



Texas Medical Board

BOARD MEETING

June 13, 2025

The meeting was called to order on Friday June 13, 2025 at 8:05 a.m. by Board President Sherif Zaafran, M.D. Board members present were: Michael Cokinos, Secretary/Treasurer; Garry Crain (*arrived after roll call*); George L. DeLoach, D.O.; James Distefano, D.O.; Kelly Green, M.D.; Tomeka Herod; Zach Jones, M.D.; Robert Martinez, M.D.; LuAnn R. Morgan; Jayaram B. Naidu, M.D.; Manuel Quinones, Jr., M.D.; Jason Tibbels, M.D.; Board members not present were: Sharon Barnes; Kandace Farmer, D.O., Vice President; Devinder S. Bhatia, M.D.; Luisa del Rosal; Linda C. Troncoso; and David G. Vanderweide, M.D.. Staff members present were: Brint Carlton, J.D., Executive Director; Scott Freshour, J.D., General Counsel; 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. **Kelly Green, M.D. Introduction** Dr. Zaafran welcomed and introduced new board member Kelly Green, MD.
- b. **Nayak Resolution** Dr. Zaafran acknowledged and thanked Dr. Nayak for their time and work on the board. A Board Resolution will be sent to Dr. Nayak.
- c. **KSTAR presentation** Ms. Tracy Adams and Dr. Robert Steele presented updates on KSTAR.

Agenda Item #3, Summary of the 89th Legislative Session. Dr. Zaafran and Mr. Carlton provided a summary of the current bills that could affect the Texas Medical Board if they become laws.

Agenda Item #4, Consideration and possible action for dispositions below minimum guidelines. There were none.

Agenda Item #5, Consideration and approval of Mediated Settlement Agreed Orders. After consideration, **Dr. Quinones moved, Dr. Distefano seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Mediated Settlement Agreed Order for Barton Butterbaugh, MD; Eric Gourley, MD; Demaceo Howard, MD; Louis LaMancusa, MD; and Dana Park, MD.**

Agenda Item #6, Consideration and possible action for Remedial Plans. After consideration, **Dr. Quinones moved, Dr. Martinez seconded and the motion passed to approve the Remedial Plan for Gary Allen, MD; Zachary Cannon, MD; Andrew Friedman, MD; Michael Perez, MD; Kimberly Petitt, MD; Ha Linh Phan, MD; Ruth Bernardez-Tan, MD; Marilyn Janice Denson, MD; Mostafa Soliman El Sakka, MD; Brian Forsythe, DO; Rick Gene Lorentz, MD; Shamier E'Lan Moore, DO; Larissa Kaye O'Neill, MD; Raul Antonio Rivera, MD; David Wayne Snachez, MD; Anjana Shah, MD; Nahi Singh, MD; Katherine Smith, DO; James Stocks, MD; Martin Allen Taylor, MD; Sado Albitar, MD; Kathy Camille Cornelius, MD; and Oladale Olusanya, MD.**

Agenda Item #7, Consideration and possible action for Agreed Orders. After consideration, Mr. Cokinos moved, Dr. Quinones seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Agreed Orders for David Livingstone Henderson, MD; Kenneth Adams, MD; Robert Jones, MD; Saba Osmani, MD; Sajad Zalzal, MD; Neil Adelman, MD; Gregg Reger, MD; Mohit Bansal, MD; Maurice Andrew Click, Jr., MD; Martha Maria Martinez, MD; Victoria Ann Zavala, MD; Samir Hadi, MD; Sheena Rippentrop, MD; Neil Sinha, MD; and Richard Nuila-Crouse, MD.

Agenda Item #8, Consideration and approval of Modification Request/Termination Request Orders. After consideration, Ms. Herod moved, Ms. Morgan seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Modification Requests/Termination Requests Orders for James Fleckenstein, MD; Hugo Rojas, MD; and Craig Staebel, MD.

Agenda Item #9, Consideration and approval of Modification Request/Termination Request of Non-Public Rehabilitation Orders. There were none.

Agenda Item #10, Consideration and approval of Cease-and-Desist Orders. After consideration, Mr. Cokinos moved, Ms. Herod seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Cease-and-Desist Order for Alegna Delgado James.

Agenda Item #11, Consideration and approval of Nunc Pro Tunc Orders. There were none.

Agenda Item #12, Consideration and approval of Agreed Resolution Orders. There were none.

Agenda Item #13, Consideration and approval of Consent Orders. After consideration, Ms. Morgan moved, Dr. Martinez seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Consent Orders for Katherine Gray, MD and Harshad Shah, MD.

Agenda Item #14, Consideration and approval of Determination of Default. There were none.

Agenda Item #15, Consideration and approval of Proposal for Decision.

a. Brandon Nghia To, MD, SOAH Docket No. 503-23-10585

Meredith Massey, Staff Attorney, gave a brief overview of the case. Dr. To was not present and no one was present on his behalf.

After consideration, **Dr. Quinones made a motion to accept the Finding of Fact and Conclusions of Law and approve the order as outlined by staff and add that Dr. To be required to appear before a disciplinary panel within the next 3- days to explain his response or lack of response to board orders before he can continue to practice. Dr. Quinones withdrew his motion.**

At 10:40 am, Dr. Quinones moved, Ms. Morgan 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 10:52 am.

After consideration, **Dr. Quinones moved, Mr. Cokinos seconded, and the motion passed to accept the Finding of Fact and Conclusions of Law and the Proposal for Decision, and to adopt the staff's final order. Dr. Jones opposed.**

b. Dennis David Cantu, MD, SOAH Docket No. 503-23-23968

Shane Nelder, Staff Attorney, gave a brief overview of the case. Dr. Cantu was present with counsel, John Rivas.

At 9:23 am, Dr. Martinez moved, Ms. Morgan 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 9:49 am.

After consideration, **Dr. Quinones moved, Dr. Jones seconded, and the motion passed to accept the Proposal for Decision and to adopt staff's suggested final order for revocation.**

There was a break from 9:54 to 10:05 am.

Dr. Green stepped away at 9:55 am. Dr. Green returned at 10:51 am.

Agenda Item #16, Executive Director Report.

FY2025 Budget Update Joey Estrada, CFO, provided an update on the current budget.

Complaints Against the Agency There were none.

The Board provided direction to staff regarding DPRC process for Warning Letters and Remedial Plans.

Agenda Item #17, Medical Director Report. Nothing to report.

Agenda Item #18, Public Information Update. Ms. Taurie Sloan, Director of Government Affairs, discussed additional bills passed in legislation. A legislation update will be included in the next TMB Bulletin.

Agenda Item #19, Report Physician Assistant Liaison. Nothing to report.

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.

Agenda Item #23, Report on Motions for Rehearing Requests. A report on Motions for Rehearing Requests was provided.

Agenda Item #24, 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 #25, Report on Automatic Orders. A report on Automatic Orders was provided

Agenda Item #26, Report of Cancellations regarding Investigations. There was nothing to report.

Agenda Item #27, Consideration and approval of Orders to Show Cause. There was nothing to report.

Agenda Item #28, Consideration and approval of Revised, Vacated, or Amended Orders.
There was nothing to report.

There were no items for Agenda Items 29-35.

Agenda Item #36, Open Forum for Public Comment. Three people made public comments.

Agenda Item #37, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action relating to personnel matters. There was nothing to discuss.

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

- 1. Consideration and approval of the March 21, 2025, 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. Naidu seconded, and the motion passed to approve the March 21, 2025, Medical Board Meeting Minutes and action items, as well as the minutes and action items of committees meeting during the board meeting. Ms. Herod asked that her arrival time to Licensure Committee meeting be amended to 9:20 am.**

Agenda Item #38, Adjourn. There being no further items, **Dr. Naidu moved, Ms. Cokinos seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 12:07 pm.**