

**Vermont Board of Medical Practice
Minutes of the February 7, 2007 Meeting
Gifford Medical Center, Randolph, Vermont**

Approved

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

James D. Cahill, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order at 12:14 p.m., at Gifford Medical Center, Randolph, Vermont.

Members Present:

James D. Cahill, MD; David W. Clauss, MD; Ezekiel S. Cross; Russell P. Davignon, MD; Richard L. Guerrero, MD; Patricia A. King, MD, PhD; Denis J. Lamontagne, DPM; Margaret F. Martin; John J. Murray, MD; Sharon Nicol; Alexander Northern; Toby Sadkin, MD; Katherine A. Silta, PA-C; William H. Stouch, MD; John Webber

Others in Attendance:

James Arisman, Assistant Attorney General; Phil Ciotti, Investigator; Phil Cykon, Presiding Officer; Dixie Henry, Assistant Attorney General; Peggy Langlais, Administrative Supervisor; Paula Nenninger, Investigator; Joseph Winn, Assistant Attorney General

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the January 3 and 17, 2007 Board Meetings

Ms. Martin made a motion to accept the minutes of January 3 and 17, 2007 Board meetings. Dr. Murray seconded the motion. Ms. Nicol asked that the January 3, 2007 minutes be changed to reflect that she was not in attendance. The motion passed with the change, opposed: none, abstained: none.

4. Board Matters

Dr. Cahill said that at the end of the Board meeting today there would be a report from the Board's Nominating Committee with recommendations for elections. He said that Dr. Murray would give the report and propose a slate of officers on behalf of the Committee.

Dr. Cahill said that he had attended a Prescription Monitoring Advisory Committee meeting in Burlington a couple of weeks ago. He said that they are ready with a roll out and are working with vendors that can do the data processing. Dr. Cahill said that the Maine Board of Licensure made a presentation and discussed some of the glitches it had encountered. He said

that an effort is being made to try to capture the specialty area and what they prescribe to assist in the decision making process.

5. Administrative Update (Mr. Howland)

Dr. Cahill said that Mr. Howland is away so there will be no administrative update.

Mr. Ciotti said that things are going smooth.

6. Presentation of applications

See Appendix A.

7. Recess; Convene Hearing (Mr. Cykon)

Dr. Cahill said that a Hearing Panel has been appointed to a hear a matter before the Board that had been publicly noticed for 3 p.m. today. He said that other Board members are welcome to attend but will not be allowed to participate.

There were no other matters for hearing.

8. Executive Session to Discuss Investigative Matters

Dr. Murray made a motion to go into executive session to discuss investigative matters. Ms. Nicol seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor, opposed: none, abstained: none.

Executive session began at 12:40 p.m.

Open session resumed at 1:21 p.m.

9. Open Session

Ms. Silta, Chair of the South Investigative Committee, moved to close
MPS 158-1006

Seconded: Dr. Murray. Passed, opposed: none. Abstained: Dr. Murray and Dr. Sadkin

Dr. King of the North Investigative Committee, moved to close
MPN 188-1206

Seconded: Dr. Stouch. Passed, opposed: none.

Dr. Clauss, Chair of the Central Investigative Committee, moved to close
MPC 151-1106

MPC 152-1006
MPC 157-1006
MPC 94-0706
MPC 141-1006
MPC 142-1006
MPC 141-0905

Seconded: Ms. Nicol. Passed, opposed: none. Abstained: MPC 157-1006 - Ms. Silta and Dr. Cahill.

10. Break

1:24 p.m.

Return to open session 1:40 p.m.

Dr. Cahill said that the past year as Chair of the Board had been a really great year. He said that he found working with the Board a pleasure, the staff of the Board are exceptionally competent, knowledgeable and always willing to help, and without them the Board wouldn't be anywhere.

Dr. Cahill said that as he leaves due to the demands of his practice it will be difficult for him to make a lot of meetings. He said that he will continue to be active with the South Investigative Committee and will attend Board meeting when able.

Dr. Cahill said the he would like to leave with Board with a couple of things, editorial comments, for consideration in the coming months.

- The relationship with VPHP has seen a few bumps in the road and that from his position with having dealt with VPHP and licensees, they are trying to do the best they can to assure that licensees practice safely and to bring problems into recovery. He said that he feels it is in the best interest of the Board to work constructively with VPHP, to try to be as close with them as we can, and to work for the same goals. He said that there has been a lot of good work done on the VPHP Liaison Committee and that there is more work to do.
- A few months back the Board had a guest speaker from Washington, Dr. David Swankin. He said that Dr. Swankin is working with hospital medical staff to identify areas for remediation before complaints arise and Boards get involved. Dr. Cahill said that he would like to see the Board work in that direction - initiate healthy environments before issues rise to the level of serious complaints.
- The Federation of State Medical Board has an initiative - trying to find ways to assist Boards with issues of ongoing physician competence. He

said that it has more to do with CME credits and trying to construct a way to be involved in physicians maintaining competence and if they are not, defining how Boards should step in to assist.

Dr. Murray presented the report from the Nominating Committee and everyone offered a round of applause for Dr. Cahill.

Dr. Murray presented the following slate of officers.

For the positions of	Chair, David W. Clauss, MD
	Vice-Chair, Patricia A. King, MD, PhD
	Secretary, Margaret F. Martin

Dr. Murray asked for the Secretary of the Board to cast a single ballot to accept the slate presented. Mr. Webber made a motion that Ms. Martin cast one vote. Dr. Davignon seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor, opposed: none; abstained: none.

11. Next meetings

Upcoming meetings

- March 9, 2007, Central Investigative Committee Meeting, 12 p.m., Montpelier
- March 15, 2007, North Investigative Committee Meeting, 12 p.m., Vermont State College, Waterbury
- March 21, 2007, South Investigative Committee Meeting, 12 p.m., Asa Bloomer Building, Rutland
- March 21, 2007, Board meeting on pending applications, 12:10 p.m., Board Office, 101 Cherry Street, Burlington, (and via telephone)

12. Next Regular Board meetings March 7, 2007, 12 p.m., Gifford Medical Center Vermont, Randolph, Vermont, March 21, 2007, 12:10 p.m., teleconference meeting, with public access at the Board offices, 101 Cherry Street, Burlington, Vermont

13. Any Other Business

None.

14. Adjournment

Dr. Davignon made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Cahill seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor, opposed: none, abstained: none.

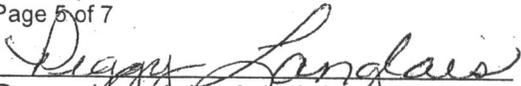
Adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peggy Langlais", written over a horizontal line.

Peggy Langlais, Administrative Supervisor
Attachment

Appendix A

Presentation of Applications

Dr. Clauss reported on interviews with
Diane Tabachnick, PA
Timothy Snyder, AA
Gautham Mallampati, MD
David McFadden, MD

Recommended for physician assistant certification, anesthesiologist assistant certification and physician licensure

Seconded by Dr. Murray, passed, opposed: none, abstained: none

Dr. Davignon reported on an interview Dr. Thomashow conducted with
Adam Pearson, MD

Recommended for physician licensure

Seconded by Dr. Murray, passed, opposed: none, abstained: none

Dr. Guerrero reported on interviews with
Charles Pfaff, MD
Susan Mahler, MD

Dr. Murray made a motion to go into executive session to discuss confidential licensing matters. Dr. Davignon seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor, opposed: none, abstained: none.

Executive session began at 12:20 p.m.

Open session resumed at 12:24 p.m.

Dr. Guerrero continued with a report on
Richard Stern, MD

Recommended for physician licensure

Seconded by Dr. Davignon, passed, opposed: none, abstained: none

Dr. Lamontagne reported on an interview with
Bianca Lang, MD

Recommended for physician licensure

Seconded by Ms. Nicol, passed, opposed: none, abstained: none

Ms. Silta reported on interviews with
Martha Allen, PA
Tracie Hammond, PA
James Picone, PA
Cary Stratford, PA
Kristine Thomas, PA
Benjamin Cooke, PA

Recommended for physician assistant certification
Seconded by Dr. Murray, passed, opposed: none, abstained:

Dr. Stouch reported on an interview with
Amy D'Agostino, PA
Recommended for physician assistant certification
Seconded by Dr. Murray, passed, opposed: none, abstained: none

Dr. Murray reported on an interview with
Lois Stark, MD
Recommended for physician licensure
Seconded by Dr. Stouch, passed, opposed: none, abstained: none

Dr. King reported on an interview with
Benjamin Strong, MD
Recommended for physician licensure
Seconded by Dr. Stouch, passed, opposed: none, abstained: none

Dr. Cahill moved on limited temporary licenses
Heather Gillespie, MD
Peter Hoth, MD
Jeffrey Kreher, MD
Recommended for limited temporary licensure
Seconded by Mr. Cross, passed, opposed: none, abstained: none

Dr. Cahill reported on interviews with
Mark Schiffner, PA
Matthew Zmurko, MD
Recommended for physician assistant certification and physician licensure
Seconded by Dr. Stouch, passed, opposed: none, abstained: none