



Texas Medical Board

BOARD MEETING

October 17, 2025

The meeting was called to order on Friday October 17, 2025 at 8:20 a.m. by Board President Sherif Zaafran, M.D. Board members present were: : Michael Cokinos, Secretary/Treasurer; Sharon Barnes; Devinder S. Bhatia, M.D.; Garry Crain; George L. DeLoach, D.O.; Luisa del Rosal; 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.; Linda C. Troncoso; and David G. Vanderweide, M.D. Kandace Farmer, D.O., Vice President did not attend. Staff members present were: 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 # 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. Nothing to report.

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. Vanderweide seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Mediated Settlement Agreed Order for Nathan Starke, MD and Jerald Tenant, MD.

Agenda Item #5, Consideration and possible action for Remedial Plans. After consideration, Ms. Troncoso moved, Ms. Morgan seconded and the motion passed to approve the Remedial Plans for Terry Lane Beck, MD; Stephen Carter, MD; Mohamed Ibrahim, MD; Najmuddin Karimjee, MD; Jimmi Rios-Perez, MD; Tuan Dao, MD; Jonathan Friedman, MD (*Dr. Distefano recused*); David Griffin, MD; Christina Gutierrez, MD; Kazim Hussain, MD; Allan Kapilivsky, MD; Meera Kodityal, MD (*Dr. Naidu recused*); Yonghoon Lee, DO; Nicholas Nunnally, DO; Alejandro Ovalle, MD; Joshua Schacter, DO; John Stanhope, Jr., DO; Andrew Whitmire, MD; Joseph Behan, MD; Carl Ray Jones, DO; Anabel Lopez Coronado, MD; Gerald Greenfield, Jr., MD (*Dr. Quinones recused*); Benjamin Stahl, MD; and S. Jeffrey Cannella, MD (*Dr. Vanderweide recused*).

Agenda Item #6, Consideration and possible action for Agreed Orders. After consideration, Dr. Quinones moved, Dr. Vanderweide seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Agreed Orders for John Michael Cobb, MD; James Cole, MD; Jesse Martinez, DO; Matthew Tipton, MD; Jennifer Breazeale, MD; Andrew Ryan Davis, MD; William Hawkins, MD; Santosh Kale, MD; Charles Mild, MD; Muzammil Mushtaq, MD; Ryan Cradeur, MD; Stylianos Sideris, MD (*Dr. Martinez recused*); Joseph Walters, MD; and Nicole Malouf, MD.

Agenda Item #7, Consideration and approval of Modification Request/Termination Request Orders. After consideration, Dr. Vanderweide moved, Ms. Barnes seconded, and the motion passed

to approve the Modification Requests/Termination Requests Orders for Joseph Michael Cohn, MD; Scott Housen Hung, MD; Hernan Miranda, MD; Jim Michael Trione, MD; Michael Wolbert, MD; and Phillip Freeman, 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. There were none.

Agenda Item #10, Consideration and approval of Nunc Pro Tunc Orders. After consideration, **Mr. Cokinos moved, Dr. Vanderweide seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Revised, Vacated, and Amended Orders for Hugo Ernesto Guido, MD, Bryan Khal, MD; and Brandon Nghia To, MD.**

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. Sheridan Diaz, MD SOAH Docket No. 503-25-23007.MD

Ms. Viana Hodge, Staff Attorney, provided a brief summary of the case. Dr. Diaz did not attend, and no one attended on her behalf. After discussion, **Ms. Herod moved, Dr. Distefano seconded, and the motion passed to accept the Default Order and approve the revocation.**

b. Karthik Sampath, MD SOAH Docket No. 503-25-26391. MD

Ms. Viana Hodge, Staff Attorney, provided a brief summary of the case. Dr. Sampath did not attend, and no one attended on his behalf. After discussion, **Mr. Cokinos moved, Ms. Herod seconded, and the motion passed to accept the Default Order and approve the revocation.**

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

a. Cosmin Dobrescu, MD SOAH Docket No 503-24-24976.MD

Ms. Meredith Massey, Staff Attorney, provided a brief summary of the case. Dr. Dobrescu did not attend and no one attended on his behalf. After discussion, **Dr. DeLoach moved, Dr. Vanderweide seconded, and the motion passed to adopt the Findings of Fact and the Conclusions of Law in the ALJ's Proposal for Decision and approve the Final Order of Revocation.**

b. Mary Talley Bowden, MD SOAH Docket No. 503-23-17769.MD

Ms. Amy Swanholm, Director of Litigation, provided a brief summary of the case. Dr. Bowden attended and made comments. After discussion, **Dr. DeLoach moved, Dr. Vanderweide seconded, and the motion passed to adopt the Findings of Fact and the Conclusions of Law in the ALJ's Proposal for Decision and issue a Final Order containing a Public Reprimand.**

Agenda Item #15, Executive Director Report.

Mr. Estrada gave an update on the current budget.

Agenda Item #16, Medical Director Report. Nothing to report.

Agenda Item #17, Public Information Update. Ms. Taurie Sloan, Director of Government Affairs, gave a report on Public Information.

Agenda Item #18, Report Physician Assistant Liaison. Nothing to report.

Agenda Item #19, Consideration and possible action regarding pending litigation. Mr. Freshour gave a report on pending litigation.

a. Rehearing Requests There were none.

Agenda Item #20, Report on Automatic Orders. A report on Automatic Orders was provided.

Agenda Item #21, Consideration and approval of Orders to Show Cause. There were none.

Agenda Item #22, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding Approval of Acudetox Providers. There were none.

Agenda Item #23, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding proposed rule amendments to T.A.C.

a. IMGs

b. Physicians Graduates

c. Ketamine

After discussion, **Ms. Barnes moved, Dr. Martinez seconded, and the motion passed to publish the proposed rule amendments for comment.**

There were no items for Agenda Items 24-29.

Agenda Item #30, Open Forum for Public Comment. Laura and Robert Bredt, MD, Gloria Allred, Paxton Smith, and Mary Talley Bowden, MD, made comments.

There was a break from 10:07am to 10:31 am.

Agenda Item #15, Executive Director Report.

a. New Medical Director Introduction.

b. 2025 IA Report. After discussion, Dr. Vanderweide moved, Mr. Cokinos seconded, and the motion passed to approve the 2025 IA Report.

Agenda Item #31, 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 August 15, 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, Ms. Barnes seconded, and the motion passed to approve the August 15, 2025, Medical Board Meeting Minutes and action items and the minutes and action items of committees meeting during the board meeting.**

Agenda Item #32, Adjourn. There being no further items, **Ms. Troncoso moved, Ms. Herod seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 a.m.**