

State of Maine
Board of Licensure in Medicine
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Minutes of November 8, 2022**

Board Members Present: Maroulla S. Gleaton, M.D., Chair; Christopher R. Ross, P.A., Secretary; Steven Blessington, P.A.; Holly Fanjoy, M.D.; Renee Fay-Leblanc, M.D.; Gregory Jamison, RPh, Public Member; Noah Nesin, M.D.; and Lynne Weinstein, Public Member

Board Members Absent: Brad Waddell, M.D. and Kristina Lunner, Public Member

Board Staff Present: Dennis E. Smith, Executive Director; Timothy E. Terranova, Assistant Executive Director (excused at 9:08 a.m.); Kelly McLaughlin, Complaint Coordinator; Savannah Okoronkwo, Consumer Assistance Specialist; Faith McLaughlin, Investigative Secretary; Maureen S. Lathrop, Administrative Assistant; Tracy Morrison, Licensing Specialist and Lisa Reny, Licensing Specialist.

Attorney General’s Office Staff Present: Michael Miller, Assistant Attorney General

In accordance with the “Board Member Remote Participation Policy” adopted by the Board on August 10, 2021, the Board Chair directed that the November 8, 2022 meeting of the Board be conducted through remote participation of all Board members pursuant to Section 2(A) of that policy. The Board posted notices of this virtual meeting on its website and on the Legislative calendar. In addition, the Board posted a copy of the agenda for the meeting on its website.

Votes were conducted by roll call with members voting “for” “against” or “abstain.”

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

PURPOSE

None

RECESSES

9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Recess

11:58 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

I. Call to Order

Dr. Gleaton called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

A. Amendments to Agenda

Dr. Fay-Leblanc moved to amend a discussion regarding the New England Prescription Opioid Strike Force onto the agenda. Ms. Weinstein seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For
Mr. Ross: For
Mr. Blessington: For
Dr. Fanjoy: For
Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For
Mr. Jamison: For
Dr. Nesin: For
Ms. Weinstein: For

B. Scheduled Agenda Items

1. **1:00 p.m. Informal Conference – (CR21-207 & CR22-56)**

II. Licensing

A. Applications for Individual Consideration

1. Initial Applications

a. Daniel L. Rowland, M.D.

Dr. Nesin moved to approve Dr. Rowland's license application. Dr. Fay-Leblanc seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For
Mr. Ross: For
Mr. Blessington: For
Dr. Fanjoy: For
Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For
Mr. Jamison: For
Dr. Nesin: For
Ms. Weinstein: For

2. Reinstatement Applications (none)

3. Renewal Applications

a. Nananda F. Col, M.D.

Dr. Fay-Leblanc moved to offer the physician an administrative license, the opportunity to submit a reentry to clinical practice plan for Board consideration or leave to withdraw her renewal application. Alternatively, the Board will preliminarily deny Dr. Col's renewal application. Dr. Fanjoy seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For
Mr. Ross: For
Mr. Blessington: For
Dr. Fanjoy: For
Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For
Mr. Jamison: For
Dr. Nesin: For
Ms. Weinstein: For

b. George M. Charron, M.D.

Dr. Fanjoy moved to open an investigation and obtain an expert review of the medical malpractice case. Mr. Ross seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For
Mr. Ross: For
Mr. Blessington: For
Dr. Fanjoy: For
Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For
Mr. Jamison: For
Dr. Nesin: For
Ms. Weinstein: For

c. Ellen M. Grunblatt, M.D.

Dr. Fay-Leblanc moved to offer the physician an administrative license, the opportunity to submit a reentry to clinical practice plan for Board consideration or leave to withdraw her renewal application. Alternatively, the Board will preliminarily deny Dr. Grunblatt's renewal application. Mr. Ross seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For

Mr. Ross: For
Mr. Blessington: For
Dr. Fanjoy: For
Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For
Mr. Jamison: For
Dr. Nesin: For
Ms. Weinstein: For

4. Requests to Convert to Active Status

a. Timothy Richardson, M.D.

Mr. Ross moved to offer Dr. Richardson an amendment to his consent agreement incorporating his new reentry to clinical practice plan and delegate authority to the Board Chair to sign the amendment. Ms. Weinstein seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For
Mr. Ross: For
Mr. Blessington: For
Dr. Fanjoy: For
Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For
Mr. Jamison: For
Dr. Nesin: For
Ms. Weinstein: For

5. Requests to Withdraw License/License Application

a. Stefan G. Tullius, M.D.

Dr. Nesin moved to approve Dr. Tullius' request to withdraw his license application. Mr. Ross seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For
Mr. Ross: For
Mr. Blessington: For
Dr. Fanjoy: For
Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For
Mr. Jamison: For
Dr. Nesin: For
Ms. Weinstein: For

6. Requests for Collaborative/Practice Agreements

a. Angela J. Coton, P.A.

Dr. Nesin moved to approve Ms. Coton's amendment to her practice agreement. Dr. Fay-Leblanc seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed 6 in favor, 2 recused.

Dr. Gleaton: For
Mr. Ross: Recused
Mr. Blessington: For
Dr. Fanjoy: Recused
Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For
Mr. Jamison: For
Dr. Nesin: For
Ms. Weinstein: For

b. Antonio B. Landry, P.A.

Dr. Fanjoy moved to approve Mr. Landry's amendment to his practice agreement. Mr. Ross seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For
Mr. Ross: For
Mr. Blessington: For
Dr. Fanjoy: For
Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For
Mr. Jamison: For
Dr. Nesin: For
Ms. Weinstein: For

c. Brooke A. Perez, P.A.

Dr. Fay-Leblanc moved to approve Ms. Perez's practice agreement. Dr. Fanjoy seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed 7 in favor, 1 recused.

Dr. Gleaton: For
Mr. Ross: Recused
Mr. Blessington: For
Dr. Fanjoy: For
Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For

Mr. Jamison: For
Dr. Nesin: For
Ms. Weinstein: For

B. Other Items for Discussion

a. Robert H. Rossero, M.D.

The Board approved a reentry to clinical practice plan for Dr. Rossero on May 10, 2022. Dr. Rossero's employer submitted a performance evaluation. No Board action was required.

C. Citations and Administrative Fines

This material was presented for informational purposes. No Board action was required.

D. Licensing Status Report [Appendix A]

This material was presented for informational purposes. No Board action was required.

E. Licensing Feedback (none)

III. Board Orders/Consent Agreements/Resolution Documents for Review (none)

IV. Complaints

1. CR21-177

Dr. Nesin moved to issue an Order Directing Evaluation. Dr. Fanjoy seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For
Mr. Ross: For
Mr. Blessington: For
Dr. Fanjoy: For
Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For
Mr. Jamison: For
Dr. Nesin: For
Ms. Weinstein: For

2. CR21-178

Dr. Gleaton moved to table the matter. Mr. Ross seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For
Mr. Ross: For
Mr. Blessington: For
Dr. Fanjoy: For
Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For
Mr. Jamison: For
Dr. Nesin: For
Ms. Weinstein: For

3. CR21-218

Mr. Ross moved to dismiss the complaint. Dr. Fay-Leblanc seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed 7 in favor, 1 recused.

Dr. Gleaton: For
Mr. Ross: For
Mr. Blessington: For
Dr. Fanjoy: For
Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For
Mr. Jamison: For
Dr. Nesin: Recused
Ms. Weinstein: For

MOTION: The complaint was initiated by the Board following its review of a mandated report from a health care facility pursuant to 24 M.R.S. § 2506 based upon its termination of the licensee's employment for alleged clinical competence issues. The licensee stated that she tried to work with her employer to improve her skills, but they were not willing to make the changes she suggested. Reference letters are very positive for her in her new job. Monitor reviewed cases for issues looked appropriate.

4. CR22-28

Dr. Fay-Leblanc moved to investigate further and request that the physician provide a copy of a clinic policy and respond to questions from the Board. Dr. Fanjoy seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For

Mr. Ross: For
Mr. Blessington: For
Dr. Fanjoy: For
Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For
Mr. Jamison: For
Dr. Nesin: For
Ms. Weinstein: For

5. CR22-43

Mr. Ross moved to dismiss the complaint. Ms. Weinstein seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed 7 in favor, 1 recused.

Dr. Gleaton: For
Mr. Ross: For
Mr. Blessington: For
Dr. Fanjoy: Recused
Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For
Mr. Jamison: For
Dr. Nesin: For
Ms. Weinstein: For

MOTION: A patient's wife complains that the physician assistant did not make the correct diagnosis when the patient was seen in the emergency room the day before being admitted for the same symptoms. The symptoms that the physician assistant observed had been going on for months; and when the patient presented to the emergency room that morning due to shortness of breath and blood-tinged sputum, he felt that it was not an acute issue. The Board asked the physician assistant additional questions which were answered appropriately. Review of the records revealed that the patient received reasonable care.

6. CR22-61 Anne M. Richardson, P.A.

Mr. Ross moved to dismiss the complaint with a letter of guidance. Dr. Nesin seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For
Mr. Ross: For
Mr. Blessington: For
Dr. Fanjoy: For
Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For
Mr. Jamison: For
Dr. Nesin: For

Ms. Weinstein: For

MOTION: The Board initiated the complaint following receipt of a report from a health care practitioner who alleged that the physician assistant accessed his confidential information on the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) without his knowledge, permission, or authorization and during a time that she was in a personal relationship with the health care provider with whom he did not have a clinician-patient relationship. The physician assistant responded to the complaint and explained the circumstances regarding her access of this information.

The guidance is as follows: unauthorized disclosure or use of PMP information is unlawful and may result in a criminal prosecution pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 7251(2). As a health care provider, you are responsible for being aware of the confidentiality of PMP information as well as when access to that information is authorized as outlined in 22 M.R.S. § 7250, a copy of which is enclosed with this letter of guidance.

7. CR22-63

Dr. Gleaton moved to dismiss the complaint. Dr. Fanjoy seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For
Mr. Ross: For
Mr. Blessington: For
Dr. Fanjoy: For
Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For
Mr. Jamison: For
Dr. Nesin: For
Ms. Weinstein: For

MOTION: The Board of Licensure in Medicine received information from the National Practitioner Data Bank about a highly awarded malpractice case concerning a general surgeon and a patient that she operated on to remove a lipoma of the left upper arm. The case had complications of intraoperative bleeding and damage to the major nerves of the arm and hand. The surgeon delivered exemplary care of this patient pre and postoperatively. The surgeon has learned and apologized for the unfortunate outcome. The licensee has solid support outlining her clinical competency and professionalism from other general surgeons she operates with.

8. CR22-65

Dr. Fay-Leblanc moved to investigate further and obtain information from the Medical Professionals Health Program regarding behavioral health monitoring. Mr. Ross seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed 6 in favor, 2 recused.

Dr. Gleaton: For
Mr. Ross: For
Mr. Blessington: For
Dr. Fanjoy: Recused
Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For
Mr. Jamison: For
Dr. Nesin: Nesin
Ms. Weinstein: For

9. CR22-104 Hamza Jawad, M.D.

Dr. Fanjoy moved to dismiss the complaint with a letter of guidance. Dr. Fay-Leblanc seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For
Mr. Ross: For
Mr. Blessington: For
Dr. Fanjoy: For
Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For
Mr. Jamison: For
Dr. Nesin: For
Ms. Weinstein: For

MOTION: The complaint was initiated by a patient's relative who alleged that the physician did not allow her to accompany the patient for a procedure and that his treatment resulted in the development of severe medical complications. The physician responded to the complaint, indicated that he was not aware of the relative's request and that the facility had COVID visitation precautions in place. He also explained his medical decision-making and provided a copy of the patient's records for review.

The guidance is as follows: as a physician it is your responsibility to ensure that a patient's medical record includes documentation of appropriate informed consent to a medical procedure as well as discharge instructions provided to a patient following the completion of a medical procedure.

10. CR22-121

Dr. Nesin moved to investigate further and obtain an expert review of two specific patient charts from the physician's former practice and ten charts of patient's receiving controlled substance prescriptions at the physician's current practice. Dr. Fay-Leblanc seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For
Mr. Ross: For
Mr. Blessington: For
Dr. Fanjoy: For
Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For
Mr. Jamison: For
Dr. Nesin: For
Ms. Weinstein: For

11. CR22-126

Mr. Ross moved to dismiss the complaint. Mr. Blessington seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed 7 in favor, 1 recused.

Dr. Gleaton: For
Mr. Ross: For
Mr. Blessington: For
Dr. Fanjoy: For
Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For
Mr. Jamison: For
Dr. Nesin: Recused
Ms. Weinstein: For

MOTION: The patient complains that the physician assistant did not appropriately address potentially life-threatening concerns and he was accusatory and argumentative. The physician assistant responded that he cared for the patient for over two years and referred her to multiple specialists and had done many tests. On the date of the last appointment the patient became upset and left before full evaluation could be completed, but the evaluation on the day prior was reassuring. Review of records shows appropriate care.

12. CR22-127

Dr. Fanjoy moved to table the matter. Dr. Nesin seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For
Mr. Ross: For
Mr. Blessington: For
Dr. Fanjoy: For
Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For
Mr. Jamison: For

Dr. Nesin: For
Ms. Weinstein: For

13. CR22-177

Dr. Fanjoy moved to dismiss the complaint. Dr. Fay-Leblanc seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For
Mr. Ross: For
Mr. Blessington: For
Dr. Fanjoy: For
Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For
Mr. Jamison: For
Dr. Nesin: For
Ms. Weinstein: For

MOTION: A patient with paranoid schizophrenia and increased delusional thought content was seen in the emergency department at the request of her psychiatrist. A crisis evaluation was not performed due to unavailability of services and the patient did not meet criteria for involuntary psychiatric admission. The patient was determined to be stable without suicidal or homicidal thoughts. Lab work was obtained and was normal. The patient was appropriately discharged with family with a plan for next day crisis follow-up. The care rendered by the licensee was appropriate and within the standard of care.

14. CR22-178

Dr. Fanjoy moved to dismiss the complaint. Dr. Nesin seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For
Mr. Ross: For
Mr. Blessington: For
Dr. Fanjoy: For
Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For
Mr. Jamison: For
Dr. Nesin: For
Ms. Weinstein: For

MOTION: A patient sustained a crush injury to the distal phalanx of the left ring finger when a window fell onto his fingertip. The complaint alleges that the wound care provided was inappropriate. Review of the records indicates the injury was appropriately managed and the wound could not be closed due to the nature of the

injury. The assessment, documentation, follow-up and discharge instructions were within the standard of care, and the licensee's treatment was appropriate.

15. CR22-179

Mr. Ross moved to dismiss the complaint. Ms. Weinstein seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For
Mr. Ross: For
Mr. Blessington: For
Dr. Fanjoy: For
Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For
Mr. Jamison: For
Dr. Nesin: For
Ms. Weinstein: For

MOTION: The wife of a patient complains the physician and his office did not return her telephone calls which caused a delay in her husband obtaining his medication. The records reveal the patient's care was to be transferred from neurology to the patient's primary care provider, located in a different facility. Additionally, the neurologist named in the complaint left the practice and there was to be transfer of care to a new neurologist. The physician noted the complainant (patient's wife) may have been calling another facility, not his office as there were no messages received requesting return phone calls and noted there was not a lapse in the patient receiving prescriptions. Appropriate care has been provided.

16. CR22-189

Dr. Fay-Leblanc moved to dismiss the complaint. Dr. Fanjoy seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For
Mr. Ross: For
Mr. Blessington: For
Dr. Fanjoy: For
Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For
Mr. Jamison: For
Dr. Nesin: For
Ms. Weinstein: For

MOTION: The patient complains that the provider told an inappropriate joke at her initial and only appointment with him. The patient had been referred as she had hoped hormone replacement therapy would help her lose weight. The provider let her know

that hormone replacement therapy would not help her lose weight and may cause some weight gain. He admits that he told a poorly timed joke, and he regrets doing it. He wrote an apology to the patient and has written to the Board about his regret and what he has learned from this experience.

17. CR22-200

Dr. Nesin moved to investigate further and incorporate this complaint into a previously ordered informal conference with the physician. Dr. Fay-Leblanc seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For
Mr. Ross: For
Mr. Blessington: For
Dr. Fanjoy: For
Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For
Mr. Jamison: For
Dr. Nesin: For
Ms. Weinstein: For

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19. Intentionally left blank

V. Assessment and Direction

20. AD22-194

Dr. Nesin moved to issue a complaint (**CR22-219**) and order the physician to undergo a § 3286 neuropsychological and substance misuse evaluation. Dr. Fay-Leblanc seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For
Mr. Ross: For
Mr. Blessington: For
Dr. Fanjoy: For
Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For
Mr. Jamison: For
Dr. Nesin: For
Ms. Weinstein: For

21. AD22-198

Mr. Ross moved to issue a complaint (**CR22-220**), order the physician to undergo a § 3286 neuropsychological and substance misuse evaluation, and obtain the physician's PMP report. Ms. Weinstein seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For
Mr. Ross: For
Mr. Blessington: For
Dr. Fanjoy: For
Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For
Mr. Jamison: For
Dr. Nesin: For
Ms. Weinstein: For

22. AD22-201

Mr. Blessington voted to request that the physician convert his license to emeritus status and the matter will be closed with no further action. Alternatively, the Board will issue a complaint, order the physician to undergo an evaluation and request that he agree not to practice until resolution of the matter. Dr. Fay-Leblanc seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For
Mr. Ross: For
Mr. Blessington: For
Dr. Fanjoy: For
Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For
Mr. Jamison: For
Dr. Nesin: For
Ms. Weinstein: For

23. Intentionally left blank

24. Intentionally left blank

25. Pending Adjudicatory Hearings and Informal Conferences Report

This material was presented for informational purposes. No Board action was required.

26. Consumer Assistance Specialist Feedback

This material was presented for informational purposes. No Board action was required.

VI. Informal Conference

A. CR21-207; CR22-56; CR22-200

The licensee elected to conduct the informal conference in public session.

Dr. Nesin moved to offer the physician a consent agreement previously offered to him with modifications. Mr. Blessington seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For
Mr. Ross: For
Mr. Blessington: For
Dr. Fanjoy: For
Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For
Mr. Jamison: For
Dr. Nesin: For
Ms. Weinstein: For

VII. Minutes for Approval

Ms. Weinstein moved to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2022 meeting. Dr. Fay-Leblanc seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed 7 in favor, 1 abstained.

Dr. Gleaton: For
Mr. Ross: Abstained
Mr. Blessington: For
Dr. Fanjoy: For
Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For
Mr. Jamison: For
Dr. Nesin: For
Ms. Weinstein: For

VIII. Consent Agreement Monitoring

A. Monitoring Reports

1. Donald B. Shea, M.D.

Mr. Ross moved to investigate further and obtain information from the Medical Professionals Health Program regarding senior monitoring. Mr. Blessington seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For
Mr. Ross: For
Mr. Blessington: For
Dr. Fanjoy: For
Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For
Mr. Jamison: For
Dr. Nesin: For
Ms. Weinstein: For

IX. Adjudicatory Hearing (none)

X. Remarks of Chair

A. Tri-Regulator Conference

Dr. Gleaton reported on her recent attendance at the Tri-Regulator Conference which included nurses, physicians, pharmacists and dentists. Topics discussed include wellness, telehealth, the opioid overdose crisis and the need for collaboration of all providers to deliver patient care.

XI. Remarks of Executive Director

Mr. Smith reported that former Board member Frederick C. Goggans, M.D., passed away.

A. Press Release of Board Discipline Policy (tabled)

XII. Assistant Executive Director's Report

The Board reviewed Mr. Terranova's written report.

A. IMLCC 2022 Annual Report

This material was presented for informational purposes. No Board action was required.

B. ICPH Meeting Report

The Board reviewed Mr. Terranova's written report regarding his attendance at the conference including suggestions of steps the Board might take to address physician wellness.

XIII. Medical Director's Report (none)

XIV. Remarks of Assistant Attorney General (none)

XV. Rulemaking (none)

XVI. Policy Review

A. Board Secretary Duties - Revised

Mr. Ross moved to approve the amended policy. Dr. Nesin seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For
Mr. Ross: For
Mr. Blessington: For
Dr. Fanjoy: For
Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For
Mr. Jamison: For
Dr. Nesin: For
Ms. Weinstein: For

XVII. Requests for Guidance (none)

XVIII. Board Correspondence (none)

XIX. FSMB Material (none)

XX. FYI (none)

XXI. Other Business

A. Discussion Regarding the New England Prescription Opioid Strike Force (amended on)

The Board discussed the recent arrest of a physician by the New England Prescription Opioid Task Force. Board members reported concerns expressed by peers. Following discussion, the Board requested that staff draft a brief article for the next newsletter.

XXII. Adjournment 2:35 p.m.

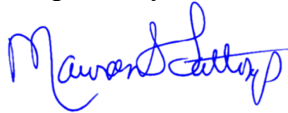
Mr. Ross moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Fanjoy seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gleaton: For
Mr. Ross: For

Mr. Blessington: For
Dr. Fanjoy: For
Dr. Fay-Leblanc: For
Mr. Jamison: For
Dr. Nesin: For
Ms. Weinstein: For

Respectfully submitted,



Maureen S. Lathrop
Administrative Assistant

Dear Mr. Smith,

In accordance with the “Board Member Remote Participation Policy” adopted by the Board on August 10, 2021, I am directing that the November 8, 2022 meeting of the Board be conducted virtually through exclusively remote participation pursuant to Section 2(A) of that policy. In support of this directive, I have determined that, based on the following circumstances, there exists an emergency or urgent issue which, pursuant to the policy, requires the Board to meet by entirely remote methods on November 8, 2022:

1. The Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services first proclaimed on January 31, 2020, and most recently renewed on July 15, 2022, the nationwide public health emergency (PHE) due to the continued consequences of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. (<https://aspr.hhs.gov/legal/PHE/Pages/COVID19-12Apr2022.aspx>)
2. The Commissioner of the Maine Department of Health and Human Services declared on July 1, 2021 a health emergency due to the continued consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, which shall remain in effect through the duration of the PHE declared by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/sites/maine.gov.dhhs/files/inline-files/Public%20Health%20Emergency%20Declaration%206-30-21.pdf>)
3. The acting Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services wrote a letter to all Governors on January 22, 2021 stating, “To assure you of our commitment to the ongoing response, we have determined that the PHE will likely remain in place for the entirety of 2021, and when a decision is made to terminate the declaration or let it expire, HHS will provide states with 60 days' notice prior to its termination.” (<https://ccf.georgetown.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Public-Health-Emergency-Message-to-Governors.pdf>)
4. Efforts to combat the pandemic continue in Maine where, as of October 27, 2022, 296,255 residents have been infected (212,951 confirmed and 83,304 probable), 6,095 residents have been hospitalized with the virus, and 2,638 people have died from the virus since January 2020. (<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/airborne/coronavirus/data.shtml>)
5. As of October 27, 2022, the number of new COVID-19 infections in the State of Maine as confirmed by testing brings the seven-day average of new cases in the State to 183; the number of new cases (confirmed and probable) statewide is 1,286; the number of current hospitalizations is 204 (with 47 in critical care); the number of validated vaccine breakthrough cases is 117,078; the total number of deaths is 2,638. (<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/airborne/coronavirus/data.shtml>)
6. Viruses like SARS-CoV-2 continuously evolve. The Omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2 (including B.1.1.529, BA.1, BA.1.1, BA.2, BA.3, BA.4 and BA.5 lineages) is currently

classified as a Variant of Concern. As of October 27, 2022, the Omicron variant represents 100 percent of all sequenced samples collected in Maine.

7. As of October 27, 2022, 5 of Maine's counties are in the “low”, 10 counties are in the “medium,” and 1 county is in the “high” transmission category as defined by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
(https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view?list_select_state=Maine&data-type=CommunityLevels)
8. Eight of the Boards’ members (6 physicians and 2 physician assistants) are actively practicing medicine or rendering medical services and are potentially exposed to the COVID-19 virus while seeing and treating patients at medical facilities, including hospitals, despite taking precautionary measures.
9. An in-person meeting of the Board is foreseeably likely to result in an increased risk of exposure to the COVID-19 virus, which has an incubation period of 2-14 days before the onset of symptoms, for members of the Board, its staff, licensees, and members of the public.
10. Conducting an in-person Board meeting on November 8, 2022 is not practicable due to the widespread rise in COVID-19 infections and the potential exposure to the COVID-19 virus to Board members and to members of the public. Therefore, I have determined that there is an emergency such that the November 8, 2022 Board meeting shall be held entirely remotely as the best way to protect the safety and wellbeing of the members of the Board, its staff, licensees, and members of the public.

There will be no physical location where members of the public may attend this meeting. The Board will continue to provide members of the public a meaningful opportunity to attend the meeting remotely via Zoom as it has successfully done since April of 2020. Please post this determination to the Board website and update the agenda to include the Zoom information as soon as possible.

Maroulla S. Gleaton, MD
Chair, Board of Licensure in Medicine

APPENDIX A

BOARD OF LICENSURE IN MEDICINE

DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 2022
TO: BOARD MEMBERS
CC:
FROM: TIMOTHY TERRANOVA
RE: LICENSING STATUS REPORT AND LISTS

The following information is included:

A summary of all new licenses granted in October 2022 by license type (93);

A list of all individuals granted a new license in October 2022;

A summary of all pending applications by license type (260);

A list of online vs. paper renewals in October 2022 by license type (91.69%);

The number of licenses expired October 31, 2022 (77);

The number of licenses lapsed for date July 31, 2022 (53); and

The list of licenses withdrawn in October 2022 (8).

In addition, the overall licensing statistics include:

The number of active MD licenses (not including EC) on November 1, 2022 (7,465);

The number of active MD licenses with a Maine address (not including EC) on November 1, 2022 (3,733);

The number of active PA licenses on November 1, 2022 (1,140);

The number of active PA licenses with a Maine address on November 1, 2022 (1,013); and

The number of licenses pending renewal on November 1, 2022 (48).

We look forward to your feedback.

SELECTION FILE SUMMARY
STATE OF MAINE - DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION
BOARD OF LICENSURE IN MEDICINE

Selection File Name: MONTHLY-ISSUED

SUMMARY BY LICENSE PREFIX

EC - TEMPORARY EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATE	
A - Active	1
SUBTOTAL:	<u>1</u>
MD - MEDICAL DOCTOR	
A - Active	78
SUBTOTAL:	<u>78</u>
PA - PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT	
A - Active	12
SUBTOTAL:	<u>12</u>
TM - TELEMEDICINE	
A - Active	2
SUBTOTAL:	<u>2</u>

SUMMARY BY LICENSE STATUS

A - Active	<u>93</u>
TOTAL ALL LICENSES:	93

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MD26374 - MICHAEL KOFI ADUSEI, MD

MD26560 - IMTIAZ ALAM, MD

MD26520 - HILARY WINIKOFF ALPERT, MD

MD26509 - NANCY NONOMENYO YAWAVI ASAMOA, MD

MD26416 - DENIS TAN KERIM BALABAN, MD

MD26377 - MITCHELL HAL BAMBERGER, MD

TM26433 - CHARLES FRANKLIN BARISH, MD

MD26451 - FERDOUS MOHAMMAD BARLASKAR, MD

MD24958 - JENNIFER RUTH BENJAMIN STANTON, MD

MD26503 - ANDREW BENNETT III, MD

MD26537 - ADAM MARIUSZ BISAGA, MD

PA2438 - KATE LUCILLE BLANCHARD, PA

PA2448 - MARK STANLEY BOREN, PA

MD26547 - FRANK ANTHONY BRANCACCIO, MD

MD26414 - MICHAEL RICHARD BYRNE, MD

MD25633 - DANIELA CABALLERO VARONA, MD

MD26528 - MICHELLE LEE CAMERON-DONALDSON, MD

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MD26390 - SANDRA K. CARLSON, MD

MD26538 - JASVINDER PAL SINGH CHAWLA, MD

MD26532 - EDWARD TSUNG-KUAN CHEN, MD

MD26435 - MICHAEL CHEN, MD

MD26526 - CALEB W. CHENG, MD

PA2383 - BRIANNA CICCONE, PA

MD26466 - CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM CONLAN, MD

PA2424 - FINOLA HALPIN COX, PA

MD26489 - KIRK R. DAFFNER, MD

MD26387 - BEHNOOSH DASHTI, MD

MD26569 - DAWN RENEE DAWSON, MD

MD14779 - KEVIN J. DICESARE, MD

EC221105 - MIGUEL IGNACIO DORANTE, MD

MD26554 - MACARTHUR DRAKE JR, MD

MD25375 - STEVEN GARY DUBOIS, MD

MD25716 - CHRISTINE NOEL DUNCAN, MD

MD25383 - CARMINA ERDEI, MD

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MD26541 - PAUL ANDREW FABELA, MD

MD26556 - RICHARD SAVIO FERNANDES ALMEIDA, MD

MD26385 - JOHN WILLIAM FOX JR, MD

MD26482 - AMBER AILISA FRANK, MD

MD26578 - NIHAR GANJU, MD

MD26531 - UMAR ZAHEER GHUMMAN, MD

MD26527 - GEETINDER GOYAL, MD

PA2431 - JACIE BETH GRIMSRUD, PA

MD26577 - SABA HAQ, MD

MD26418 - GEORGE KYLE HARROLD, MD

MD26561 - LAUREN BRODSKY HARTMAN, MD

PA2423 - SAMANTHA MARIE HENLEY, PA

MD26545 - MAC HENRY, MD

MD26415 - KIMBERLY KAY HUTTON, MD

MD25374 - JUNNE KAMIHARA, MD

MD26566 - JESSICA KIMI KELLEY, MD

MD26427 - MARISA SHARON KESSELMAN, MD

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MD26334 - ROBERT MILGRAM KLEIN, MD

MD26581 - SUNITHA KORAPATI, MD

MD24149 - ALEXANDER KULCZYCKI, MD

PA2427 - SARAH LACHAPELLE, PA

MD26568 - JAMES DAVID LAWRENCE III, MD

MD26500 - JONG WOO LEE, MD

PA2446 - TIMOTHY LENS, PA

MD26536 - MATTHEW MADISON LEONARD, MD

MD26020 - LUKE HUTCHISON L'HEUREUX, MD

MD26530 - EMILY LO, MD

MD25501 - JULIA VIVIAN LOEWENTHAL, MD

MD26484 - SUSANA CASTILLO LUGO, MD

PA2430 - HOUSTON WALTER MACINTYRE, PA

MD26562 - GARY C. MALLIS, MD

MD26090 - URSULA ANNE MATULONIS, MD

MD26468 - ADRIANA EURICH NADEAU, MD

MD26342 - OREOFE OLUKEMI ODEJIDE, MD

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MD26567 - NEELIMA PALADUGU, MD

PA2450 - KATHERINE PELLETIER, PA

MD26548 - CHANDRA SHEKAR PINGILI, MD

PA2442 - JUSTINE RAHERA PITTMAN, PA

MD26344 - MILAN PODRECCA, MD

MD26579 - JANELLE REED, MD

MD26580 - RUTH REEVES, MD

MD26044 - LELAI MALCA KERRY RICKS, MD

PA2433 - HENDRY THOMPSON RODMAN III, PA

MD26529 - DIANE PAMELA RYAN, MD

MD26549 - JOHN ELTON SCHLOFF, MD

MD26336 - RICHARD ALAN SCHMITT, MD

MD26246 - JOHN MICHAEL SILISKI, MD

MD26456 - ANASTASIA SOLOVIEVA, MD

MD26431 - DONAVAN SPENCER, MD

MD26507 - MALACHY JOSEPH SULLIVAN, MD

MD26508 - QUOC D. TRINH, MD

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MD26522 - DEEPTI VIRMANI, MD

TM26411 - ANUP AMIT VORA, MD

MD26535 - ARTHUR ROBINSON WILLIAMS IV, MD

MD26570 - VICTORIA LEIGH WILLIAMS, MD

MD26375 - HARRISON W. WOOD JR, MD

MD26091 - WENXIN XU, MD

MD26504 - GEMINI LAL YESODHARAN, MD

MD26271 - MYRIAH ZEIEN-TARANTELLI, MD

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Selection File Name: MONTHLY-PENDING

SUMMARY BY LICENSE PREFIX

EL - EMERGENCY 100-DAY LICENSE

P - Pending 3

SUBTOTAL: 3

MD - MEDICAL DOCTOR

P - Pending 210

SUBTOTAL: 210

PA - PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

P - Pending 41

SUBTOTAL: 41

TM - TELEMEDICINE

P - Pending 6

SUBTOTAL: 6

SUMMARY BY LICENSE STATUS

P - Pending 260

TOTAL ALL LICENSES: 260

Online Renew Licensing Adoption by Prefix

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MEDICINE	376	MDA	3	0	3	3	0	100
MEDICINE	376	MDE	19	18	0	18	1	94.74
MEDICINE	376	MDV	0	0	0	0	0	0
MEDICINE	376	PA	41	25	16	41	0	100
MEDICINE	376	TM	2	1	1	2	0	100

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Selection File: WITHDRAWALS

MD24903 - JIMMY CHEN, MD

MD20771 - SASKIA G. COOPER, MD

MD21717 - MARK RICHARD ETHELTON, MD

MDE20062 - THEODORE C. LO, MD

MD23028 - DAVID EZRA MANDELBAUM, MD

MD22726 - ALLEN ORMOND MITCHELL, MD

MD23623 - CHARLES W. POWELL, MD

MD6250 - MARTYN A. VICKERS JR, MD