

**Vermont Board of Medical Practice
Minutes of the June 3, 2009 Board Meeting
Gifford Medical Center, Randolph, Vermont
Amended Minutes**

“Approved – July 1, 2009”

1. Call to Order; Call the Roll; Acknowledge Guests:

David W. Clauss, M.D., Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:16 p.m.

Members Present:

David W. Clauss, M.D.; Patricia A. King, M.D.; Margaret F. Martin; Hon. David A. Jenkins; John J. Murray, M.D.; Sharon L. Nicol; Robert R. Rinaldi, DPM (joined meeting at 12:30 p.m.); Toby Sadkin, M.D.; William H. Stouch, M.D.; Peter Thomashow, M.D. (joined meeting at 2:00 p.m.); John B. Webber, Esq.; Florence Young.

Others in Attendance:

William E. Wargo, Director; Philip Ciotti, Investigator; Roberta Downes, Licensing Administrator; Paula Nenninger, Investigator; James Arisman, Assistant Attorney General; Margaret Vincent, Assistant Attorney General; Bessie Weiss, Assistant Attorney General; Marjorie Power, Presiding Officer (joined meeting at approximately 12:57 p.m.)

2. Public Comments:

None

3. Approval of the Minutes of the May 6 and 20, 2009 Board Meetings:

The May 6, 2009 minutes are to be resubmitted for approval at the July 1, 2009 Board meeting. Hon. D. Jenkins informed the Board that the Central Committee had not been listed as recused under the Mitchell R. Miller, M.D. hearing.

Mr. Webber made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 20, 2009 Board meeting. Dr. Stouch seconded the motion. The motion passed, opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

4. Board Matters (Dr. Clauss):

None

5. Administrative Update (Mr. Wargo):

Mr. Wargo informed the Board that Sr. Ryan was out due to her mother's illness.

Mr. Wargo informed the Board that he had been asked by the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) to join the editorial committee for the Journal of Medical Licensure and Discipline published by the FSMB.

6. Presentation of Applications:

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

7. Presentation to the Board:

None

8. Executive Session to Discuss Investigative Matters:

Mr. Webber made a motion at 12:31 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss confidential matters related to investigations. Dr. King seconded the motion. The motion passed, opposed: none; recused: none.

Return to open session: 1:01 p.m.

9. Recess; Convene Hearing (Ms. Power):

Ms. Power convened a hearing to consider adjudicative matters before the Board.

In re: Karen Preis, M.D. – MPS 135-1108 – Specification of Charges and Motion to Suspend or Revoke Medical Licensure:

The South Committee members present at the meeting (Mr. Webber, Ms. Martin, and Dr. Rinaldi) and Dr. Stouch recused themselves from the Karen Preis, M.D. hearing. Ms. Power asked the recused parties to leave the room before the hearing began.

Dr. Preis did receive notice of today's hearing. Dr. Preis was not present for this hearing, nor was there any legal representation on her behalf.

Brought forth by and presented by Mr. Arisman.

State filed charges and alleged six counts against Dr. Preis. State requested that counts 1 thru 5 be dismissed without prejudice, and that the Board proceed to count 6, the Amended Specification of Charges and Motion to Suspend or Revoke Medical Licensure.

After hearing no objection, counts 1 thru 5 were dismissed without prejudice.

After presenting the State's case, Mr. Arisman asked that the Board proceed with the suspension of Dr. Preis's medical license.

The Board determined that the evidence presented showed that Dr. Preis was not in good standing with the Vermont Tax Department, and her obligations to it. Therefore, Dr. Preis's physician, medical license was suspended.

Deliberative Session for Karen Preis, M.D. hearing:

The Board went into deliberative session at 1:31 p.m. to discuss confidential matters related to the Karen Preis, M.D., hearing.

10. Executive Session to Discuss Investigative Matters:

Dr. Murray made a motion at 1:42 p.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss confidential matters related to investigations. Mr. Webber seconded the motion. The motion passed, opposed: none; recused: none.

Return to open session: 3:07 p.m.

11. Open Session

Dr. Rinaldi, South Investigative Committee, asked to close:

MPS 42-0409 MPS 43-0409

Ms. Martin, South Investigative Committee, asked to close:

MPS 88-0808 MPS 41-0308 MPS 39-0308
MPS 27-0309 MPS 43-0308 MPS 103-0908

Hon. D. Jenkins made a motion to close the cases presented. Dr. Thomashow seconded the motion. The motion passed, opposed: none; recused: South Committee (Mr. Webber, Ms. Martin, and Dr. Rinaldi); abstained: none.

Dr. Murray, Central Investigative Committee, asked to close:

MPC 17-0209	MPC 133-1108	MPC 134-1108
MPC 14-0109	MPC 28-0309	MPC 60-0508
MPC 20-0209	MPC 33-0309	MPC 21-0209

Dr. King made a motion to close the cases presented. Dr. Stouch seconded the motion. The motion passed, opposed: none; recused: Central Committee (Dr. Clauss, Hon. D. Jenkins, Dr. Murray, Dr. Thomashow and Ms. Young); abstained: none.

Dr. King, North Investigative Committee, ~~closed no cases~~ asked to close:

MPN 125-1108	MPN 24-0209	MPN 22-0209
MPN 34-0309	MPN 10-0109	MPN 31-0309
MPN 47-0509		

Dr. Murray made a motion to close the cases presented. Hon. D. Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion passed, opposed: none; recused: North Committee (Dr. King, Ms. Nicol, Dr. Sadkin and Dr. Stouch); abstained: Dr. Thomashow.

12. Any Other Business:

Mr. Webber informed the Board that the Rutland Business Journal, June 2009 featured an article about Dr. Rinaldi, and a new Platelet-Rich Plasma (PRP) Therapy now being offered at Gifford Medical Center (See article attached).

13. Next meetings:

Upcoming meetings:

- **July 1, 2009**, Licensing Committee meeting, 10:30 a.m. Gifford Medical Center, Randolph
- **July 1, 2009**, Board meeting, 12:00 p.m. Gifford Medical Center, Randolph

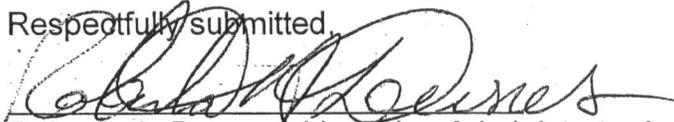
- **July 9, 2009**, North Investigative Committee Meeting, 12 p.m., Water Supply Conference Room #039, Old Pantry Building, State office Complex, Waterbury
- **July 10, 2009**, Central Investigative Committee Meeting, 12 p.m., Pavilion Building, 4th Floor Conference Room, 109 State Street, Montpelier
- **July 15, 2009**, Board meeting on pending applications, 12:10 p.m., teleconference meeting, with public access at the Board offices, 101 Cherry Street, Burlington
- **July 15, 2009**, South Investigative Committee Meeting, 12:00 p.m., Asa Bloomer Building, 88 Merchants Row, Rutland

14. Adjournment

Dr. Murray made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Nicol seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor, opposed: none, recused: none; abstained: none.

Meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Roberta A. Downes, Licensing Administrator I

Attachments: Appendix A

Appendix A

Presentation of Applications (Recommendations were in the form of motions by the member making the recommendation)

Dr. Clauss reported on interviews conducted with:

Jennifer Keller, M.D.
Jaspinder Sra, M.D.

Natalie Sinclair, M.D.
Nathaniel Thompson, M.D.

Recommended by Dr. Clauss for physician licensure. Seconded by Dr. Murray, passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

Dr. Clauss reported on an interview conducted by Dr. Cahill with:

Hani Erian, M.D.

Recommended by Dr. Clauss for physician licensure. Seconded by Dr. Murray, passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

Dr. Clauss reported on interviews conducted by Dr. Thomashow with:

Daniel Bateman, M.D.

Elwyn Garaza, M.D.

Recommended by Dr. Clauss for physician licensure. Seconded by Dr. Murray, passed, opposed: none, recused: none; abstained: none.

Dr. Clauss moved for the issuance of secondary certifications for:

Joshua Gleiner, PA-C

Jody Houghton, PA-C

Recommended Dr. Clauss for secondary physician assistant certifications
Seconded by Dr. Murray, passed, opposed: none, recused: none;
abstained: none.

Dr. Clauss moved for the issuance of limited temporary licenses for:

Monica Alborg, M.D.
Christie Barnes, M.D.
Joshua Carter, M.D.
Daniel Correa De Sa, M.D.
Erin Flaherty, M.D.
Sarah Hardy, M.D.
Elizabeth Lambert, M.D.
Sarah Lomas, M.D.

Anne Bantle, M.D.
Jessica Bekker, M.D.
Tiyonoh Cash, M.D.
Marta Erlich, M.D.
Thor Hallingbye, M.D.
Ruben Ionnisian, M.D.
Benjamin Lange, M.D.
Keon Menzies, M.D.

Julie Nicole, M.D.
Mitchell Nimmich, M.D.
Jill Patzner, M.D.
Hagop Sarkissian, M.D.
Chelsea Tooke, M.D.

Elizabeth Nimmich, M.D.,
Tatsiana Palvinskaya, M.D.
Nathan Rosenberg, M.D.
Abhilsha Tangada, M.D.
Andrew Tsen, M.D.

Recommended by Dr. Clauss for limited temporary physician licensures.
Seconded by Dr. Murray, passed, opposed: none, recused: none;
abstained: none.

Dr. Murray reported on interviews conducted with:

Ingrid Camelo, M.D.

Barbara Russo, M.D.

Recommended by Dr. Murray for physician licensure. Seconded by Dr.
Stouch, passed, opposed: none, recused: none; abstained: none.

Dr. Sadkin reported on an interview conducted with:

Nader El Gharib, M.D.

Recommended by Dr. Sadkin for physician licensure. Seconded by Dr.
Murray, passed, opposed: none, recused: none; abstained: none.

Dr. Stouch reported on interviews conducted with:

Robert Congdon, M.D.

Recommended by Dr. Stouch for physician licensure. Seconded by Dr.
Murray, passed, opposed: none, recused: none; abstained: none.