

**VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE**  
**Minutes of the December 6, 2023 Board Meeting**  
**108 Cherry St. Suite 206, Burlington, VT 05402**  
**Remote via Teams**

**Unapproved**

- **Call to Order; Call the Roll; Acknowledge Guests:**

Dr. Rick Hildebrant, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at XX:XX PM

**Members Present:**

Rob Ciappenelli; David Coddair, MD; Evan Eyler, MD; Gail Falk; Matthew Greenberg, MD; Rick Hildebrant, MD; Suzanne Jones, PA-C; Leo LeCours; David Liebow, DPM; Stephanie Lorentz; Christine Payne, MD; Dawn Philibert; Judy Scott; Marga Sproul, MD; Margaret Tandoh, MD; Robert E. Tortolani, MD; Scott Tucker.

**Others in Attendance:**

David Herlihy, Executive Director; Paula Nenninger, Investigator; Scott Frennier, Investigator; Jane Malago, Operations Administrator; Tracy Hayes, Public Health Specialist; Justin Sheng, AAG; Megan Campbell, AAG; Kurt Kuehl, AAG; Bill Reynolds, AAG.

- **Approval of the Minutes of the November 1, 2023, and November 15, 2023, Board Meetings:**

Dr. Greenberg moved to accept the minutes of the November 1, 2023, and November 15, 2023, meetings. D. Philibert seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

- **Board Issues (Dr. Hildebrant):**

- Dr. Hildebrant noted that Leo LeCours term as a member will be coming to an end, summarized some of his many accomplishments, and expressed thanks for the many years of service.

- D. Herlihy welcomed newly appointed Board members, Judy Scott and Scott Tucker. D. Herlihy continued remarks honoring Leo LeCours as he completes his time with the Board after more than twelve years of service. Paula Nenninger continued with the presentation of some gifts from the Board members to L. LeCours.
- D. Herlihy updated members on the timing of the planned move of VDH to Waterbury, which includes the Board office. The latest information is that the move is likely to happen in March.
- **Presentation of Applications:**

Applications for physician, physician assistant and limited temporary physician licensure were presented and acted upon as detailed in Appendix A, incorporated by reference into these minutes.

Dr. Hildebrant moved for the issuance of physician licenses and physician assistant licenses. (See Appendix A)

D. Philibert made a motion to accept all applicants for licensure as presented. Seconded by Dr. Tortolani. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: none.

Dr. Hildebrant moved for the issuance of limited temporary licenses to practice medicine. (See Appendix A)

Dr. Eyler made a motion to accept all applicants for licensure as presented. Seconded by PA-C Jones. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: none.

- **Administrative Updates (David Herlihy):**
  - D. Herlihy shared that the most recent update on the Board's office being moved to Waterbury is now anticipated to happen in March of 2024.
  - D. Herlihy reminded the Board of the recent discussion surrounding optometrists' scope of practice in Vermont. Herlihy added that Dr. McNally from UVMMC will provide the Board with information about the procedures proposed to be added to the optometry scope of practice and training for ophthalmologists. After

receiving the information, the Board will discuss establishment of a position on the proposal to be shared with the Legislature during the upcoming session.

- Members were informed that in January the Board may be considering the first request received for a pre-application determination of whether a criminal conviction would disqualify an individual from being licensed. If the packet becomes complete it would first be reviewed by the Licensing Committee to make a recommendation to be considered by the Board.

- **Other Business:**

- D. Herlihy stated that the ad hoc and Licensing committees met on November 6 to continue to discuss the licensing process review. The joint meeting resulted in three additional recommendations.
  1. The first recommendation was to stop requiring all applicants to have reference forms submitted to the Board, and instead require applicants to provide the names and contact information for references who could be asked to provide more information, either with a form reference or through contact staff or a Board member. It was noted that for applicants who do not have any history that requires review by the Licensing Committee, no member ever reviews the reference forms submitted.
  2. The second recommendation was to amend the Board Rules to explicitly allow the use of osteopathic physicians (DO) as references. It was noted that the number of DOs is growing as a fraction of all physicians in the US and that the distinctions between DOs and MDs are less prominent as many training programs now include both DOs and MDs and physician training programs are under a unified accreditation process.
  3. The third recommendation was to allow physician (MD) and physician assistant (PA) applicants to use a doctor of podiatric medicine (DPM) as a reference.

Dr. Hildebrant shared that Jessa Barnard from VMS was unable to attend the meeting today, but that VMS expressed support for these recommended changes to the application process.

S. Lorentz made a motion to support the changes jointly recommended by the ad hoc and licensing committees as presented. Seconded by D. Philibert. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: none.

- D. Herlihy noted that questions had come up about the amount of the non-disciplinary financial penalty for a licensee's incorrect address on file. It is the responsibility of the licensee to keep a current address on file with the Board. Currently the non-disciplinary financial penalty is \$25.00. Herlihy added that often the work required to track a licensee down to get an accurate address cost the Board more than \$25.00. It was also noted that the Board operates on licensing fees and the majority of licensees who properly keep a good address on file would ultimately see the costs associated with bad addresses reflected in the fees charged by the Board. Dr. Hildebrant suggested that increasing the cost would be appropriate, particularly due to the cost associated with the efforts required of Board staff.

L. LeCours moved to increase the non-disciplinary financial penalty for the failure of a licensee to keep their current address on file with the Board to \$100.00. Dr. Liebow seconded the motion. L. LeCours withdrew the motion and the Board continued to discuss the concerns regarding the value of the fine. Some members suggested making the penalty \$250.00. D. Herlihy noted that if the amount was set in the rule to provide a range, staff could be given direction to process the address cases that were easily resolved for a penalty at the bottom of the range and have members review more complex cases to determine the appropriate penalty.

L. LeCours made a motion to increase the non-disciplinary financial penalty for the failure of a licensee to keep their current address on file with the Board to a range from \$100.00 to \$250.00. Seconded by S. Tucker. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: none.

- **Convene meeting; Executive Session to Discuss:**
  - **Investigative cases recommended for closure**
  - **Other matters that are confidential by law, if any**

Dr. Tortolani made a motion at 1:18 PM to enter Executive Session to discuss confidential matters related to investigations. D. Philibert seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

- **Return to Open Session 1:51 PM; Board Actions on matters discussed in Executive Session:**

**L. LeCours, North Investigative Committee, asked to close:**

MPN 012-0123 – Letter #1

Dr. Tortolani made a motion to close the cases presented. PA-C Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: North Investigative Committee.

**Dr. Payne, Central Investigative Committee, asked to close:**

MPC 182-0823 – Letter #1

MPC 180-0823 – Special #1

MPC 206-1023 – Letter #1

MPC 044-0323 – Letter #1 – Recused: S. Tucker and Dr. Hildebrant

MPC 166-0723 – Special #1

MPC 183-0823 – Letter #1

S. Lorentz made a motion to close the cases presented. D. Philibert seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: Central Investigative Committee.

**Dr. Liebow, South Investigative Committee, asked to close:**

MPS 135-0921 – Letter #1

MPS 132-0423 – Special #1 – Recused: Dr. Sproul

MPS 154-0623 – Special #1 – Recused: Dr. Sproul

Dr. Greenberg made a motion to close the cases presented. Dr. Payne seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: none; recused: South Investigative Committee.

- **Other Business Continued:**

Dr. Hildebrant shared that Dr. Clattenburg has ended his term with the Board. D. Herlihy added that Dr. Clattenburg's term was coming to an end soon. Dr. Hildebrant stated that he will follow up with Dr. Clattenburg about any cases or concerns that still need to be addressed by the Board.

- **Upcoming Board meetings, committee meetings, hearings, etc.: Locations are subject to change. A notification will be provided if a change takes place.**
  - **December 14, 2023, North Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM, Remote via Teams and 108 Cherry St. Suite 206, Burlington, VT 05402**
  - **December 15, 2023, Central Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM., Remote via Teams and 108 Cherry St. Suite 206, Burlington, VT 05402**
  - **December 20, 2023, Board Meeting on pending applications, 12:10 PM, Remote via Teams and 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, Bloomer State Office Building, Rutland, VT 05702.**
  - **December 20, 2023, South Investigative Committee Meeting, 12:15 PM, Remote via Teams and 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, Bloomer State Office Building, Rutland, VT 05702.**
  - **January 3, 2024, Licensing Committee Meeting, 10:30 AM, Remote via Teams and 108 Cherry St. Suite 206, Burlington, VT 05402**
  - **January 3, 2024, Board Meeting, 12:00 PM, Remote via Teams and 108 Cherry St. Suite 206, Burlington, VT 05402**
- **Adjourn:**

Dr. Hildebrant declared the meeting adjourned at 1:58 PM.

**PRESENTATION OF FULL APPLICATIONS**

**December 6, 2023**

***Note: Applicants listed below have been notified that their applications for licensure appear to be complete and may be presented at the next scheduled Board Meeting.***

***\*\* Must pass through licensing prior to being presented.***

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Specialty</b>	<b>Practice Location</b>
Blackman, Carolyn MD	Brown University	Internal Medicine (BC)	Tapestry Health
**Cardel, Yamil MD	Ponce School of Medicine	Emergency Medicine (BC)	TBD
Dersarkissian, Carol MD	University of Southern California	Emergency Medicine (BC)	Ezra Health
Ensalata, Tomas PA-C	Yale University	Unknown	TDB
Gibbons, Susan MD	Michigan State University	Radiation Oncology (BC)	SWVMC
**Imamura, Taichi MD	Hokkaido University (Japan)	Emergency Medicine (BC)	TBD
Kerr, Dana MD	Duke University	Diagnostic Radiology	Virtual Radiologic
Mulkey, Nat MD	Boston University	Psychiatry	UVMMC
Nevins, Colin MD	Harvard Medical School	Orthopedic Surgery (BC)	Carlos Otis
Patel, Krina MD	William Beaumont SOM	Internal Medicine (BC)	UVMMC
Pendergrast, Jacob MD	Dalhousie University (Nova Scotia)	Internal Medicine	UVMMC
**Shiener, Alan MD	University of Michigan	Internal Medicine (BC)	AIM Specialty Health
**Vale, Brenda MD	University of Virginia	Psychiatry	Private Practice.
Zook, Michelle MD	Georgetown University	Internal Medicine (BC)	Twin Health

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## Presentation of Limited Temporary License Applications for Board Approval

26 VSA Section 1391 (e) authorizes a limited temporary license to practice medicine/Podiatry in the State of Vermont for a period of one year only. The following persons have applied for limited temporary licenses:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Hospital</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Type</u>
Husson, Emily MD	Emergency Medicine	Three Peaks	12/1/23	MD
**Kim, Su MD	Ophthalmology	UVMHC	12/1/23	MD

\*\* Must pass through licensing prior to being presented.

These applications appear to have met the requirements. The Board, pursuant to 26 VSA Section 1391 (e), grants to each of them a limited temporary license.



**PRESENTATION OF FULL APPLICATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN ISSUED THROUGH  
THE COMPACT**

*Note: Applicants listed below have already received a license through the compact.*

*December 6, 2023*

<b>Credential Number</b>	<b>Name</b>
<a href="#"><u>042.0017404-COMP</u></a>	Sarah Maria Daccarett
<a href="#"><u>042.0017405-COMP</u></a>	Katherine Himes
<a href="#"><u>042.0017406-COMP</u></a>	Shoshana Jennifer Hort
<a href="#"><u>042.0017407-COMP</u></a>	Lauren H. Schwartz
<a href="#"><u>042.0017424-COMP</u></a>	Dawn Clancy
<a href="#"><u>042.0017425-COMP</u></a>	Muhammad Khurram Guhjar
<a href="#"><u>042.0017426-COMP</u></a>	Moris Girgis
<a href="#"><u>042.0017427-COMP</u></a>	Minda Andrea Gowarty
<a href="#"><u>042.0017428-COMP</u></a>	Armenthry Zshvetta Jones
<a href="#"><u>042.0017429-COMP</u></a>	Colleen Kershaw
<a href="#"><u>042.0017430-COMP</u></a>	Jon Edward Mendelsohn
<a href="#"><u>042.0017431-COMP</u></a>	Lisa Call Pastel
<a href="#"><u>042.0017432-COMP</u></a>	Gaurav Patel
<a href="#"><u>042.0017433-COMP</u></a>	Jorge Sanchez
<a href="#"><u>042.0017442-COMP</u></a>	Frank Song Il Drescher
<a href="#"><u>042.0017443-COMP</u></a>	Gabrielle Duprat
<a href="#"><u>042.0017444-COMP</u></a>	Robert John Hruskovich
<a href="#"><u>042.0017445-COMP</u></a>	Steven Kent Jones
<a href="#"><u>042.0017446-COMP</u></a>	Matthew Brian Mackwood
<a href="#"><u>042.0017447-COMP</u></a>	Joshua Peter Roland
<a href="#"><u>042.0017448-COMP</u></a>	Misty Stafford
<a href="#"><u>042.0017449-COMP</u></a>	Julia Grace Solomon