



Texas Medical Board

BOARD MEETING

October 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order on Friday October 13, 2023 at 8:05 a.m. by Board President Sherif Zaafran, M.D. Board members present were: Kandace Farmer, D.O., Vice President; Michael E. Cokinos, Secretary/Treasurer; Sharon Barnes; Devinder S. Bhatia, M.D.; George L. DeLoach, D.O.; James Distefano, D.O.; Robert Gracia; 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 (Logged on at 8:08 am). Staff members present were: Brint Carlton, J.D., Executive Director; Scott Freshour, J.D., General Counsel; Robert Breidt, 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.

Resolution – Ebony Todd, J.D. Dr. Zaafran recognized Ms. Todd for her work on the board and thanked her for her service. A Resolution will be sent to Ms. Todd.

Dr. Zaafran made comments on the constant changes and innovation in the care provided to patients and the importance of following the Medical Practice Act. Dr. Zaafran will provide more information in the next newsletter.

Agenda Item #3, Consideration and possible action for dispositions below minimum guidelines. After consideration, **Dr. Quinones moved, Dr. Vanderweide seconded and the motion passed to approve the dispositions below minimum guidelines for Kevin Kallal, MD and Zeeshan Khan, MD.**

Agenda Item #4, Consideration and approval of Mediated Settlement Agreed Orders. After consideration, **Ms. Morgan moved, Dr. Distefano seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Mediated Settlement Agreed Orders for Dung Pham, MD and Fan Wang, MD.**

Agenda Item #5, Consideration and possible action for Remedial Plans. After consideration, **Mr. Martinez moved, Ms. Morgan seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Remedial Plan for Niraj Patel, MD; Danny Cheng, MD; Kondapavuluru Chawdary, MD; David Haman, DO; Olendruff Johnson, MD; Kevin Kirk, MD; Glen Monk, MD; Ricardo Pardo, MD; Forrest Roth, MD (Dr. Bhatia recused); Hector Suncin-Trejo, MD; Donna Alzaga, MD; Sheely Durham, DO; Blaine Farless, MD; Hiran Garcia, MD; Mehjabin Parkar, MD; and Damian Liebhardt, DO.**

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 Kelly Kaesler, MD; Gregory Hall, MD; Jeffrey Jaindl, DO; Laura Purdy, MD; Daniel Ray, MD; Talal Zahoor, MD; Donald Blair, MD; David Dyslin, MD; Justin Friedman, MD; Vladimir**

Grebennikov, MD; James Redfield, MD; Jesus Lopez, MD; Sue Moss, MD; Daniella Thompson, MD; and Duc Mihn Le, MD.

Agenda Item #7, Consideration and approval of Modification Request/Termination Request Orders. After consideration, **Dr. Quinones moved, Ms. Barnes seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Modification Requests/Termination Requests Orders for Dan Eidman, MD (Dr. Vanderweide recused); Gregory Gibbons, MD; Melissa Macias, MD; Jimmi Rios Perez, MD; and Arlette Pharo, DO.**

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. Bhatia moved, Ms. Morgan seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Cease and Desist Orders for Christine Dimas, Dianna Forsberg, and Evelyn Higgins.**

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. Woodridge Coppedge, M.D., SOAH No. 503-23-20928.MD

Amy Swanholm, JD, Litigation/Enforcement Support Manager, gave a brief overview of the case. Dr. Coppedge was not present, and no one was present on his behalf. After consideration, **Ms. Barnes moved, Dr. Vanderweide seconded and the motion passed to accept the Determination of Default for Woodridge Coppedge, MD.**

b. Jordan Michael Martinez, M.D., SOAH No. 503-23-22536.MD

Amy Swanholm, JD, Litigation/Enforcement Support Manager, gave a brief overview of the case. Dr. Martinez was not present, and no one was present on his behalf. After consideration, **Dr. Bhatia moved, Dr. Vanderweide seconded and the motion passed to accept the Determination of Default for Jordan Michael Martinez, MD.**

c. Darryl Dean Nix, D.O., SOAH # 503-23-25254.DO

Amy Swanholm, JD, Litigation/Enforcement Support Manager, gave a brief overview of the case. Dr. Nix was not present, and no one was present on his behalf. After consideration, **Dr. Nayak moved, Ms. Barnes seconded and the motion passed to accept the Determination of Default for Darryl Dean Nix, DO.**

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

Agenda Item #15, Executive Director Report.

Budget Update. Mr. Joey Estrada, CFO, provided an update on the budget. The agency is currently looking into new vendors to perform the next Internal Audit.

Complaints Against the Agency There were none.

Legislative Update. Mr. Carlton gave an update on the budget approved and bills passed during the legislative session.

Rule Update. Mr. Carlton provided an update on rules being updated due to changes made during the legislative session.

Agenda Item #16, Medical Director Report. Dr. Bredt provided an update on the implementation of changes to the Expert Panelist process and current backlog.

Agenda Item #17, Public Information Update. Ms. Sloan provided an update on the material included in the newest bulletin.

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.

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. A report on Rehearing Requests was provided.

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 #25-34.

Agenda Item #35, Open Forum for Public Comment. One individual provided 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 August 18, 2023, 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, Ms. Barnes moved, Dr. Bhatia seconded, and the motion passed to approve the August 18, 2023, Medical Board Meeting Minutes and action items, as well as the minutes and action items of committees meeting during the board meeting.

Agenda Item #37, Adjourn. There being no further items, Dr. Bhatia moved, Ms. Herod seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 a.m.