Edward Gripon, MD; Robert Gullinese, MD; Gerald Harris, DO; David Hill, MD; Clint Johnson, MD; Jofrances Marquez, MD; Dennerd Ovando, Jr., MD; Om Virendra Patel, MD; Weng Yu Thong, MD; Marc Wilson, MD; Craig Winkler, MD; Edwin Emborgo, MD; Gloria Gamboa, MD; Jaime Gomez, MD; Maria Ruby Guajardo, MD; Egbert Miranda, MD; Raul Rodriguez, MD; Jill Spital, MD; Nuzhath Tasneem, MD; Jason Tinley, MD; Walter Werchan, MD; Donging Chen, MD; Mark Andrew Deuber, MD; Adam Joseph Mamelak, MD; Ghassan Mehio, MD.**

**Dr. Tibbels moved, Dr. Vanderweide seconded, and the motion passed to deny the Remedial Plan for Samer Elfallal. Dr. Bhatia recused.**

**Agenda Item #6, Consideration and possible action for Agreed Orders.** After consideration, **Dr. Bhatia moved, Dr. Distefano seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Agreed Orders for Khurshid Khan, MD; Van Thi Tran, MD; Willard Davis, II, DO; Muazzum Aman, MD; Valla Djafari, MD; Ralph Anthony Highshaw, MD; Martha Martinez, MD; Naveen Reddy, MD; Daniel Rivera, MD; Salim Saba, MD; Ian Alexander, MD; Emad Bishai, MD; Jeffrey Durgin, MD; Victor Enoch, MD; Alex Guevara, Jr., DO; Rickey Hamby, Jr., MD; Rajeshwar Kumar, MD; Marion Quinones, MD; Sunil Jurup, MD; Richard Gaines, MD; Uroje Mirza, MD; Ekram Smith, MD; Andrew Jones, MD; Anand Lalaji, MD; and David Meduna, MD.**

**Agenda Item #7, Consideration and approval of Modification Request/Termination Request Orders.** After consideration, **Ms. Morgan moved, Ms. Barnes seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Modification Requests/Termination Requests Orders for Stephanie Abron, MD; Juan Cartagena Almono, MD; Jeffrey Lewis Glass, MD; Jeffrey Alan Klem, MD; Venkatesh Madhav, MD; Nick John Patzakis, MD; Edward Ramsey, Jr., MD; Michael R. Shukan, MD (*Dr. DeLoach recused*); and Daniella Thompson, 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, **Dr. Quinones moved, Dr. Farmer seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Cease and Desist Orders for Leola Anifowoshe, Mildred Espinosa, Jing Tsing, AC, and Amber Womack.**

**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.** After consideration, **Ms. Barnes moved, Dr. Distefano seconded and the motion passed to approve the Consent Order for Tigist Mehari.**

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

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

**a. William Luis Holcomb, Jr., M.D. SOAH Docket No. 503-22-08903. MD**

Mr. Shane Nelder, Staff Attorney, provided an overview of the case. Dr. William Holcomb was present with counsel, Barbara Jordan, JD.

**At 8: 42 am, Dr. Zaafran moved, Dr. Bhatia seconded, and the motion passed to go into Executive Session for the purpose of deliberations concerning disciplinary action, investigative information, peer review information, and possible rehabilitation orders under the authority of The Medical Practice Act Sections 152.009, 160.006-160.008, 164.007(c), and 165.202-165.203, Occupations Code.**

**Open Session resumed at 9:06 am.**

**After consideration, Ms. Barnes moved, and Dr. Vanderweide 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: 8 hours of CME in treating patients with ADHD; 4 hours CME in MR, 4 hours CME in Risk Management, 4 hours CME in communications, JP Exam and \$2000 administration penalty fee.**

**b. Zinia Sue Thomas, M.D. SOAH Docket No. 503-24-21743.MD**

Ms. Meredith Massey, Staff Attorney, provided an overview of the case. Dr. Zinia Thomas was not present and no one was present on her behalf.

After consideration, **Dr. Bhatia moved, and Dr. DeLoach 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 with staff recommendations.**

**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 Session and possible bills that could affect the Texas Medical Board.

**Internal Audit Update.** Kim Gonzalez-Lopez, Garza/Gonzalez & Associates, presented the Final Internal Audit Plan for Fiscal Year 2025 and recommendations. After discussion, **Ms. Barnes moved, Dr. Vanderweide seconded, and the motion passed to accept the Final Internal Audit Plan for Fiscal Year 2025 with recommendations.**

**Agenda Item #16, Medical Director Report.** There was nothing to report.

**Agenda Item #17, Public Information Update.** Ms. Taurie Sloan provided a brief report on the legislative session, update to the website and recent rule review.

**Agenda Item #18, Report Physician Assistant Liaison.** Melinda Gottschalk, 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 #25-26.

**Agenda Item #27, Consideration and approval of Revised, Vacated, or Amended Orders.** After consideration, **Dr. Bhatia moved, Ms. Barnes seconded, and the motion passed to approve the revised, vacated or amended order for Jared Mitchell, MD.**

There were no Agenda Items for #28-34.

*Dr. Bhatia, Ms. Morgan, and Ms. Del Rosal left the meeting at 10 am.*

**Agenda Item #35, Open Forum for Public Comment.** Jose Maldonado signed in and made public comments.

**Agenda Item #36, 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 December 13, 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, **Dr. Vanderweide moved, Dr. Martinez seconded, and the motion passed to approve the December 13, 2024, Medical Board Meeting Minutes and action items and the minutes and action items of committees meeting during the board meeting.**

**Agenda Item #37, Adjourn.** There being no further items, **Ms. Barnes moved, Dr. Vanderweide seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 am.**