

**VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE**  
**Minutes of the September 6, 2023 Board Meeting**  
**Remote via Teams**

**Unapproved**

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

Dr. Rick Hildebrant, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM

**Members Present:**

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

**Others in Attendance:**

Scott Frennier, Investigator; Jane Malago, Operations Administrator; Tracy Hayes, Public Health Specialist; Justin Sheng, AAG; Megan Campbell, AAG; Kurt Kuehl, AAG; Bill Reynolds, AAG; George Belcher, Esq.; Jessa Barnard; Nels Kloster, MD.

- **Approval of the Minutes of the August 2, 2023, and August 23, 2023, Board Meetings:**

Dr. Greenberg moved to accept the minutes of the August 2, 2023, and August 23, 2023, meetings. PA Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed; opposed: none; recused: none; abstained: none.

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

Dr. Hildebrant introduced and welcomed the newly appointed Board members, Dawn Philibert, Rob Ciappenelli, and Dr. Evan Eyler.

Dr. Hildebrant shared that the application updates submitted by the Board to the Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes' Foundation for review were approved and the Vermont Board of Medical Practice has now been certified by them. Dr. Hildebrant asked for input from Board members about the idea of a press release to encourage credentialing bodies throughout the state to participate with the Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes' Foundation. The

Board members expressed support of a press release. J. Malago will follow up with the VDH Health Communications Team for information about doing a press release.

- **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)

Dr. Coddair made a motion to accept all applicants for licensure as presented. Seconded by S. Lorentz. The motion passed; opposed: none; abstained: Dr. Eyler; recused: none.

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

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

- **Other Business:**

Dr. Hildebrant opened the discussion for the Board's review of the suggested VPHP Cannabis Policy. Several concerns were discussed by Board members regarding the clarity of the language of the policy. Jessa Barnard and Dr. Nels Kloster were present to answer questions and address the concerns of the Board members.

- **Convene hearing to discuss any stipulations or disciplinary matters that are before the Board (12:34 PM):**

**In re: Karie Shelton, PA-C – Notice of Entry Order – Licensing Matter MPC 029-0223**

Judge Belcher inquired if the Respondent or counsel would attend; AAG Reynolds stated that they had indicated they would not. Judge Belcher invited AAG Reynolds to present the matter. AAG Reynolds addressed the Board, summarizing the facts leading up to the Licensing Matter. P. Hunter made a motion to approve the Notice of Entry Order. Dr. Sproul seconded the motion.

J. Malago recorded the roll-call vote: The motion passed; Yeas: L. LeCours, Dr. Sproul, Dr. Tandoh, Dr. Hildebrant, P. Hunter, PA Jones, Dr. Liebow, Dr. Tortolani, S. Lorentz, Dr. Eylar; Opposed: none; Abstained: D. Philibert; Recused: Central Investigative Committee, D. Philibert.

- **Hearing Concluded at 12:40 PM**
- **Reconvene meeting; Other Business:**

The discussion for the Board's review of the suggested VPHP Cannabis Policy reconvened. Board members continued to discuss concerns regarding the clarity of the language of the policy. J. Barnard and Dr. Kloster spoke to these concerns. Dr. Hildebrant summarized the direction provided to VPHP by the Board; that the Board be notified if VPHP has concerns for the health professional pertaining to the use of cannabis, a substance use disorder with cannabis, or that the use of cannabis is impairing the health professionals practice of medicine.

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

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

- **Return to Open Session 2:06 PM; Board Actions on matters discussed in Executive Session:**

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

MPN 138-0423 – Special #1 – Recused: Dr. Hildebrant

MPN 034-0323 – Special #1 – Recused: Dr. Hildebrant

MPN 136-0423 – Letter #1 - Recused: Dr. Greenberg

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

**G. Falk, Central Investigative Committee, asked to close:**

MPC 042-0323 – Special #1 – Recused: Dr. Eyler

MPC 039-0323 – Letter #1

MPC 137-0423 – Special #1 – Recused: Dr. Tandoh

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

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

MPS 001-0123 – Special #2 – Recused: Dr. Sproul, D. Philibert; Abstained: Dr. Eyler

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

- **Upcoming Board meetings, committee meetings, hearings, etc.: Locations are subject to change. A notification will be provided if a change takes place.**
  - **September 14, 2023, North Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM, [Remote via Teams](#)**
  - **September 15, 2023, Central Investigative Committee Meeting, 9:00 AM., [Remote via Teams](#)**
  - **September 20, 2023, Board Meeting on pending applications, 12:10 PM, [Remote via Teams](#)**
  - **September 20, 2023, South Investigative Committee Meeting, 12:15 PM, [4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, Bloomer State Office Building, Rutland, VT and remote via Teams](#)**
  - **October 3, 2023, Licensing Committee Meeting, 8:30 AM, [Remote via Teams](#)**
  - **October 4, 2023, Board Meeting, 11:00 AM, [1311 US Route 302, Suite 200, Barre, VT 05641, and Remote via Teams](#)**

- **Adjourn:**

Dr. Hildebrant declared the meeting adjourned at 2:18 PM.

## APPENDIX A

**PRESENTATION OF FULL APPLICATIONS**

September 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>
**Banks, Rachel MD	University of Kansas	Family Practice (BC)	TemelyMD
**Barker, Tobias MD	David Geffen School of Medicine	Emergency Medicine (BC)	Everside Health
**Barsness, Brigg MD	University of New Mexico	Family Practice (BC)	QuadMed
**Berman, Kevin MD	SUNY Buffalo	Surgery	Springfield Hospital
Daffner, Kirk MD	Harvard	Neurology (BC)	Brigham and Womens
Farmer, Katherine MD	University of Connecticut	Emergency Medicine (BC)	Carlos Otis
**Geleta, Nigussie MD	Jimma University (Ethiopia)	Internal Medicine (BC)	Telemedicine
Hackett, Charles MD	Medical College of Wisconsin	Family Medicine (BC)	Central VT Home Health
**Jaklitsch, Michael MD	University of Maryland	Thoracic Surgery (BC)	Brigham and Womens
**Koerper IV, Conrad MD	Southwestern Medical School	Anesthesiology	UVMC
**Lein, Alan MD	Tulane University	Internal Medicine (BC)	Copley Hospital
**Leopold, Kathryn MD	University of Connecticut	OB/GYN (BC)	Vermont Gynecology
**Lin, David MD	Mount Sinai	Orthopedic Surgery (BC)	Stratton Mountain
**McDelan, Alison PA-C	Midwestern University	Unknown	Marble Valley Urology
**Mittal, Amit MD	Yale University	Dermatology	Mittal Dermatology
**Navi, Liel MD	Technion Medical School (Israel)	OB/GYN	NWVMC
**Oldroyd, Julie MD	University of Utah	Psychiatry (BC)	Access Telecare
**Pai, Vishnudas MD	Katurba Medical College (India)	Surgery (BC)	Capital Bariatrics
**Rafaelian, Olga MD	University of California	Psychiatry (BC)	Locum Tenens
Shabtai, Alla PA-C	St. Johns University	Unknown	Barre Gardens
Shortsleeves, Lucy PA-C	Mass College of Pharmacy	Unknown	CHCRR

\*\*Smith, Timothy MD

\*\*Spath, Disha MD

Vacik, Jonathan MD

Voydik, Julie MD

David Geffen School of Medicine

Medical College of Georgia

University of South Alabama

Dartmouth

Neurological Surgery (BC) Brigham and Womens

Internal Medicine

Twin Rivers Medical

Emergency Medicine (BC) NVRH

Emergency Medicine

Brattleboro Memorial

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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>
Grzymala, Claire MD	OB/GYN	DHMC	9/1/23	MD
Marka, Arthur MD	Dermatology	DHMC	9/1/23	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.*

*September 6, 2023*

<b>Credential Number</b>	<b>Name</b>
<a href="#"><u>042.0017199-COMP</u></a>	Eve Samantha Cunningham
<a href="#"><u>042.0017200-COMP</u></a>	Katherine Wang Han
<a href="#"><u>042.0017201-COMP</u></a>	Stacy Michael Olliff
<a href="#"><u>042.0017202-COMP</u></a>	Nabila Rasool
<a href="#"><u>042.0017203-COMP</u></a>	Amelia Alicia Smith-Dixon
<a href="#"><u>042.0017228-COMP</u></a>	Marlon Balauag
<a href="#"><u>042.0017229-COMP</u></a>	Cornell Victor Calinescu
<a href="#"><u>042.0017230-COMP</u></a>	Corinna Chang
<a href="#"><u>042.0017231-COMP</u></a>	Christopher Findley
<a href="#"><u>042.0017232-COMP</u></a>	Raymond Allen Hackett
<a href="#"><u>042.0017233-COMP</u></a>	Adrienne Moraff
<a href="#"><u>042.0017234-COMP</u></a>	Terry Parsons
<a href="#"><u>042.0017235-COMP</u></a>	Tejas Kirankumar Patel
<a href="#"><u>042.0017236-COMP</u></a>	Hina Masood Quasim
<a href="#"><u>042.0017237-COMP</u></a>	Harishchandra Rathod
<a href="#"><u>042.0017238-COMP</u></a>	Andrew Roth
<a href="#"><u>042.0017239-COMP</u></a>	Mikhael Georges Sebaaly
<a href="#"><u>042.0017240-COMP</u></a>	William Asa Seeds
<a href="#"><u>042.0017241-COMP</u></a>	Eunjoo Yoo
<a href="#"><u>042.0017243-COMP</u></a>	Arielle Butterly
<a href="#"><u>042.0017244-COMP</u></a>	Robert William DeMuth
<a href="#"><u>042.0017245-COMP</u></a>	Ronald Dennis Patrick
<a href="#"><u>042.0017246-COMP</u></a>	Lucia Irene Soltis
<a href="#"><u>042.0017263-COMP</u></a>	Timothy Buckley
<a href="#"><u>042.0017264-COMP</u></a>	Arnab Chakravarti
<a href="#"><u>042.0017265-COMP</u></a>	Juewon Khwarg
<a href="#"><u>042.0017266-COMP</u></a>	Jamison Dale Morgan
<a href="#"><u>042.0017267-COMP</u></a>	Jason Aaron Mounts

<a href="#"><u>042.0017268-COMP</u></a>	James Robert Powell
<a href="#"><u>042.0017269-COMP</u></a>	Donald Robert Quinn
<a href="#"><u>042.0017270-COMP</u></a>	Thomas Allen Rayner