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MICHIGAN BOARD OF MEDICINE

JANUARY 20, 2021 MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, the Michigan Board of Medicine met on January 20, 2021. The meeting was held via Zoom, pursuant to MCL 15.263 and MCL 15.263a.

CALL TO ORDER

Michael Chafty, MD, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Michael Chafty, MD, Chairperson

Attended remotely from the city of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County, Michigan.

Paul Sophiea, Public Member, Vice Chairperson

Attended remotely from the city of Dearborn, Wayne County, Michigan.

Richard Bates, MD

Attended remotely from the city of Midland, Midland County, Michigan.

Stacey Frankovich, Public Member

Attended remotely from the city of Clawson, Oakland County, Michigan.

Holly Gilmer, MD

Attended remotely from the city of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan.

Renee Johnston, Public Member

Attended remotely from the city of Saginaw, Saginaw County, Michigan.

Michael Lewis, MD (left 10:41 a.m., returned 10:45 a.m.)

Attended remotely from the city of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan.

Ali Moiin, MD

Attended remotely from the city of Grosse Pointe Park, Wayne County, Michigan.

Cara Poland, MD (left 11:17 a.m.)

Attended remotely from the city of Alto, Kent County, Michigan.

Venkat Rao, MD

Attended remotely from the city of Flint, Genesee County, Michigan.

Teresa Robinson, PhD, Public Member

Attended remotely from the city of Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan.

Traci Ruiz, MA, Public Member

Attended remotely from the city of Bath, Clinton County, Michigan.

James Sondheimer, MD

Attended remotely from the city of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan.

Shereen Tabrizi, PhD, Public Member

Attended remotely from the city of Okemos, Ingham County, Michigan.

Terri Tahnoose, Public Member (arrived 10:18 a.m.)

Attended remotely from the city of West Bloomfield, Oakland County, Michigan.

Angela Trepanier, MS, CGC

Attended remotely from the city of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan.

Donald Tynes, MD

Attended remotely from the city of Benton Harbor, Berrien County, Michigan.

Members Absent: Bryan Little, MD
John McGinnity, MS, PA-C

Staff Present: Michael Draminski, Manager, Compliance Section
Weston MacIntosh, Senior Policy Analyst, Boards and Committees Section
Kiran Parag, Senior Analyst, Compliance Section
Michele Wagner-Gutkowski, Assistant Attorney General
Stephanie Wysack, Board Support, Boards and Committees Section

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Lewis, seconded by Poland, to approve the agenda, as presented.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Bates, Frankovich, Gilmer, Johnston, Lewis, Moiin, Poland, Rao, Robinson, Ruiz, Sondheimer, Tabrizi, Trepanier, Tynes, Sophiea, Chafty
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Sophiea, seconded by Poland, to approve the September 16, 2020 meeting minutes as presented.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Bates, Frankovich, Gilmer, Johnston, Lewis, Moiin, Poland, Rao, Robinson, Ruiz, Sondheimer, Tabrizi, Trepanier, Tynes, Sophiea, Chafty
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

Proposals for Decision

Don Jones, MD

MOTION by Gilmer, seconded by Sondheimer, to accept in part and reject in part, the Proposal for Decision. Rejected reference in the Proposal for Decision that “further probation is not necessary” for Petitioner.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Bates, Frankovich, Gilmer, Johnston, Lewis, Moiin, Poland, Rao, Robinson, Ruiz, Sondheimer, Tabrizi, Tahnoose, Tynes, Trepanier, Sophiea, Chafty
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

MOTION by Poland, seconded by Frankovich to place the Petitioner on probation for a minimum of one year. During the probationary period, the Petitioner shall complete a minimum of 20 hours of board-approved continuing education in professionalism with an emphasis on patient boundaries. In addition, the Petitioner’s practice records shall be reviewed by a board-approved

monitor/physician reviewer, who shall provide quarterly reports on the Petitioner's work performance.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Bates, Frankovich, Gilmer, Johnston, Poland, Rao, Robinson, Ruiz, Sondheimer, Tabrizi, Tahnoose, Trepanier, Sophiea, Chafy
Nays: None
Absent: Lewis
Abstain: Moiin, Tynes

MOTION PREVAILED

Roderick Mitchell

MOTION by Gilmer, seconded by Lewis, to discuss.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Bates, Frankovich, Gilmer, Johnston, Lewis, Moiin, Poland, Rao, Robinson, Ruiz, Sondheimer, Tabrizi, Tynes, Trepanier, Sophiea, Chafy
Nays: None
Recuse: Tahnoose

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Lewis, seconded by Ruiz, to accept the Proposal for decision and deny licensure.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Bates, Frankovich, Gilmer, Johnston, Lewis, Moiin, Poland, Rao, Robinson, Ruiz, Sondheimer, Tabrizi, Tynes, Trepanier, Sophiea, Chafy
Nays: None
Recuse: Tahnoose

MOTION PREVAILED

Ernest T. Roman

MOTION by Lewis, seconded by Sophiea, to accept the Proposal for decision and deny licensure.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Bates, Frankovich, Gilmer, Johnston, Lewis, Moiin, Poland, Rao, Robinson, Ruiz, Sondheimer, Tabrizi, Tahnoose, Tynes, Trepanier, Sophiea, Chafy
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

OLD BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board Review Panel

Chafy stated that the Board Review Panel now consists of three panels in order to keep up with the volume of complaints that are coming in. He stated that this has helped the Board Review Panel get caught up and should help in the in future with reducing the workload for each committee member.

Disciplinary Subcommittee

Johnston provided an overview of the Disciplinary Subcommittee agenda. She stated that Parag was retiring and thanked him for all his help over the years and all the knowledge that he has shared.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections

MacIntosh ran the election for Chairperson.

MOTION by Lewis, seconded by Tynes, to re-elect Chafy as the Chairperson.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Bates, Frankovich, Gilmer, Johnston, Lewis, Moiin, Poland, Rao, Robinson, Ruiz, Sondheimer, Tabrizi, Tahnoose, Tynes, Trepanier, Sophiea
Nays: None
Abstain: Chafy

MOTION PREVAILED

MacIntosh ran the election for Vice Chairperson.

MOTION by Sophiea, seconded by Moiin, to re-elect Sophiea as the Vice Chairperson.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Bates, Frankovich, Gilmer, Johnston, Lewis, Moiin, Poland, Rao, Robinson, Ruiz, Sondheimer, Tabrizi, Tahnoose, Tynes, Trepanier
Nays: None
Abstain: Sophiea, Chafty

MOTION PREVAILED

Sophiea thanked Dr. Bates for his recent work with the COVID-19 vaccine distribution and stated that he was example of what leadership should be.

Committee Assignments

Chafty stated that he would not be making any changes to the committee assignments today. He asked that the Board members reach out to him regarding their committee requests and that he would make assignments at the next meeting.

HPRP Annual Report

MacIntosh provided a brief overview of the HPRP program and presented the HPRP Executive Summary: October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

Chair Report

Chafty stated that it has been a challenging year and that he is grateful for all the health care workers who have stepped up and to those individuals being reasonable regarding our current circumstances.

Chafty stated that he was proud of Dr. Bates for his recent work with the COVID-19 vaccination distribution. He stated that he exemplified what it was to be a physician. Bates stated that he did not do it alone, and that he was proud to be a part of the great team that he works with.

Chafty presented a Resolution to Parag, honoring the work he has done for the State of Michigan for 31 years, specifically with the Board of Medicine. Parag thanked the Board for the recognition.

Chafty thanked the Board conferees for the work that they have done.

Chafty thanked the Board for electing him to serve as the Chairperson for another year. He encouraged the Board members to contact him at any time, whether it be a question, concern, or complaint.

Draminski thanked Parag for all his hard work over the years with the Department and stated that he was leaving some big shoes to fill.

Sophiea thanked the Board for electing him to serve as the Vice Chairperson for another year.

Department Update

Wysack reminded the Board Members to check their state email address regularly as it is the source of communication with the Department. She stated that the state email address will now be used as the User ID for Egress, so it is important to get in the habit of checking the email on a regular basis. She asked that they add her work cell phone number to their phones for easier communication.

MacIntosh stated that the Bureau will hold the next New Board Member Training on February 17, 2021. All Board members are welcome to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting is March 17, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held via Zoom, pursuant to MCL 15.263 and MCL 15.263a.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Lewis, seconded by Gilmer, to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Bates, Frankovich, Gilmer, Johnston, Lewis, Moiin, Rao, Robinson, Ruiz, Sondheimer, Tabrizi, Tahnoose, Tynes, Trepanier, Sophiea, Chafty
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on: March 17, 2021.

Prepared by:
Stephanie Wysack
Bureau of Professional Licensing

January 21, 2021