

**MINUTES**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION OF ALABAMA**  
**Meeting Location: 848 Washington Avenue**  
**Montgomery, Alabama 36104**

**October 29, 2025**

**MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON**

Jorge Alsip, M.D., Chairman  
Kenneth W. Aldridge, M.D., Vice-Chairman  
Craig H. Christopher, M.D.  
Howard J. Falgout, M.D.  
Paul M. Nagrodzki, M.D.  
Nina Nelson-Garrett, M.D.  
James R. Seale, Esq.  
Pamela Varner, M.D.

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

**MLC STAFF**

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Aaron Dettling, General Counsel, MLC  
Rebecca Robbins, Operations Director (Recording)  
Nicole Roque, Administrative Assistant (Recording)  
Heather Lindemann, Licensure Assistant

**BME STAFF**

Buddy Chavez, Investigator  
Anthony Crenshaw, Investigator  
Rebecca Daniels, Investigator  
Amy Dorminey, Director of Operations  
Alicia Harrison, Associate General Counsel  
Chris Hart, Technology  
Effie Hawthorne, Associate General Counsel  
Wilson Hunter, General Counsel  
Roland Johnson, Physician Monitoring  
Sally Knight, Physician Monitoring  
Stephen Lavender, Investigator  
Christy Lawson, Paralegal  
William Perkins, Executive Director  
Ben Schlemmer, Investigator  
Tiffany Seamon, Director of Credentialing



Call to Order: 9:00 a.m.

Prior notice having been given in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act, and with a quorum of eight members present, Commission Chairman, Jorge Alsip, M.D. convened the monthly meeting of the Alabama Medical Licensure Commission.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Minutes September 25, 2025

Commissioner Christopher made a motion that the Minutes of September 25, 2025, be approved with changes as directed by the Commission. A second was made by Commissioner Aldridge. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Full License Applicants

<u>Name</u>	<u>Medical School</u>	<u>Endorsement</u>
1. Israr Ahmad	Khyber Medical College, University of Peshawar	USMLE
2. Oluwadamilare O Ajayi	Obafemi Awolowo University	USMLE/FL
3. Andrew William Alexander	Texas A&M College of Medicine	USMLE
4. Caroline Nicole Amerson	University of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE
5. Young Ho An	University of Illinois at Chicago	USMLE/GA
6. Richard Dane Ballard	University of Mississippi School of Medicine	USMLE/MI
7. Alfredo Daniel Bizzocchi	Adventist University of the Plata	USMLE/MO
8. Catherine M Bridges Adams	University of South Carolina College of Medicine	USMLE
9. Madison Brogan	Louisiana State University Medical Center Shreveport	USMLE
10. Wendy Enlok Brown	Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University	USMLE/CA
11. Jeremy Daniel Bryner	West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine	COMLEX/MO
12. Kaitlin Gail Burge	University of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE
13. Emma Cao	University of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE
14. Sara Elizabeth Cardin	University of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE/TN
15. Rachel Chang	Lincoln Memorial Univ Debusk College of Osteo Medicine	COMLEX
16. Po-Han Chen	Augusta University	USMLE
17. Anusha Chintapalli	Guntur Medical College, Nagarjuna University	USMLE
18. Kevin William Consevage	University of Virginia School of Medicine	USMLE/OH
19. Brett Jonathan Cooke	University of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE
20. Kenneth Henry Copperwheat	Lincoln Memorial Univ Debusk College of Osteo Medicine	COMLEX/IL
21. Devin Arthur Cummins	Loma Linda University School of Medicine	USMLE
22. Jeffrey Alan Dean	Augusta University	NBME/SC
23. Alexis Dennison	University of Vermont College of Medicine	USMLE
24. Devan James Devkumar	University of Texas Houston Health Sciences Center	USMLE

<u>Name</u>	<u>Medical School</u>	<u>Endorsement</u>
25. Keith Dinklage	Ohio State Univ College of Medicine & Public Health	FLEX/IN
26. Brandon Scott Edney	University of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE
27. Patrick L C Elliott	University of Missouri School of Medicine Columbia	USMLE
28. Pierce Decker Elliott	Lincoln Memorial Univ Debusk College of Osteo Medicine	COMLEX
29. Margaret Marie Fisher	University of North Carolina School Chapel Hill	USMLE
30. Wilson Alan Moore Fisher	University of North Carolina School Chapel Hill	USMLE
31. Cristel Flores	Univ of the East, Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Medical	USMLE
32. Ana Patricia Franchini Fer	American University	USMLE
33. Dalton Joe Frederick	University of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE
34. Kailee Paige Furtado	University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas	USMLE
35. Shant Hagop Garabedian	Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine	COMLEX/TN
36. Yitzchok Isaac Greenberg	Temple University School of Medicine	USMLE/MI
37. Paul Nicholas Grooff	Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine	FLEX/IN
38. James John Grosso	University of Miami Miller School of Medicine	USMLE/FL
39. Morgan Paige Gurel-Headley	University of Arkansas College of Medicine	USMLE
40. Dalton Lane Hall	University of Mississippi School of Medicine	USMLE
41. Kevin James Harris	Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine	COMLEX
42. Emily Elizabeth Hawker	University of Illinois College of Medicine	USMLE
43. Nancy Karam Helmey	East TN State Univ James H Quillen College of Medicine	USMLE
44. Michael Edward Higginbotham	American University of the Caribbean	USMLE/GA
45. Taha Hmissa	Florida State University College of Medicine	USMLE
46. Kyle R Hodson	Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine Auburn	COMLEX
47. Sally Hussein Hussein	Ain Shams University Faculty of Medicine	USMLE
48. Garrett Shane Jackson	U of North TX Health Sci Center TX College of Osteo Med	COMLEX
49. Ashkan Javadzadeh	Islamic Azad Univ Mashhad Branch Faculty of Medicine	USMLE/CA
50. Lee Morgan Johnson	University of Arkansas College of Medicine	USMLE/AR
51. Sally Elizabeth Jones	Mercer University School of Medicine	USMLE
52. Timea Adrienne Kovacs	Florida State University College of Medicine	USMLE
53. Adetola Oluwagbenga Ladejobi	University of Lagos	USMLE/MN
54. Fallon Rose Lalor	University of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE
55. James Alexander Long	University of Mississippi School of Medicine	USMLE
56. Sharon Maina	Augusta University	USMLE
57. Haldon Misael Marmolejos	Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine Auburn	COMLEX/IN
58. Zane Brian Martindale	University of Texas Houston Medical School	USMLE/NY
59. Abigail Estella McDonald	St. George's University School of Medicine	USMLE/VA
60. Jerome Michael McDonald	University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine	USMLE/WA
61. Shawn Michael Mcfarland	Wright State University School of Medicine	USMLE/OH
62. Jennifer Anne Mcguirl	Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine	COMLEX/NJ
63. Andrew James Medvecz	Vanderbilt University School of Medicine	USMLE/TN
64. Jacob August Megehee	University of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE
65. Courtney A E Merriweather	Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine Auburn	COMLEX
66. Conor Benson Miles	Lincoln Memorial Univ Debusk College of Osteo Med	COMLEX
67. Mahmud Mossa-Basha	University of Toledo College of Medicine	USMLE/MI
68. Casey Norris	Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine	COMLEX/OH

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69. Decorian Devante North	Florida State University College of Medicine	USMLE
70. Annette Ebanga Ntsama	Medical University of Lublin	USMLE/OK
71. Veeranjaneyulu Pratipati	Siddhartha Medical College Gunadala	USMLE/NH
72. Virginia McGuinness Quinlan	Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center	USMLE
73. Teebro Rahman	University of South Carolina School of Medicine	USMLE
74. Daniel A Ramos Marin	Ponce School of Medicine	USMLE
75. Erik David Roepke	University of Kentucky College of Medicine	USMLE
76. William Nathan Roseberry	Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine Auburn	COMLEX
77. Corey Thomas Shamley	FIU Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine	USMLE
78. Ellyn Pearlman Shander	Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University	NBME/NY
79. Shayan Shiehzadegan	Western Univ of Health Sciences, C of Osteo Med of Pacific	COMLEX
80. Hayden Douglas Shuster	University of South Carolina School of Medicine	USMLE
81. Jack Simmons	University of Mississippi School of Medicine	USMLE
82. Juliana Spanova	University of Louisville School of Medicine	USMLE
83. Morgan Nichole Stansell	East TN State Univ James H Quillen College of Medicine	USMLE
84. Ziva Stauber	Temple University School of Medicine	USMLE/IN
85. Caleb Stephen Streitmatter	University of South Florida College of Medicine	USMLE
86. Hera Kai-Sheng Tang	Loyola University of Chicago Stritch School of Medicine	USMLE
87. Mahala Fayth Walker	University of Kentucky College of Medicine	USMLE
88. Caroline Arata Wessinger	University of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE
89. Susan Schraufed Westerlund	University of North Dakota School of Medicine	NBME/VA
90. Meaghan Kane White	Florida State University College of Medicine	USMLE
91. Lydia Chun Yang	University of Alabama School of Medicine Birmingham	USMLE
92. *Jesse McGee Britt	Lincoln Memorial Debusk College of Osteo Med	COMLEX
93. *Gregory James Hiett	Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine	COMLEX/VA
94. *Andreana R Kripalani	Saba University School of Medicine	USMLE
95. *Ranjit Singh	American University of Antigua	USMLE/NJ
96. *Lauren Elizabeth Wilson	Edward Via College of Osteo Medicine Auburn	COMLEX

*\*Approved pending acceptance and payment of NDC issued by the BME.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Aldridge with a second by Commissioner Christopher to approve applicant numbers one through ninety-six (1-96) for full licensure. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

#### Limited License Applicants

<u>Name</u>	<u>Medical School</u>	<u>End.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>License</u>
1. Sushmita Bhandari	F Jinnah Med C for Women, U of the Punjab	LL/AL	UAB Neurology	R
2. Anna Gabrielle Cash	Edward Via College of Osteo Med Auburn	LL/AL	UAB Huntsville IM	R
3. Rommy Cedeno	Catholic Univ of Santiago de Guayaquil	LL/AL	NAMC Psychiatry	R
4. David Cortes Bandy	European Univ of Madrid	LL/AL	Thomas Hospital IM	R
5. Jessica Nelson Elliot	Edward Via College of Osteo Med Louisiana	LL/AL	UAB Mtg Psychiatry	R

<u>Name</u>	<u>Medical School</u>	<u>End.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>License</u>
6. Neeha Gambhirrao	St. George's University School of Medicine	LL/AL	Thomas Hospital IM	R
7. Oluwaseyi Isehunwa	Obafemi Awolowo University	LL/AL	UAB St. Vincent's FM	R
8. Shiv Ishpujani	King Georges Medical University	LL/AL	UAB Birmingham IM	R
9. Gurpreet Kaur	Yerevan State Medical University	LL/AL	Crestwood IM	R
10. Mario Roberto Perez	Edward Via College of Osteo Med	LL/AL	Mobile Infirmary IM	R
11. Alaina Katlin Smith	U of Pikeville KY College of Osteo Med	LL/AL	Crestwood FM	R
12. Arielle Ester Solomon	LSU Health Sciences Center	LL/AL	Thomas Hospital IM	R
13. Mina Takahashi	St. Matthew's University	LL/AL	UAB Huntsville Psychiatry	R
14. Tumul Chowdhury	Moti Lal Nehru Med College U of Allahabad	LL/AL	UAB Heersink School of Med	SP
15. Adnan H Shahid	Mahatma Gandhi Mem Med College Indore Univ	LL/AL	UAB Pediatric Neurosurgery	F

A motion was made by Commissioner Aldridge with a second by Commissioner Varner to approve applicant numbers one through fifteen (1-15) for limited licensure. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

#### IMLCC Report

The Commission received as information a report of the licenses that were issued via the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact from September 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025. A copy of this report is attached as Exhibit "A".

#### REPORTS

##### Physician Monitoring Report

The Commission received as information the physician monitoring report dated October 24, 2025. A copy of the report is attached as Exhibit "B".

#### APPLICANTS FOR REVIEW

##### Zia Hafeez Khan, M.D.

A motion was made by Commissioner Christopher with a second by Commissioner Aldridge to approve Dr. Khan's application for full licensure. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

##### Brian E. Richardson, M.D.

The Commission received as information an update from Aaron Dettling, General Counsel, regarding the appeal filed by Brian E. Richardson, M.D., in the Alabama Court of Civil Appeals.

James C. Dilday, M.D.

The Commission received as information an update from Aaron Dettling, General Counsel, regarding the appeal filed by James C. Dilday, M.D., in the Alabama Court of Civil Appeals.

Steven Mark Hayden, M.D.

The Commission received as information an update from Aaron Dettling, General Counsel, regarding the Petition for Writ of Mandamus filed by Steven Mark Hayden, M.D., in the Alabama Court of Civil Appeals.

FSMB Call for Award Nominations

The Commission received as information the Federation of State Medical Boards Call for Nominations. A copy of the memorandum is attached hereto as Exhibit "C".

Quarterly FSMB Update on USMLE

The Commission received as information the Quarterly Federation of State Medical Boards Update on the USMLE. A copy of the report is attached hereto as Exhibit "D".

FSMB Bylaws Amendments

The Commission received a report on the potential Federation of State Medical Boards' bylaws amendments. A motion was made by Commissioner Christopher with a second by Commissioner Varner to authorize Commission Chairman Alsip to submit proposed revisions to the Federation of State Medical Boards. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. A copy of the proposed amendments are attached as Exhibit "E".

Public Comment: 540-X-10, Office Based Surgery

The Commission received as information the Administrative Rule 540-X-10, Office Based Surgery for Public Comment. A copy of the rule is attached as Exhibit "F".

AMA Items of Interest

The Commission received as information a report from Commission Chairman Alsip of items of interest regarding the upcoming meeting of the American Medical Association.

## **REQUESTS**

### **Gary R. Wisner, M.D.**

The Commission received as information the Petition to Remove Restrictions filed on behalf of Dr. Wisner.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE FILINGS**

### **Adebowale Adetola Adeleye, M.D.**

The Commission received an Administrative Complaint filed by the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners. A motion was made by Commissioner Nagrodzki with a second by Commissioner Nelson-Garrett to enter an order setting a hearing for January 28, 2026. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. A copy of the Commission's order is attached hereto as Exhibit "G".

### **James C. Dilday, M.D.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Seale with a second by Commissioner Nagrodzki to authorize Commission Chairman Alsip to approve the Bill of Costs filed by the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. A copy of the Commission's order is attached hereto as Exhibit "H".

## **CLOSED SESSION UNDER ALA. CODE 34-24-361.1**

At 10:11 a.m., the Commission entered closed session pursuant to Alabama Code § 34-24-361.1 to hear and consider the following matters:

### **Robert Bolling, M.D.**

The Commission considered a request filed by Dr. Bolling to remove the restriction placed on his Alabama medical license. A motion was made by Commissioner Falgout with a second by Commissioner Christopher to modify the restrictions placed on Dr. Bolling's medical license. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. A copy of the Commission's order is attached hereto as Exhibit "I".

### **Cosmin Dobrescu, M.D.**

At the conclusion of the hearing, a motion was made by Commissioner Christopher with a second by Commissioner Seale to revoke Dr. Dobrescu's Alabama medical license and assessing an

administrative fine. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. A copy of the Commission's order is attached hereto as Exhibit "J".

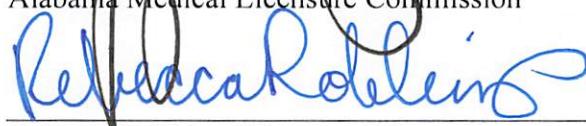
Meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

**PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE:** The next meeting of the Alabama Medical Licensure Commission was announced for Wednesday, November 19, 2025, beginning at 9:00 a.m.



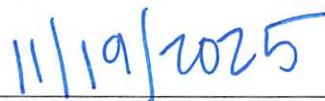
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JORGE ALVARO, M.D., Chairman  
Alabama Medical Licensure Commission



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Rebecca Robbins, Director of Operations  
Recording Secretary  
Alabama Medical Licensure Commission



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Date Signed

**EXHIBIT  
A**

**IMLCC Licenses Issued September 1, 2025 - September 30, 2025 (145)**

Name	License Type	License Number	Status	Issue Date	Expiration Date	State of Primary Licensure
Rakhee Hersha Goel	MD	52253	Active	9/17/2025	12/31/2025	Arizona
Jawad Akmal Hussain	MD	52187	Active	9/2/2025	12/31/2025	Arizona
Steven Tandberg	MD	52217	Active	9/8/2025	12/31/2025	Colorado
Forest Walker	MD	52221	Active	9/8/2025	12/31/2025	Colorado
Maria Regina Oakes	MD	52197	Active	9/2/2025	12/31/2025	Colorado
Benjamin Ross Park	DO	4319	Active	9/2/2025	12/31/2025	Colorado
Kenneth Lee Silverstein	MD	52261	Active	9/18/2025	12/31/2025	Delaware
Syed Wajid Ali	MD	52238	Active	9/11/2025	12/31/2025	Delaware
Ameika Bush	MD	52209	Active	9/4/2025	12/31/2025	District of Columbia
Roxana Samimi	MD	52206	Active	9/4/2025	12/31/2025	District of Columbia
Lauren Hana	MD	52192	Active	9/2/2025	12/31/2026	Florida
Kyle Friez	MD	52389	Active	9/30/2025	12/31/2026	Florida
Persis Celina Puello	MD	52387	Active	9/30/2025	12/31/2025	Florida
Ankur Shah	MD	52287	Active	9/24/2025	12/31/2025	Florida
Trisha Khanna	MD	52275	Active	9/22/2025	12/31/2025	Florida
George Matus	MD	52273	Active	9/22/2025	12/31/2025	Florida
Michael David Smith	MD	52270	Active	9/22/2025	12/31/2026	Florida
Taryn Christina Spencer	MD	52274	Active	9/22/2025	12/31/2025	Florida
Allan Tilden Herman	MD	52269	Active	9/19/2025	12/31/2025	Florida
Luis Augusto Dominguez Vallejos	MD	52250	Active	9/17/2025	12/31/2025	Florida
Jonathan Daniel	MD	52236	Active	9/11/2025	12/31/2025	Florida
Danielle Olson	MD	52230	Active	9/10/2025	12/31/2026	Florida
Lawrence Daniel Kaelin	MD	52227	Active	9/9/2025	12/31/2026	Florida
Marjorie Binette	MD	52213	Active	9/8/2025	12/31/2025	Florida
Paul S Rubinton	MD	52214	Active	9/8/2025	12/31/2025	Florida
Martin B Cohen	MD	52201	Active	9/3/2025	12/31/2025	Florida
Bernard Ofusu Dankyi	MD	52203	Active	9/3/2025	12/31/2025	Florida
Arthur Robert Ballard	MD	52185	Active	9/2/2025	12/31/2025	Florida
James Joseph Cafarella	MD	52195	Active	9/2/2025	12/31/2025	Florida
Dameon Rupert Vincent Duncan	MD	52186	Active	9/2/2025	12/31/2025	Florida

Scott Kuo	MD	52184	Active	9/2/2025	12/31/2025	Florida
Jennifer Lyn Wetherington	MD	52188	Active	9/2/2025	12/31/2025	Florida
Haley Todsen	DO	4318	Active	9/2/2025	12/31/2025	Florida
Benoy Varghese	MD	52264	Active	9/19/2025	12/31/2025	Georgia
Ndidiama O Obadan	MD	52254	Active	9/17/2025	12/31/2025	Georgia
Amar Raju Patel	MD	52237	Active	9/11/2025	12/31/2025	Georgia
Felicia Lavetta Rhaney	MD	52233	Active	9/10/2025	12/31/2025	Georgia
Stephen Andrew Crabtree	DO	4345	Active	9/29/2025	12/31/2025	Georgia
Eliran Bracha	DO	4328	Active	9/12/2025	12/31/2025	Georgia
Evan William Lee Jr	DO	4333	Active	9/25/2025	12/31/2025	Idaho
Fizan Abdullah	MD	52372	Active	9/26/2025	12/31/2025	Illinois
Kristin Lucas	MD	52281	Active	9/24/2025	12/31/2025	Illinois
Hyungmin Kang	MD	52249	Active	9/17/2025	12/31/2025	Illinois
Shehwar Khan	MD	52243	Active	9/15/2025	12/31/2025	Illinois
Kevin Oliver Hicks	MD	52241	Active	9/12/2025	12/31/2025	Illinois
David Henry Johnson	MD	52191	Active	9/2/2025	12/31/2025	Illinois
Nosheen Syed	MD	52189	Active	9/2/2025	12/31/2025	Illinois
Steven Rudolf Steinhubl	MD	52379	Active	9/29/2025	12/31/2025	Indiana
Kathryn McGhee	MD	52293	Active	9/25/2025	12/31/2025	Indiana
Mauro Amendola	MD	52259	Active	9/18/2025	12/31/2025	Indiana
Brian Raymond Leon	MD	52234	Active	9/10/2025	12/31/2025	Indiana
Svetlana Rivills	DO	4327	Active	9/12/2025	12/31/2025	Iowa
Joshua Aaron Blackwell	MD	52272	Active	9/22/2025	12/31/2025	Kansas
Malati Kanani Harris	MD	52205	Active	9/4/2025	12/31/2025	Kansas
Eric Mbigah Cho	MD	52381	Active	9/29/2025	12/31/2025	Kentucky
Nathan Matko Riley	MD	52279	Active	9/24/2025	12/31/2025	Kentucky
Murali Krishnan Kolikonda	MD	52268	Active	9/19/2025	12/31/2025	Kentucky
Adam Neff	MD	52228	Active	9/9/2025	12/31/2025	Kentucky
Clemens Eugene Soeller	MD	52383	Active	9/29/2025	12/31/2025	Louisiana
Roeland Alexander Van Opijken	MD	52288	Active	9/24/2025	12/31/2025	Louisiana
David Benjamin Ware	MD	52282	Active	9/24/2025	12/31/2025	Louisiana
Elizabeth Ray Lapeyre	MD	52265	Active	9/19/2025	12/31/2025	Louisiana
Roshni Sunil Dhoot	MD	52211	Active	9/4/2025	12/31/2025	Louisiana

Creighton Edward Shute	DO	4346	Active	9/29/2025	12/31/2025	Louisiana
Padma Suresh	MD	52194	Active	9/2/2025	12/31/2025	Maryland
Jeffry Clark Hatcher	DO	4324	Active	9/9/2025	12/31/2025	Maryland
Solomon Amster	MD	52384	Active	9/30/2025	12/31/2025	Michigan
Jay Patel	MD	52385	Active	9/30/2025	12/31/2026	Michigan
Andrew John Weise	MD	52262	Active	9/19/2025	12/31/2025	Michigan
Justin Tyler Sybesma	MD	52216	Active	9/8/2025	12/31/2025	Michigan
Bruce Allen Wallace Jr	DO	4323	Active	9/9/2025	12/31/2025	Michigan
Julia Dawn Stobber	MD	52289	Active	9/24/2025	12/31/2025	Minnesota
Mark henry Luquette	MD	52266	Active	9/19/2025	12/31/2025	Minnesota
Jessica Orfelinda Sanchez-Alfaro	MD	52239	Active	9/11/2025	12/31/2025	Minnesota
Glen Henry Rebman	DO	4330	Active	9/17/2025	12/31/2025	Minnesota
Jeffrey Glenn Clark	MD	52284	Active	9/24/2025	12/31/2025	Mississippi
Daniel L Venarske	MD	52193	Active	9/2/2025	12/31/2025	Mississippi
Annette Clark-Brown	MD	52278	Active	9/24/2025	12/31/2025	Missouri
Kristin Kalinowski	MD	52224	Active	9/8/2025	12/31/2025	Missouri
Murphy Ramsen Mastin	MD	52219	Active	9/8/2025	12/31/2025	Missouri
Gavin Puthoff	MD	52223	Active	9/8/2025	12/31/2025	Missouri
Derek Ross Staner	MD	52207	Active	9/4/2025	12/31/2025	Missouri
Paul Harry Singer	MD	52225	Active	9/8/2025	12/31/2025	Montana
Sumeet Bahl	MD	52283	Active	9/24/2025	12/31/2026	Nebraska
Bruce Nmi Chen	MD	52277	Active	9/22/2025	12/31/2025	Nebraska
Elizabeth Remus Bigelow	MD	52292	Active	9/24/2025	12/31/2025	Nevada
Sharon Ng	MD	52263	Active	9/19/2025	12/31/2026	Nevada
Kevin Ogden	DO	4329	Active	9/15/2025	12/31/2025	Nevada
Jenni Yoon Lee	MD	52235	Active	9/10/2025	12/31/2025	New Hampshire
Sarah Marie Lawson	MD	52218	Active	9/8/2025	12/31/2025	New Hampshire
Duc Thanh Le	MD	52220	Active	9/8/2025	12/31/2025	New Hampshire
Brian Lawrence Leal	MD	52212	Active	9/5/2025	12/31/2025	New Hampshire
Ciby Varkey	MD	52386	Active	9/30/2025	12/31/2025	New Jersey
Feross Reyad Ali	MD	52255	Active	9/17/2025	12/31/2025	New Jersey
Anneliese Germain	MD	52208	Active	9/4/2025	12/31/2025	New Jersey
Khatuna Belov	MD	52199	Active	9/2/2025	12/31/2025	New Jersey

Samuel Lohstreter	MD	52371	Active	9/26/2025	12/31/2025	North Dakota
George Edward Blake	MD	52258	Active	9/18/2025	12/31/2026	Ohio
Bryan Christopher Motoney	MD	52198	Active	9/2/2025	12/31/2026	Ohio
Parevi Paresh Majmudar	DO	4321	Active	9/4/2025	12/31/2025	Ohio
Isabella Soreca	MD	52232	Active	9/10/2025	12/31/2025	Pennsylvania
Kavya Sathyakumar	MD	52226	Active	9/9/2025	12/31/2025	Pennsylvania
Cindy Ojewwe	MD	52215	Active	9/8/2025	12/31/2025	Pennsylvania
Jessa Marie L Tunacao	MD	52204	Active	9/3/2025	12/31/2026	Pennsylvania
John Saratil Mlsdary	MD	52247	Active	9/16/2025	12/31/2025	South Dakota
Samuel Grady Putnam III	MD	52382	Active	9/29/2025	12/31/2025	Tennessee
Christopher Andrew Van Schenck	MD	52380	Active	9/29/2025	12/31/2025	Tennessee
Erica Curry	MD	52373	Active	9/26/2025	12/31/2025	Tennessee
Amy Shibley Whigham	MD	52280	Active	9/24/2025	12/31/2025	Tennessee
Roy King	MD	52271	Active	9/22/2025	12/31/2025	Tennessee
Kiffany Janese Peggs	MD	52260	Active	9/18/2025	12/31/2025	Tennessee
Cyrilyn Amarie Walters	MD	52252	Active	9/17/2025	12/31/2025	Tennessee
Dorothy Boo	MD	52200	Active	9/3/2025	12/31/2025	Tennessee
Jeffrey Scott Garland	MD	52202	Active	9/3/2025	12/31/2025	Tennessee
Tara Sturdivant	MD	52196	Active	9/2/2025	12/31/2025	Tennessee
Darrell A Webb	DO	4325	Active	9/10/2025	12/31/2025	Tennessee
Louba Rodenko Laurie	MD	52388	Active	9/30/2025	12/31/2025	Texas
Meyeneobong Enobong Inyang	MD	52377	Active	9/29/2025	12/31/2025	Texas
Starling Corbett Reid	MD	52378	Active	9/29/2025	12/31/2026	Texas
Heather Lyu	MD	52376	Active	9/26/2025	12/31/2025	Texas
Maxim Pekarev	MD	52375	Active	9/26/2025	12/31/2025	Texas
Jarrod Tunnell	MD	52370	Active	9/26/2025	12/31/2025	Texas
Ralph Frederick Cox Jr.	MD	52290	Active	9/24/2025	12/31/2025	Texas
Julie Louise Kaesberg	MD	52286	Active	9/24/2025	12/31/2025	Texas
Robert Velarde	MD	52291	Active	9/24/2025	12/31/2025	Texas
Enrique Villalobos-Silva	MD	52276	Active	9/22/2025	12/31/2025	Texas
Jarett Lawrence Feldman	MD	52267	Active	9/19/2025	12/31/2025	Texas
Chandrikha Chandrasekharan	MD	52257	Active	9/17/2025	12/31/2025	Texas
James Yu	MD	52256	Active	9/17/2025	12/31/2025	Texas

Sameer Beegamudre Murali	MD	52248	Active	9/16/2025	12/31/2025	Texas
Aimebenomon Omoye Idahosa	MD	52244	Active	9/15/2025	12/31/2025	Texas
Barrington Obinna Iruke	MD	52229	Active	9/9/2025	12/31/2025	Texas
John Chima Nwankwo	MD	52210	Active	9/4/2025	12/31/2026	Texas
Jennifer Ann Kosty	MD	52190	Active	9/2/2025	12/31/2025	Texas
Ronnie Mitchell	DO	4332	Active	9/24/2025	12/31/2025	Texas
Haneen Hasan Abdelkhaleq	DO	4331	Active	9/17/2025	12/31/2025	Texas
Bonnie Chang	DO	4326	Active	9/11/2025	12/31/2025	Texas
Gregory Andrew Baird	MD	52285	Active	9/24/2025	12/31/2025	Utah
William Edward Strong	MD	52251	Active	9/17/2025	12/31/2025	Utah
Kay Negishi	MD	52231	Active	9/10/2025	12/31/2025	Utah
Michael Scott Meyer	MD	52374	Active	9/26/2025	12/31/2025	Washington
Ali Hayyat Ahmed	MD	52242	Active	9/15/2025	12/31/2025	Washington
Tina Jisun Lee	MD	52222	Active	9/8/2025	12/31/2025	Washington
Rahul Khanna	MD	52240	Active	9/11/2025	12/31/2025	West Virginia
Erin Jeanette Leahy	MD	52246	Active	9/15/2025	12/31/2025	Wisconsin

*\*Total licenses issued since April 2017 - 6,069*



EXHIBIT

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STATE of ALABAMA  
MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION

**To:** Medical Licensure Commission  
**From:** Nicole Roque  
**Subject:** October Physician Monitoring Report  
**Date:** 10/2/2025

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**The physicians listed below are currently being monitored by the MLC.**

<b>Physician:</b>	<b>Robert Bolling, M.D.</b>
<b>Order Type:</b>	MLC
<b>Due Date:</b>	Other
<b>Order Date:</b>	12/18/2024
<b>License Status:</b>	Active-Probation
<b>Requirements:</b>	APHP Report Polygraph Therapist Report Worksite Monitor Report
<b>Received:</b>	Report from APHP with supporting documents Polygraph results Report from Deborah Schiller Report from Luis Pernia, M.D.

<b>Physician:</b>	<b>Scott Hull Boswell, M.D.</b>
<b>Order Type:</b>	MLC
<b>Due Date:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Order Date:</b>	12/1/2014
<b>License Status:</b>	Active
<b>Requirements:</b>	Therapist Report
<b>Received:</b>	Therapist Report

<b>Physician:</b>	<b>Ronald Edwin Calhoun, M.D.</b>
<b>Order Type:</b>	BME/MLC
<b>Due Date:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Order Date:</b>	3/25/2014
<b>License Status:</b>	Active
<b>Requirements:</b>	APHP Report
<b>Received:</b>	Report from APHP with supporting documents

**Physician:** **Kristin J. Dobay, M.D.**  
**Order Type:** MLC  
**Due Date:** Other  
**Order Date:** 5/3/2024  
**License Status:** Active-Restricted  
**Requirements:** Limited Practice  
**Received:** Report from APHP with supporting documents

**Physician:** **Shakir Raza Meghani, M.D.**  
**Order Type:** BME/MLC  
**Due Date:** Monthly  
**Order Date:** 11/20/2023  
**License Status:** Active  
**Requirements:** Check PDMP Monthly  
**Received:** PDMP Compliant

**Physician:** **Farhaad Riyaz, M.D.**  
**Order Type:** MLC  
**Due Date:** Other  
**Order Date:** 8/24/2022  
**License Status:** Active-Probation  
**Requirements:** APHP Report  
**Received:** Report from APHP with supporting documents

**Physician:** **Frances Delaine Salter, M.D.**  
**Order Type:** MLC  
**Due Date:** Quarterly  
**Order Date:** 10/4/2005  
**License Status:** Active  
**Requirements:** APHP Report  
**Received:** Report from APHP with supporting documents

**Physician:** **Janie T. Bush Teschner, M.D.**  
**Order Type:** BME/MLC  
**Due Date:** Other  
**Order Date:** 4/19/2023  
**License Status:** Active-Probation  
**Requirements:** APHP Report  
Limited Practice  
Therapist Report  
AA/NA Meetings  
Polygraph  
CME  
**Received:** Report from APHP with supporting documents



EXHIBIT

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STATE of ALABAMA  
MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

**To:** Medical Licensure Commission  
**From:** Rebecca Robbins, Director of Operations  
**Date:** October 17, 2025  
**Subject:** FSMB Call for Award Nominations

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The FSMB is seeking nominations for its annual awards presentation in which individuals and organizations are recognized for their service and leadership in the medical regulatory community.

Award categories include Award of Merit, Leadership Award, Distinguished Service Award, and Lifetime Achievement Award. The awards will be presented at the FSMB's 2026 Annual Meeting, April 30 – May 2, 2026, in Baltimore, Maryland.

Past recipients representing Alabama include:

- Gerald L. Summer, M.D. – Award of Merit (1998)
- Kenneth C. Yohn, M.D. – Distinguished Service Award (1998)
- James E. West, M.D. – Distinguished Service Award (2001)
- Leon C. Hamrick, Sr., M.D. – Distinguished Service Award (2009)
- Regina M. Benjamin, M.D., MBA – Lifetime Achievement Award (2012)
- Larry D. Dixon – Award of Merit (2009); Lifetime Achievement Award (2014)
- George C. Smith, Sr., M.D. – Leadership Award (2016)
- J. Daniel Gifford, M.D. – Lifetime Achievement Award (2023)
- Craig H. Christopher, M.D. – Leadership Award (2025)

Submissions are due by December 19, 2025. If the Commission does not wish to submit a nominee(s), this item should be received as information.



## **NOMINATIONS FOR FSMB AWARDS 2025-2026**

Each year, the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) is honored to recognize and encourage outstanding service and remarkable leadership among individuals and organizations involved in medical licensure and discipline.

FSMB Member Medical Boards and other organizations and individuals within the medical regulatory community are invited to nominate individuals for the FSMB's prestigious awards, scheduled to be presented during the FSMB's Annual Meeting on April 30-May 2, 2026.

### **BACKGROUND**

The awards were established in 1986 when Frederick T. Merchant, MD, longtime secretary of the FLEX Board, was presented the Distinguished Service Award, and George E. Sullivan, MD, the perennial secretary of the Maine Board of Registration in Medicine and a former member of the FSMB Board of Directors, was given the Leadership Award.

### **NOMINATION DEADLINE**

Member Medical Boards or individuals wishing to submit nominations should do so no later than **December 19, 2025**. Prior to submitting a nomination, please refer to the list of past award recipients on pages 4-8 to ensure the individual has not previously been presented with the same award.

### **AWARD DESCRIPTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS**

#### **AWARD OF MERIT**

The Award of Merit is presented to an individual(s) in recognition of an activity or contribution that has positively impacted and strengthened the profession of medical licensure and discipline and helped enhance public protection. Any individual, whether a physician, non-physician, Fellow, or Honorary Fellow may be nominated. Individuals who are not members of the FSMB may also be considered.

#### **LEADERSHIP AWARD**

The Leadership Award is presented to an individual in recognition of outstanding and exemplary leadership, commitment, and contribution in advancing the public good at the medical board level. The Leadership Award may be presented to any Fellow or Honorary Fellow of the FSMB whose contributions to his or her board are believed by the Awards Committee to be in keeping with these guidelines. No Chair or former Chair of the FSMB is eligible. Additionally, anyone who has served as an FSMB officer, member of the Board of Directors, or full-time FSMB staff member within the previous two years of the presentation is ineligible for consideration.

### **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

The Distinguished Service Award is presented to an individual in recognition of the highest level of service, commitment, and contribution to the FSMB; the advancement of the profession of medical licensure and discipline; and the strengthening and enhancement of public protection. Any individual, whether a physician, non-physician, Fellow, or Honorary Fellow may be nominated. Individuals who are not members of the FSMB may also be considered. However, anyone who has served as an FSMB officer, member of the Board of Directors, or full-time FSMB staff member within the previous two years of the presentation is ineligible for consideration. This award may be presented posthumously.

### **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

The Lifetime Achievement Award, on rare occasions, may be presented to an individual who has demonstrated extraordinary and sustained service and commitment to the field of medical licensure and discipline. Any individual, whether a physician, non-physician, Fellow, Honorary Fellow, or individuals not directly associated with FSMB may be considered. This unique award is bestowed infrequently, at the discretion of the Awards Committee, and is not intended to be given on an annual basis.

### **ADDITIONAL CRITERIA**

- Individuals serving on the FSMB Board of Directors are ineligible to receive an award concurrent to service on the Board of Directors.
- Individuals nominated for FSMB elected office are ineligible to receive an award at the Annual Meeting.
- Individuals serving on the Awards Committee are ineligible to receive an award.

### **NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS**

Member Medical Boards or individuals interested in nominating someone for an award should submit:

1. A Letter of Nomination (see *sample on page 9*). The letter should specify:

- The name of the nominee to be considered;
- The award for which the nominee is being nominated;
- Why the Member Medical Board or individual supports the nominee, including information on how the nominee meets the criteria of the award for which he/she is being nominated; and
- The nominee's contact information, including mailing address, daytime phone number and email address.

If nominating an individual for more than one award, please submit separate nomination letters for each award.

2. The nominee's *current* CV Summary (**maximum of 5 pages**).

3. Please address your letter to:

**Katie Templeton, JD, Chair  
FSMB Awards Committee**

**NOMINATION SUBMISSION**

Your nomination letter and the nominee's CV/bio should be submitted to [edu@fsmb.org](mailto:edu@fsmb.org) no later than December 19, 2025. Please submit all documents in one email.

A confirmation email acknowledging receipt of the nomination will be sent within two business days. If you do not receive confirmation, please contact Ms. Kelly Alfred at [kalfred@fsmb.org](mailto:kalfred@fsmb.org).

**\*\*\*NOTIFICATION\*\*\***

Award recipients will be contacted after the FSMB Board of Directors has considered the Awards Committee's recommendations and made its final determination in February 2026. *It is recommended that nominees are not informed of their nomination prior to FSMB's official recipient announcement, in the event they are not selected to receive the award.*

**Award of Merit**

(formerly the Special Recognition Award, then Meritorious Service Award)

1994	Andrew Watry, MPA, <i>North Carolina</i>
1996	Carole A. Smith, <i>Oklahoma Medical</i>
1998	Gerald L. Summer, MD, <i>Alabama</i>
	John J. Ulwelling, <i>Oregon</i>
1999	George M. Brown Jr., MD, <i>Oklahoma Medical</i>
	Salvatore N. Riggio, MD, <i>Missouri</i>
2001	Bryant D. Paris, <i>North Carolina</i>
2003	Dale G Breaden, <i>North Carolina</i>
2004	Janet D. Carson, JD, <i>(individual nonmember)</i>
	I. Kathryn Hill, MEd, <i>(individual nonmember)</i>
2005	Mark R. Yessian, PhD, <i>Massachusetts</i>
	Deanna Zychowski, <i>Wisconsin</i>
2007	Jordan H. Cohen, MD, <i>District of Columbia</i>
	John R. Gimpel, DO, MEd, <i>(individual nonmember)</i>
	Peter V. Scoles, MD, <i>(individual nonmember)</i>
	Gerald P. Whelan, MD, <i>(individual nonmember)</i>
2008	Guy T. Selander, MD, <i>(individual nonmember)</i>
	Gerold L. Schiebler, MD, <i>(individual nonmember)</i>
2009	Larry D. Dixon, <i>Alabama</i>
2010	Trent P. Pierce, MD, <i>Arkansas</i>
2012	Jaime B. Garanflo, <i>Texas</i>
	Barbara Neuman, JD, <i>Massachusetts</i>
2013	Carl F. Ameringer, PhD, JD <i>(individual nonmember)</i>
2014	H. Westley Clark, MD, JD <i>(individual nonmember)</i>
	Edward S. Salsberg, MPA <i>(individual nonmember)</i>
2015	Hedy L. Chang, MS, <i>California Medical</i>
	Bruce F. Cullen, MD, <i>Washington Medical</i>
	Kenneth B. Simons, MD, <i>Wisconsin</i>
2016	Kathy L. Apple, RN, MS <i>(individual nonmember)</i>
	Kevin D. Bohnenblust, JD, <i>Wyoming</i>
	Carmen A. Catizone, DPh, MS <i>(individual nonmember)</i>
	Ruth Horowitz, PhD, <i>New York PMC</i>
	Michael J. Kramer, <i>Washington Medical</i>
	Robert Lubran, MS, MPA <i>(individual nonmember)</i>
2017	Gerard F. Dillon, PhD <i>(individual nonmember)</i>
	Carole V. Erickson, <i>Montana</i>
	William E. Gotthold, MD, <i>Washington Medical</i>
2018	Alejandro Aparicio, MD, FACP <i>(individual nonmember)</i>
	Laura E. Forester, JD, <i>Illinois</i>
	Norman B. Kahn Jr., MD <i>(individual nonmember)</i>

### **Award of Merit (cont.)**

2019	Michael L. Farrell, JD, <i>Washington Medical</i> Vladimir Lozovskiy, JD, RN, <i>Illinois</i> Amelia Boyd, <i>Washington Medical</i>
2020	Scott G. Kirby, MD, <i>North Carolina</i> Timothy E. Terranova, <i>Maine Medical</i>
2021	Anne K. Lawler, JD, RN, <i>Idaho</i> Ernest E. Miller, Jr., DO, <i>West Virginia Osteopathic</i>
2022	Melanie B. Blake, MD, MBA, <i>Tennessee Medical</i> Jimi Bush, MPA, <i>Washington Medical</i> Maureen S. Lathrop, <i>Maine Medical</i> Kristina D. Lawson, JD, <i>California Medical</i>
2023	Brian L. Blankenship, JD, <i>North Carolina</i> Marisa Courtney, <i>Washington Medical</i> Paul W. Larson, MS ( <i>individual nonmember</i> ) Barbara Prah-Wix, DO, <i>Arizona Osteopathic</i>
2024	Shami Goyal, MD, MMM, <i>Illinois</i> Shelly Wang Bandago, <i>New York PMC</i> George Zachos, JD, <i>Massachusetts</i>
2025	Marschall Smith, MPA, <i>IMLCC</i>

### **Leadership Award**

1986	George E. Sullivan, MD, <i>Maine Medical</i>
1987	George J. Carroll, MD, <i>Virginia</i>
1988	John W. Rupel, MD, <i>Wisconsin</i>
1989	Richard M. Nunnally, MD, <i>Louisiana</i>
1990	Max C. Butler, MD, <i>Texas</i>
1991	Thomas J. Scully, MD, <i>Nevada Medical</i>
1992	Stuart W. Russell, MD, <i>New Hampshire</i>
1993	Frank J. Morgan Jr., MD, <i>Mississippi</i>
1994	J. Lee Dockery, MD, <i>Illinois</i>
1995	Rendel L. Levonian, MD, <i>California Medical</i>
1996	D. Clifford Burross, MD, <i>Texas</i>
1997	Jo Ann N. Levitt, MD, <i>New Mexico Medical</i>
1998	Gilbert Hermann, MD, <i>Colorado</i>
1999	James M. Garrison, MD, <i>Washington</i>
2000	L. Thompson Bowles, MD, PhD ( <i>individual nonmember</i> )
2001	Edward David, MD, JD, <i>Maine Medical</i>
	Thomas A. Joas, MD, <i>California Medical</i>
	Paul M. Steingard, DO, <i>Arizona Osteopathic</i>
2002	Robert S. Heidt Sr., MD, <i>Ohio</i>
	Marilyn B. Ward, <i>Washington Medical</i>
2003	Dinesh G. Patel, MD, <i>Massachusetts</i>

## Leadership Award (cont.)

2004	Raymond J. Albert, <i>Ohio</i> Anand G. Garg, MD, <i>Ohio</i>
2005	William H. Beeson, MD, <i>Indiana</i>
2006	Ralph W. Stewart, MD, <i>Indiana</i>
2007	Ansel R. Marks, MD, JD, <i>New York PMC</i>
2008	Hampton W. Irwin, MD, <i>Washington Medical</i> Clarence C. Reynolds, MD, <i>Missouri</i>
2009	Randy T. Kohl, MD, <i>Nebraska</i>
2010	William L. Harp, MD, <i>Virginia</i>
2011	Thomas R. Pickard, DO, <i>Oklahoma Osteopathic</i> Samuel L. Selinger, MD, <i>Washington Medical</i>
2012	Stan T. Ingram, Esq, <i>Mississippi</i> C. William Schmidt, <i>Kentucky</i>
2013	W. Eugene Musser Jr., MD, <i>Wisconsin</i>
2014	Patricia A. King, MD, PhD, <i>Vermont Medical</i> Leslie M. Burger, MD, <i>Washington Medical</i>
2015	Marilyn E. Pattison, MD, <i>Washington Medical</i> Irvin E. Zeitler Jr., DO, <i>Texas</i>
2016	George C. Smith Sr., MD, <i>Alabama</i>
2017	Richard E. Burney, MD, <i>Michigan Medical</i> Preston P. Nunnelley, MD, <i>Kentucky</i>
2018	J. William (Bill) Kinsinger, MD, <i>Oklahoma Medical (posthumously)</i> C. Grant La Farge, MD, FACP, <i>New Mexico Medical</i> Janis M. Orlowski, MD, MACP, <i>District of Columbia</i>
2019	Ahmed D. Faheem, MD, <i>West Virginia Medical</i> Warren B. Howe, MD, <i>Washington Medical</i>
2020	Randel C. Gibson, DO, <i>Kentucky</i> Maroulla S. Gleaton, MD, <i>Maine Medical</i> Candace L. Sloane, MD, <i>Massachusetts</i>
2021	George M. Abraham, MD, MPH, <i>Massachusetts</i> Keith E. Loiselle, <i>Pennsylvania Medical</i> Kevin Paul O'Connor, MS, MD, <i>Virginia</i>
2022	Sherif Z. Zaafran, MD, <i>Texas</i>
2023	Nicole Krishnaswami, JD, <i>Oregon</i> Robert P. Sticca, MD, FACS, FSSO, <i>North Dakota</i>
2024	Alexander Gross, MD, <i>Georgia</i> Ahlani Quiogue, <i>Hawaii</i> Dennis Smith, JD, <i>Maine Medical</i>
2025	Craig H. Christopher, MD, <i>Alabama</i>

## Distinguished Service Award

1986	Frederick T. Merchant, MD, <i>Ohio</i>
1987	Edithe J. Levit, MD, <i>(individual nonmember)</i>
1988	Ray L. Casterline, MD, <i>Oregon</i>
1989	John H. Morton, MD, <i>New York State</i>
1990	William E. Jacott, MD, <i>Minnesota</i>
1991	David S. Citron, MD, <i>Wyoming</i>
1992	Henry G. Cramblett, MD, <i>Ohio</i>
1993	Bryant L. Galusha, MD, <i>North Carolina</i>
1994	Anthony J. Cortese, DO, <i>Oregon</i>
1995	Robert L. Volle, Ph.D. <i>(individual nonmember)</i>
1996	Melvin E. Sigel, MD, <i>Minnesota</i>
1997	Barbara S. Schneidman, MD, <i>Washington Medical</i>
1998	Hormoz H. Rassekh, MD, <i>Iowa</i>
	Kenneth C. Yohn, MD, <i>Alabama</i>
1999	Gerald J. Béchamps, MD, <i>Virginia</i>
2000	Robert E. Porter, MD, <i>New Hampshire</i>
2001	Ray Q. Bumgarner, JD, <i>Ohio</i>
	James E. West, MD, <i>Alabama</i>
2002	John T. Hinton, DO, <i>Wyoming</i>
	Susan M. Spaulding, <i>Vermont Osteopathic</i>
2003	William H. Fleming, MD, <i>Texas</i>
	Stephen I. Schabel, MD, <i>South Carolina</i>
2004	George C. Barrett, MD, <i>North Carolina</i>
	Larry D. Lessly, JD, <i>Nevada Medical</i>
2005	Ronald Joseph, <i>California Medical</i>
	Daniel B. Kimball Jr., MD, <i>Pennsylvania Medical</i>
2006	George J. Van Komen, MD, <i>Utah Medical</i>
2007	Bruce W. McIntyre, JD, <i>Rhode Island</i>
2008	Doris C. Brooker, MD, <i>Minnesota</i>
	Alan E. Shumacher, MD, <i>California Medical</i>
2009	Nancy Achin Audesse, <i>Massachusetts</i>
	Leon C. Hamrick Sr., MD, <i>Alabama</i>
2010	Gary R. Clark, <i>Oklahoma Osteopathic</i>
2011	Janet D. Carson, JD <i>(individual nonmember)</i>
2012	J. William McCord Jr., DO, <i>Tennessee Osteopathic</i>
	Daniel W. Morrissey, OP, <i>New Hampshire</i>
2013	Martin Crane, MD, <i>Massachusetts</i>
	Scott M. Fishman, MD <i>(individual nonmember)</i>
2014	Ellen J. Harder, PA, <i>Washington Medical (posthumous)</i>
2015	Bruce H. Hasenkamp, JD, <i>California Medical</i>
	Jerry D. Klepner <i>(individual nonmember)</i>
	Robert A. Leach, JD, <i>Minnesota</i>

## **Distinguished Service Award (cont.)**

2016	N. Stacy Lankford, MD, <i>Indiana</i> Randal C. Manning, MBA, CMBE, <i>Maine Medical</i>
2017	Freda M. Bush, MD, <i>Mississippi</i> Robert C. Knittle, MS, <i>West Virginia Medical</i> James N. Thompson, MD, <i>(individual nonmember)</i>
2018	R. David Henderson, JD, CMBE, <i>North Carolina</i> Lyle R. Kelsey, MBA, CAE, CMBE, <i>Oklahoma Medical</i> Jon V. Thomas, MD, MBA, <i>Minnesota</i>
2019	Anita M. Steinbergh, DO, <i>Ohio</i>
2020	Kathleen Haley, JD, <i>Oregon</i> Boyd R. Buser, DO, <i>Kentucky</i> Thomas J. Nasca, MD, <i>(individual nonmember)</i> Stephen C. Shannon, DO, <i>(individual nonmember)</i>
2021	Donald H. Polk, DO, <i>Tennessee Osteopathic</i>
2022	Captain Robin Hunter Buskey, DHSc, PA-C, <i>North Carolina</i> Heidi M. Koenig, MD, <i>Kentucky</i>
2023	Ruth M. Martinez, MA, CMBE, <i>Minnesota</i>
2025	Lawrence J. Epstein, MD, <i>New York</i> Geraldine T. O'Shea, DO, <i>American Osteopathic Association</i> Danny Takanishi, Jr., MD, <i>Hawaii</i>

## **Lifetime Achievement Award**

2000	Harold E. Jervey Jr., MD, <i>South Carolina</i>
2008	George C. Barrett, MD, <i>North Carolina</i>
2010	Stanley M. Aronson, MD, MPH, <i>Rhode Island</i> Milton W. Hamolsky, MD, <i>Rhode Island</i>
2011	J. Lee Dockery, MD <i>(individual nonmember)</i>
2012	Regina M. Benjamin, MD, MBA, <i>Alabama</i>
2014	Rev. O. Richard Bowyer, MDiv, ThM, <i>West Virginia Medical</i> Larry D. Dixon, <i>Alabama</i>
2015	Donald E. Melnick, MD, MACP <i>(individual nonmember)</i>
2016	Janelle A. Rhyne, MD, MACP, <i>North Carolina</i>
2018	Bryant L. Galusha, MD, <i>North Carolina</i>
2019	Barbara S. Schneidman, MD, MPH, <i>Washington Medical</i>
2022	LaSharn Hughes, MBA, CMBE, <i>Georgia (posthumous)</i>
2023	J. Daniel Gifford, MD, FACP, <i>Alabama</i> R. David Henderson, JD, <i>North Carolina</i>
2024	Arthur Hengerer, MD, <i>New York PMC</i>

## **SAMPLE NOMINATION LETTER**

**(The following letter is fictitious and is meant for guidance only;  
content should be adjusted according to the qualifications for the specific award  
for which the person is being nominated)**

Katie Templeton, JD, Chair  
FSMB Awards Committee

RE: Nomination of [NOMINEE'S NAME] for the [NAME OF AWARD]

Dear Katie:

**[SAMPLE TEXT – please describe nominee's qualifications in your own words – include examples where appropriate – and adjust according to the award descriptions and qualifications provided in the Call for Award Nominations.]**

It is with great pleasure that I [or the NAME OF STATE MEDICAL BOARD] nominate [Nominee's name] for the FSMB's 2026 [NAME OF AWARD].

[Nominee's Name] has served the medical community and her patients with extraordinary care and respect since entering into solo practice in April 2015. Since that time, she has not only distinguished herself as a physician and healer, but also as a public servant for the advancement of medicine and the medical regulatory process. Throughout her career, [Nominee's Name] has worked selflessly to ensure the safety, protection, and welfare of all patients.

[Nominee's Name] has held multiple positions of authority at the local, state, and national levels, including, but not limited to [EXAMPLES such as current position on the state medical board, positions on the county/state medical societies, hospitals, medical schools, etc.]. She has also been highly involved with the FSMB [EXAMPLES OF FSMB SERVICE]. Her involvement has led to [EXAMPLES OF IMPACT]. But it is also [Nominee's Name's] quiet strength, courage, and dedication in other areas of her life that have earned her the utmost respect and admiration of her patients and colleagues alike [EXAMPLES].

I am therefore honored and privileged to nominate [Nominee's Name] for one of the FSMB's highest honors of 2026.

Sincerely,  
[NOMINATOR's NAME AND TITLE]

cc: [NAMES]

Enclosure – Curriculum CV with contact information

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## EXHIBIT D

### USMLE State Board Advisory Panel

The USMLE State Board Advisory Panel met virtually on October 9, 2025. The panel brings together board members and staff from state medical and osteopathic boards for in-depth discussions between the licensing community and USMLE program staff. For more than a decade this panel has convened annually as a reactor panel and sounding board offering feedback, advice and input from the medical licensing community on all aspects of the USMLE program.

Current members include the following board staff and members (*alphabetical order by board*):

- Rebecca Robbins, Alabama (Licensure Commission)
- Shami Goyal, MD, Illinois
- Maria Laporta, MD, Illinois
- Gerard Dillon, PhD, Pennsylvania-Medical
- Stephen J. Boese, New York (Licensure)
- Stephen Brint Carlton, JD, Texas
- David K. Herlihy, Esq, Vermont-Medical
- Mark A. Spangler, MA, CMBE, West Virginia-Medical

Topics discussed during the meeting included environmental updates from the panel members regarding issues at the boards and/or in their states; examination security; impact of recent USMLE changes, specifically, the attempt limit change, Step 1 pass/fail outcome reporting; program updates (research, performance data, new item formats); and upcoming changes in the provision of USMLE service functions.

### USMLE Service Transition

The co-sponsors of the USMLE, FSMB and NBME, are working to centralize all USMLE service functions. This change will consolidate all USMLE examinee services, including exam registration, score report delivery, and USMLE customer service, with the USMLE co-sponsors. The goal of this change is to streamline the examinee journey and to create a more consistent and efficient examinee experience.

To facilitate communication with USMLE examinees about this transition, a [USMLE Service Transition Information Hub](#) has been established on the USMLE website. The hub includes announcements and FAQs regarding the transition.

**This change will not directly impact state medical boards. However, if you have any questions about the transition, please contact Frances Cain, FSMB Director of Assessment Services, at [fcain@fsmb.org](mailto:fcain@fsmb.org).**

#### Social Media



#### 2025 USMLE Meetings

**October:** USMLE State Board Advisory Panel

**November:** Management Committee

**December:** Committee for Individualized Review

#### Resources

[USMLE.org](https://www.usmle.org)  
[Bulletin of Information](#)  
[FAQs](#)



EXHIBIT  
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STATE OF ALABAMA  
MEDICAL LICENSURE COMMISSION  
MEMORANDUM

**To:** Medical Licensure Commission

**From:** Jorge A. Alsip, M.D., Chairman

**Date:** 10/23/2025

**Subject:** FSMB Bylaws Amendments

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Please review the attached proposed FSMB Bylaws amendment options for discussion at the Commission's October 29, 2025 meeting. Our discussion will determine the possibility of submitting amendments to the FSMB Bylaws Committee. Previously, the Bylaws Committee proposed a much broader expansion of eligibility for elected FSMB office during April's meeting; however, it was referred back to the Bylaws Committee after I offered a similar amendment to narrow the scope.

**OPTION 1:**

- amends three sections of the FSMB Bylaws
- the end results of these changes would be:
  - Extends Board Member Fellow status from 36 months to 60 months, expanding the pool of potential candidates for elected and appointed positions for which Board Member Fellow status is a requirement.
  - Enables a Director-at-Large whose Board Member Fellow status expires during their term as an FSMB Director-at-Large to run for Chair-elect or Treasurer, as long as they are still a Director-at-Large when they run.
  - Enables a Director-at-Large whose Board Member Fellow status expires during their term as an FSMB Director-at-Large to run for a second term as Director-at-Large, as long as they are still a Director-at-Large when they run. This will eliminate the need for a Director-at-Large to end their FSMB Board service before their term ends, in order to avoid losing their eligibility to run for Chair-Elect or Treasurer.
  - While providing Board Member Fellows an expanded window of eligibility for elected office and appointed committees, these changes differ from what was considered during the 2025 Annual Meeting, in that they also ensure the Board Member Fellow's SMB or FSMB BOD experience is reasonably recent.

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**ARTICLE II. CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP, NOMINATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS**

**SECTION A. MEMBER MEDICAL BOARDS**

The term "Member Medical Board" as used in the Articles of Incorporation and in these Bylaws shall refer to any board, committee or other group in any state, territory, the District of Columbia or possession of the United States of America that is empowered by law to pass on the qualifications of applicants for licensure to practice allopathic or osteopathic medicine or to discipline such licensees. If a state or other jurisdiction has more than one such entity and if each is an independent agency unrelated to the others, each is eligible for membership. Any eligible Medical Board may become a Member Medical Board upon approval of its application by the Board of Directors.

**SECTION B. FELLOWS**

**There shall be two categories of Fellow of the FSMB:**

**1. BOARD MEMBER FELLOW.** A Board Member Fellow is an individual member who as a result of appointment or confirmation is designated to be a member of a Member Medical Board. A

Board Member Fellow shall be a Fellow of the FSMB during the member's period of service on a Member Medical Board, and for a period of thirty-sixty months thereafter, and

## ARTICLE III. OFFICERS: ELECTION AND DUTIES

### SECTION A. OFFICERS OF THE FSMB

- 1. OFFICERS.** The officers of the FSMB shall be that of Chair, Chair-elect, Immediate Past Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.
- 2.** Only an individual who is a Director-at-Large as defined in Article IV, Section A, paragraph 1 or a Fellow as defined in Article II, Section B, paragraph 1 at the time of the individual's election or appointment shall be eligible for election or appointment as an Officer of the FSMB, except for the position of Secretary.
- 3.** The position of Secretary shall be an ex-officio office, without vote, and the President of the FSMB shall serve as Secretary.

## SECTION C. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE

1. At least three of the Directors-at-Large shall be elected each year at the Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates by a majority of the votes cast.
2. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes on the first ballot, and one seat is to be filled, a FSMB 2025 Bylaws, page 5 runoff election shall be held between the two candidates who received the most votes on the first ballot.
3. If more than one seat is to be filled from a single list of candidates, and if one or more seats are not filled by majority vote on the first ballot, a runoff election shall be held, with the ballot listing candidates equal in number to twice the number of seats remaining to be filled. These candidates shall be those remaining who received the most votes on the first ballot. The same procedure shall be used for any required subsequent runoff elections. In the event of a tie vote in a runoff election up to two additional runoff elections shall be held.
4. Prior to the election, the presiding officer shall cast a sealed vote, ranking each candidate in a list. The presiding officer's vote is counted for the candidate in the runoff election who is highest on the list. The presiding officer's vote is counted only to resolve a tie that cannot be decided by the process set forth in this section.
5. Directors shall assume office upon final adjournment of the Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates at which they were elected.
6. Only an individual who is a Board Member Fellow or a Director-at-Large at the time of the individual's election shall be eligible for election as a Director of the FSMB.

**OPTION 2:**

- amends only the definition of a Board Member Fellow section of the FSMB Bylaws
- end results of these changes
  - Extends Board Member Fellow status from 36 months to 60 months, expanding the pool of potential candidates for elected and appointed positions for which Board Member Fellow status is a requirement.
  - Enables a current or past FSMB Director-at-Large, whose Board Member Fellow status would have otherwise expired, to run for Chair-elect, Treasurer, or a second term as Director-at-Large as long as their first term as a Director-at-Large ended less than sixty-months before the date of the next election. This will eliminate the need for a Director-at-Large to end their FSMB Board service before their term ends, in order to avoid losing their eligibility to run for Chair-Elect or Treasurer. Unlike Option 1, this option will also make it possible for a Director-at-Large who leaves the FSMB Board after completing one term to run for Officer or Director-at-Large for up to sixty months after they leave their Member Medical Board or FSMB Board of Directors, whichever occurred last.
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**Rebecca Robbins**

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**From:** Jorge Alsip MD  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 8, 2025 3:59 PM  
**To:** publiccomment <publiccomment@albme.gov>  
**Cc:** Ken Aldridge; Aaron Dettling  
**Subject:** Public Comment: 540-X-10, Office Based Surgery

**EXHIBIT**

**F**

I am submitting these comments on behalf of the Alabama Medical Licensure Commission.

**540-X-10-.05 (5)(c)**

**Change from:**

*“Admitting, courtesy, or consulting privileges at a hospital within a reasonable distance based on the nature of the surgical procedure.”*

**Change to:**

*Active hospital privileges at a hospital within a reasonable distance based on the nature of the surgical procedure. The category of the physician’s active hospital privileges should be such that it allows the physician to admit the patient and practice to the full extent of their training.*

**Rationale:**

A physician performing outpatient surgery should be responsible for managing all complications to the extent possible based on their training. For example, if an otolaryngologist performs a tonsillectomy, and the patient develops significant post-op hemorrhage a few days later, the otolaryngologist who performed the tonsillectomy should have hospital privileges that allow them to take the patient to the OR for definitive management. A gastroenterologist who perforates the colon during a colonoscopy should admit the patient to the hospital, consult a general surgeon to take the patient to the OR, and otherwise coordinate the patient’s hospital care. In most hospitals, it is unlikely a physician would be able to take the patient to the OR if they only have courtesy or consulting privileges. In addition to admitting privileges, the otolaryngologist would also require surgical privileges. A vetting for surgical privileges would provide the added benefit of having the physician’s surgical competency evaluated by a committee of their peers.

Thanks,

Jorge A. Alsip, MD, MBA  
Chairman, Alabama Medical Licensure Commission

**EXHIBIT**

**G**

**ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL  
EXAMINERS,**

**Complainant,**

**vs.**

**ADEBOWALE ADETOLA ADELEYE, M.D.,**

**Respondent.**

**BEFORE THE  
MEDICAL LICENSURE  
COMMISSION OF  
ALABAMA**

**CASE NO. 2025-417**

**ORDER SETTING HEARING**  
**For Contested Cases Initiated by Administrative Complaint**

The Medical Licensure Commission has received the verified Administrative Complaint filed by the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners in this matter. The Commission has determined that this matter is due to be set down for hearing under the provisions of Ala. Code § 34-24-361(e). This Order shall serve as the Notice of Hearing prescribed in Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.03(3), (4). The Commission's legal authority and jurisdiction to hold the hearing in this matter are granted by Article 8, Chapter 24, Title 34 of the Code of Alabama (1975), and the particular sections of the statutes and rules involved are as set forth in the Administrative Complaint and in this Order.

**1. Service of the Administrative Complaint**

A copy of the Administrative Complaint and a copy of this Order shall be served forthwith upon the Respondent, by personally delivering the same to Respondent if he or she can be found within the State of Alabama, or, by overnight courier, signature required, to Respondent's last known address if he or she cannot be found within the State of Alabama. The Commission further directs that personal service of process shall be made by FedEx/Nicole Roque, who is designated as the duly authorized agent of the Commission.

**2. Initial Hearing Date**

This matter is set for a hearing as prescribed in Ala. Code §§ 34-24-360, *et seq.*, and Ala. Admin. Code Chapter 545-X-3, to be held on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., at 848 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama, 36104. Unless otherwise specified by the Commission, the hearing will be held in person. All parties and counsel are expected to appear and to be prepared for the hearing at this date, time, and place.

**3. Appointment of Hearing Officer**

The Commission appoints the Honorable William R. Gordon, Circuit Judge (Ret.) as the Hearing Officer in this matter, pursuant to Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-08. The Hearing Officer shall exercise general superintendence over all pre-hearing proceedings in this matter, and shall serve as the presiding officer at the

hearing, having and executing all powers described in Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-08(1)(a)-(g).

**4. Answer**

Respondent shall file an Answer, as prescribed in Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-03(6), within 20 calendar days of the service of the Administrative Complaint. If Respondent does not file such an Answer, the Hearing Officer shall enter a general denial on Respondent's behalf.

**5. Rescheduling/Motions for Continuance**

All parties and attorneys are expected to check their schedules immediately for conflicts. Continuances will be granted only upon written motion and only for good cause as determined by the Chairman (or, in his absence, the Vice-Chairman) of the Medical Licensure Commission. Continuances requested on grounds of engagement of legal counsel on the eve of the hearing will not be routinely granted.

**6. Case Management Orders**

The Hearing Officer is authorized, without further leave of the Commission, to enter such case management orders as he considers appropriate to the particular case. Among any other matters deemed appropriate by the Hearing Officer, the Hearing Officer may enter orders addressing the matters listed in Ala. Admin. Code

r. 545-X-3-.03(5)(a)-(f) and/or 545-X-3-.08(1)(a)-(g). All parties will be expected to comply with such orders.

**7. Manner of Filing and Serving Pleadings**

All pleadings, motions, requests, and other papers in this matter may be filed and served by e-mail. All filings shall be e-mailed to:

- The Hearing Officer, William Gordon ([wrfgordon@charter.net](mailto:wrfgordon@charter.net));
- The Director of Operations of the Medical Licensure Commission, Rebecca Robbins ([rrobbins@almlc.gov](mailto:rrobbins@almlc.gov));
- General Counsel of the Medical Licensure Commission, Aaron Dettling ([adettling@almlc.gov](mailto:adettling@almlc.gov));
- General Counsel for the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners, Wilson Hunter ([whunter@albme.gov](mailto:whunter@albme.gov)); and
- Respondent/Licensee or his or her counsel, as appropriate.

The Director of Operations of the Medical Licensure Commission shall be the custodian of the official record of the proceedings in this matter.

**8. Discovery**

Consistent with the administrative quasi-judicial nature of these proceedings, limited discovery is permitted, under the supervision of the Hearing Officer. *See Ala. Code § 41-22-12(c); Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.04.* All parties and attorneys

shall confer in good faith with one another regarding discovery. If disputes regarding discovery are not resolved informally, a motion may be filed with the Hearing Officer, who is authorized to hold such hearings as appropriate and to make appropriate rulings regarding such disputes.

**9. Publicity and Confidentiality**

Under Alabama law, the Administrative Complaint is a public document. The hearing itself is closed and confidential. The Commission's written decision, if any, will also be public. *See Ala. Code § 34-24-361.1; Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.03(10)(h), (11).*

**10. Stipulations**

The parties are encouraged to submit written stipulations of matters as to which there is no basis for good-faith dispute. Stipulations can help to simplify and shorten the hearing, facilitate the Commission's decisional process, and reduce the overall costs of these proceedings. Written stipulations will be most useful to the Commission if they are submitted in writing approximately 10 days preceding the hearing. The Hearing Officer is authorized to assist the parties with the development and drafting of written stipulations.

### **11. Judicial Notice**

The parties are advised that the Commission may take judicial notice of its prior proceedings, findings of fact, conclusions of law, decisions, orders, and judgments, if any, relating to the Respondent. *See Ala. Code § 41-22-13(4); Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.09(4).*

### **12. Settlement Discussions**

The Commission encourages informal resolution of disputes, where possible and consistent with public interest. If a settlement occurs, the parties should notify the Hearing Officer, the Commission's Director of Operations, and Commission's General Counsel. Settlements involving Commission action are subject to the Commission's review and approval. To ensure timely review, such settlements must be presented to the Commission no later than the Commission meeting preceding the hearing date. Hearings will not be continued based on settlements that are not presented in time for the Commission's consideration during a monthly meeting held prior to the hearing date. The Commission Vice-Chairman may assist the parties with the development and/or refinement of settlement proposals.

### **13. Subpoenas**

The Commission has the statutory authority to compel the attendance of witnesses, and the production of books and records, by the issuance of subpoenas. *See Ala. Code §§ 34-24-363; 41-22-12(c); Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.05. The*

parties may request that the Hearing Officer issue subpoenas for witnesses and/or documents, and the Hearing Officer is authorized to approve and issue such subpoenas on behalf of the Commission. Service of such subpoenas shall be the responsibility of the party requesting such subpoenas.

**14. Hearing Exhibits**

- A. Parties and attorneys should, if possible, stipulate as to the admissibility of documents prior to the hearing.
- B. The use of electronic technology, USB drives, CD's, DVD's, etc. is acceptable and encouraged for voluminous records. If the Commission members will need their laptop to view documents, please notify the Hearing Officer prior to your hearing.
- C. If providing hard copies, voluminous records need not be copied for everyone but, if portions of records are to be referred to, those portions should be copied for everyone.
- D. If a document is to be referred to in a hearing, copies should be available for each Commission member, the Hearing Officer, the Commission's General Counsel, opposing attorney, and the court reporter (12 copies).
- E. Index exhibits/documents for easy reference.
- F. Distribute exhibit/document packages at the beginning of the hearing to minimize distractions during the hearing.

**15. Administrative Costs**

The Commission is authorized, pursuant to Ala. Code § 34-24-381(b) and Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.08(9) and (10), to assess administrative costs against the Respondent if he or she is found guilty of any of the grounds for discipline set forth in Ala. Code § 34-24-360. The Board of Medical Examiners [ X ]has / [ ]has

not given written notice of its intent to seek imposition of administrative costs in this matter.

**16. Appeals**

Appeals from final decisions of the Medical Licensure Commission, where permitted, are governed by Ala. Code § 41-22-20 and 34-24-367.

DONE on this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

THE MEDICAL LICENSURE  
COMMISSION OF ALABAMA

By:

E-SIGNED by Jorge Alsip, M.D.  
on 2025-10-30 17:28:47 CDT

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Jorge Alsip, M.D.  
Its Chairman

**Distribution:**

- Honorable William R. Gordon (incl. Administrative Complaint)
- Rebecca Robbins
- Respondent/Respondent's Attorney
- E. Wilson Hunter
- Aaron L. Dettling

# EXHIBIT

## H

**ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF  
MEDICAL EXAMINERS,**

**Complainant,**

**v.**

**JAMES CURTIS DILDAY, M.D.,**

**Respondent.**

**BEFORE THE MEDICAL  
LICENSURE COMMISSION OF  
ALABAMA**

**CASE NO. 2023-118**

## ORDER

This matter is before the Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama on the Bill of Costs filed on October 17, 2025 by the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners. Respondent had 10 days in which to file written objections to the Bill of Costs. *See Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.08(10)(c).* No such objections have been filed. Upon review, the Board's Bill of Costs is approved, and the administrative costs of this proceeding are assessed against Respondent in the amount of \$15,225.00. *See Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.08(9), (10).*

DONE on this the 12th day of November, 2025.

**THE MEDICAL LICENSURE  
COMMISSION OF ALABAMA**

**By:**

E-SIGNED by Jorge Alsip, M.D.  
on 2025-11-12 14:53:29 CST

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**Jorge A. Alsip, M.D.  
its Chairman**

**EXHIBIT**

**I**

**ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF  
MEDICAL EXAMINERS,**

**Complainant,**

**v.**

**ROBERT PEARCE BOLLING,  
M.D.,**

**Respondent.**

**BEFORE THE MEDICAL  
LICENSURE COMMISSION OF  
ALABAMA**

**CASE NO. 2024-121**

**ORDER**

This matter is before the Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama on Respondent's written request, submitted via correspondence dated October 8, 2025, that the Commission amend its final order of December 18, 2024, to relieve him of certain requirements relating to the establishment of clinical competency.

The Commission notes that Respondent has completed a six-month preceptorship program under the supervision of Dr. Luis Pernia, M.D., F.A.C.S., and that Dr. Pernia—a board-certified surgeon—has “attest[ed] to Respondent’s competency to practice medicine.” Based on Dr. Pernia’s reports, information received from the Board’s Physician Monitor, and other available information, the Commission is satisfied that Respondent remains in possession of the knowledge and skills required to practice plastic surgery with reasonable skill and safety to patients. Respondent also has been otherwise compliant with the Commission’s orders.

It is therefore ordered that Section V.S. of our December 18, 2024 Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law is amended as follows:

5. That Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Alabama is **DENIED**; the denial is **STAYED**; and the license is **REINSTATED** subject to the following terms and conditions of **PROBATION** for a period of five years running from the date on which Respondent resumes the practice of medicine:

- a. Respondent shall enter into, maintain, and comply with a lifetime monitoring contract with the Alabama Professionals' Health Program;
- b. Respondent shall complete and/or comply with the "Follow-up Plan/Recommendations" contained on page 31 of the [REDACTED] Longitudinal Treatment Final Discharge Summary (December 14, 2023), and as set forth within the above Finding of Fact No. 8;
- c. Respondent shall complete and/or comply with the "Return to Work Recommendations and Aftercare Recommendations" contained on pages 9 and 10 of the [REDACTED] Final Discharge Summary (August 2, 2022), and set forth within the above Finding of Fact No. 2;
- d. Respondent shall practice medicine only pursuant to a written practice plan that complies with this Order and that has been approved in advance by the Commission, which will contain, at a minimum, specific information such as the proposed name of the employer; the proposed scope of practice or type of services to be provided; the proposed days/hours of work; and typical patient populations of the proposed practice;
- e. ~~Respondent shall satisfactorily complete a rigorous clinical competency assessment conducted by the Center for Personalized Education for Professionals ("CPEP") or a similar establishment approved in advance by the Commission, which assessment shall be properly tailored to assess Respondent's clinical competency to perform the work outlined in any proposed practice plan with reasonable~~

~~skill and safety to patients, and shall successfully complete any remedial educational steps recommended by CPEP;~~

- ~~f. As an alternative to the preceding item e., a proposed practice plan may propose that Respondent work under a Commission approved on-site proctor/preceptor for no less than six months or until a board certified surgeon attests to Respondent's competency to practice medicine;~~
- ~~g.e. Respondent shall practice medicine only in a highly structured setting providing a high degree of organizational structure, support, and professional oversight; neither solo practice, nor supervision of staff, will be allowed;~~
- ~~h.f. Respondent shall submit to polygraph examinations every six months and submit the written reports of those examinations to the Board's Physician Monitor and to the Commission;~~
- ~~i.g. Respondent shall have a chaperone physically present in the same room with himself and the patient for the full duration of all patient encounters other than for male patients age 18 and older (including telemedicine encounters), with continuous, direct visual and aural observation of all activities; all chaperones referred to in this provision shall be employed by Respondent's employer and not by Respondent himself, and shall have successfully completed the PBI Medical Chaperone Training Program;~~
- ~~j.h. Respondent shall maintain a therapeutic relationship with his therapist, [REDACTED], shall be seen at intervals deemed appropriate by [REDACTED], LPC, CSAT, and [REDACTED] shall make periodic reports to the Physician Monitor no less frequently than quarterly;~~
- ~~k.i. Respondent shall utilize a patient questionnaire system, no more than 10 questions, one of the questions shall be substantially "Was a third person present in the room at all times when the physician was present with you?"; and~~
- ~~l.j. Respondent shall at all times conduct himself in full accordance with relevant federal, state, local, organizational and professional laws, regulations, ethical guidelines.~~

It is further ordered that Respondent is relieved of any requirements outlined in Sections 1.c., 2, and 3 of the Practice Plan approved in our Order of April 1, 2025, and that Section 1.b. of the Practice Plan is amended to be consistent with the change to the chaperone requirement outlined above.

DONE on this the 3rd day of November, 2025.

THE MEDICAL LICENSURE  
COMMISSION OF ALABAMA

By:

E-SIGNED by Jorge Alsip, M.D.  
on 2025-11-03 13:51:33 CST

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Jorge A. Alsip, M.D.  
its Chairman

**ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF  
MEDICAL EXAMINERS,**

**Complainant,**

**v.**

**COSMIN DOBRESCU, M.D.,**

**Respondent.**

**EXHIBIT**

**J**

**BEFORE THE MEDICAL  
LICENSURE COMMISSION OF  
ALABAMA**

**CASE NO. 2023-054**

**FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

This matter came before the Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama for a contested case hearing on October 29, 2025. After receiving and considering all of the relevant evidence and argument, we find the Respondent, Cosmin Dobrescu, M.D., guilty of two of the six disciplinary charges presented by the Board and impose professional discipline as outlined below.

**I. Introduction and Procedural History**

The Respondent in this case is Cosmin Dobrescu, M.D. (“Respondent”). Respondent is a licensee of this Commission who was first licensed on August 14, 2018, having been issued license No. MD.37367.

This case began with the Board’s filing of an Administrative Complaint and Petition for Summary Suspension of License with the Commission on or about

May 10, 2023. In accordance with Ala. Code § 34-24-361(f) and Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-13(1)(a), on May 24, 2023, we entered an order summarily suspending Respondent's license to practice medicine and set this matter for a full evidentiary hearing. On June 7, 2023, Respondent executed a valid waiver of the 120-day limitation on summary suspension provided for in Ala. Code § 41-22-19(d). The Board and Respondent subsequently agreed to delay the Commission's consideration of this case until after the conclusion of proceedings before the Alaska State Medical Board, which arose out of a common factual basis.

After an 11-day evidentiary hearing at which 27 witnesses testified, the Alaska State Medical Board revoked Respondent's license to practice medicine in that state. The Alaska disciplinary proceedings became final on May 16, 2025.

On September 9, 2025, informed by the outcomes of the Alaska proceedings, the Board filed a First Amended Administrative Complaint ("the Administrative Complaint"), alleging six counts for disciplinary action. In Counts One and Two, the Board alleges that professional discipline in Alabama is warranted because Respondent's Alaska temporary practice permit was summarily suspended and then finally revoked after a hearing, subjecting his Alabama medical license to reciprocal discipline pursuant to Ala. Code § 34-24-360(15). In Count Three, the Board alleges that Respondent practiced medicine in Alaska in such a manner as to endanger the health of a patient, specifically,

Patient D.M., in violation of Ala. Code § 34-24-360(3). Count Four alleges that Respondent committed “gross malpractice and gross negligence in the practice of medicine” in transgression of Ala. Code § 34-24-360(9) and Ala. Admin. Code r 545-X-1-.11(1). Specifically, the Board alleges that Respondent “committed gross malpractice and gross negligence in the practice of medicine when he used substandard judgment in taking Patient D.M. to surgery,” when “known factors . . . would have led a reasonably prudent physician in the same or similar circumstances to make a different decision . . . .” Counts Five and Six of the Administrative Complaint accuse Respondent of unprofessional conduct in transgression of Ala. Code § 34-24-360(2) and Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-4-.06. As grounds for the unprofessional conduct claims, Count Five alleges that Respondent failed or refused to provide a timely operative report following the intraoperative demise of Patient D.M., and Count Six alleges that Respondent obtained his Alaska medical license by fraud.

On these six grounds, the Board urges the Commission, after a hearing, to “reprimand, restrict, revoke or sanction the license to practice medicine of Respondent, assess the maximum fine, and/or take such other action as the Commission may deem appropriate based upon the evidence presented for consideration.”

On October 29, 2025, we conducted a contested case hearing as prescribed in Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3. At the beginning of the hearing, Respondent agreed to concede guilt as to Counts One and Two, and the Board agreed to dismiss Counts Three, Four, Five, and Six without prejudice. The hearing proceeded on the sole issue of what discipline the Commission should impose in response to Counts One and Two. The Commission reminded Respondent that the contested case hearing represented his opportunity to present any mitigating facts or other evidence controverting the Board's charges and was encouraged to do so. Even so, Respondent did not present any substantive evidence.

The case supporting disciplinary action was presented by the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners through its attorneys E. Wilson Hunter and Alicia Harrison. Respondent appeared and testified via remote electronic means, and was not represented by legal counsel. Pursuant to Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.08(1), the Honorable William R. Gordon presided as Hearing Officer. Each side was offered the opportunity to present evidence and argument in support of its respective contentions, and to cross-examine the witnesses presented by the other side. Board Exhibits 1-26 were received into evidence. After careful review, we have made our own independent judgments regarding the weight and credibility to be afforded to the evidence, and the fair and reasonable inferences to be drawn

from it. Having done so, and as prescribed in Ala. Code § 41-22-16, we enter the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

## **II. Findings of Fact**

1. Respondent was first licensed to practice medicine in Alabama on August 14, 2018, under license number MD.37367. At various times, Respondent has also held licenses to practice medicine in Ohio, Alaska, Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi, Iowa, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Wisconsin, Georgia, and New York. (Board Ex. 6.) Despite being licensed in Alabama since 2018, it appears that Respondent practiced in Alabama only for about six weeks in late 2019 as part of a vascular surgery fellowship. (Board Ex. 2 at 29.) Respondent testified to the Commission that he left that fellowship voluntarily without completing it.

2. The disciplinary action in Alaska that led to these reciprocal proceedings arose out of a coronary artery bypass graft and surgical aortic valve replacement (“CABG/SAVR”) that Respondent performed on Patient D.M. while on *locum tenens* assignment at Alaska Regional Hospital (“ARH”) in Anchorage, Alaska. In early December, 2022, Patient D.M., a 73-year old male patient in poor health, was referred to Respondent. Respondent recommended and performed CABG/SAVR surgery on Patient D.M. on December 8, 2022. Although the

surgery proceeded smoothly at first, a cascade of problems developed during closure. Patient D.M. did not survive.

3. The Alaska disciplinary proceedings began with the filing of a formal “Accusation” on February 17, 2023. (Board Ex. 20.) After extended delays, an 11-day evidentiary hearing, involving 27 witnesses, was held before an Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”). That hearing concluded on April 2, 2025. On April 25, 2025, the ALJ entered a 47-page proposed decision which, after meticulous review of all of the relevant evidence, recommended that Respondent’s license to practice medicine in Alaska be revoked. The recommendation to revoke Respondent’s license to practice medicine in Alaska rested primarily on three major findings: (1) that Respondent had acquired his Alaska medical license by fraud, in that he concealed the existence of an active investigation in Virginia; (2) that he committed unprofessional conduct by failing to disclose two employment terminations; and (3) that he committed unprofessional conduct by failing to submit a post-operative report relating to Patient D.M. The ALJ also found that Respondent’s pre-operative risk assessment of Patient D.M. fell below the standard of care, but that Respondent’s failure in this regard did not meet Alaska’s statutory standard of “professional incompetence, gross negligence, or repeated negligent conduct.” The Alaska State

Medical Board adopted the ALJ's recommended decision as its own on May 16, 2025.

**Facts Regarding Respondent's False Answer Regarding the Virginia Investigation**

4. The Alaska State Medical Board found the following facts to be true with respect to the allegation that Respondent, when completing his initial application for an Alaska medical license, falsely concealed the existence of an investigation into him in Virginia:

On August 18, 2022, Dr. Dobrescu submitted an online Initial Application for licensure as a physician in Alaska. The application contained the following question 9:

Have you ever been under investigation by any medical licensing jurisdiction or authority, or is any such action pending? (If you are unsure about your response to this question, please refer to the instructions and definitions for this section of the applications above. When in doubt, disclose and explain.)

Dr. Dobrescu answered this question "No". He included no explanation. He certified that he had "read the complete application" and stated, "I declare that all of the information contained herein . . . [is] true and correct." He acknowledged that "any falsification or misrepresentation of any item or response in this application . . . is sufficient grounds for denying, revoking, or otherwise disciplining a license or permit to practice medicine in the state of Alaska." His electronic signature was affixed.

At the time he made this representation, Dr. Dobrescu had been under investigation for some time by the medical licensing authorities for the State of Virginia. He had applied for a Virginia license in June of 2020, and his application remained pending and

under the jurisdiction of the Virginia board. Concerns about his application led to an investigation that began in April 2021, with a formal interview held that month in which Dr. Dobrescu participated and was represented by counsel. This led to an extensive “Report of Investigation” (August 2021) by the Enforcement Division of the Virginia Department of Health Professions, which in turn led to a “Statement of Allegations” (April 2022).

The statement of allegations set up what in Virginia is referred to as an “informal conference,” in which the respondent has the “right to be represented by counsel”, the “right to subpoena witnesses and/or documents”, and the “right to present relevant evidence.” Dr. Dobrescu was given notice that the proceeding could lead to a variety of outcomes, including a reprimand, a monetary penalty, license restriction, denial of his application, or referral for a more formal hearing.

The Virginia allegations were significant. Prefaced by “the Board alleges”, the document asserts that Dr. Dobrescu:

- “lacks good judgment and professionalism”;
- “has engaged in an egregious pattern of disruptive behavior in health care settings”;
- “is incompetent”;
- “is . . . a danger to the health and welfare of patients”;

and

- “falsely answered ‘No’ to Licensure Question #6 on his June 10, 2020 application for a license to practice medicine in Virginia”.

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I find that the Virginia proceedings, from April 2021 forward, were an “investigation by [a] medical licensing jurisdiction.” I find that the “No” answer on the Alaska application was false.

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Dr. Dobrescu's "No" answer to Question 9 is confounding. The Virginia investigation was not some long-ago or minor investigation. It was top of mind for him, an active inquiry based on allegations going to the heart of his fitness to practice medicine. Even if there were any doubt that the question is intended to encompass such investigations—and there is not—the question contained, in its very text, the instruction, "When in doubt, disclose and explain." Dr. Dobrescu consciously did neither.

As the application form Dr. Dobrescu submitted makes clear in its opening paragraph, the complete application would be forwarded to the Alaska board's Executive Administrator, who could authorize issuance of a temporary permit. This is exactly what he intended to occur, in that he needed an expedited temporary license to begin his locum assignment at ARH. The Executive Administrator relied on the application and issued an expedited temporary authorization to practice under her delegated authority from the Alaska State Medical Board.

(Board Ex. 2 at 9, 10, 11 (footnotes omitted).)

5. The Alaska State Medical Board adopted the ALJ's finding that this false statement warranted revocation of Respondent's Alaska medical license. The ALJ and Board reasoned that "Dr. Dobrescu should never have been issued an expedited temporary permit because, as noted above, his active Virginia investigation deprived the Executive Administrator of authority to grant it. Ordinary common sense suggests that if someone uses fraud to obtain a license that could not legally have been granted to the person had the applicant been truthful, the license has essentially been stolen and should be revoked." (Board Ex. 2 at 14.)

## **Facts Regarding Respondent's Failure to Disclose Two Employment Terminations**

6. The Alaska State Medical Board found the following facts to be true with respect to the allegation that Respondent, when completing his initial application for an Alaska medical license, falsely concealed two employment terminations in his employment history:

Dr. Dobrescu's August 18, 2022 online Initial Application for licensure contained the following Question 5:

Has any hospital or other health care facility disciplined, restricted, or terminated your professional training, employment, or privileges, or investigated a complaint or accusation regarding your practice (except medical records); or is any such action pending?

Dr. Dobrescu answered this question "No".

In the spring of 2011, when he was just getting established in the field of cardiothoracic surgery, Dr. Dobrescu worked for Northern Illinois Cardiovascular Surgeons. He has admitted: "My contract was terminated not for cause in 5/2011." Testimony at the hearing confirmed that the termination was a separation initiated by the practice based on poor personality fit with the practice group, not misconduct.

Later in 2011, Dr. Dobrescu worked for Sparrow Hospital in East Lansing, Michigan. He has admitted: "My contract was terminated not for cause in 8/2011." Testimony and evidence at the hearing established nothing more negative than that this was a termination for convenience, occurring when the practice had an opportunity to bring in a much more experienced surgeon who would need less supervision.

Dr. Dobrescu explains these "No" answers as being based on an understanding that "termination" means "termination for cause."

This is troubling, because the identical issue had come up very recently in his Virginia investigation. There, he was confronted for answering “No” to the question, “Have you ever been terminated from employment . . . from any training program, hospital, healthcare facility, healthcare provider, provider network . . . ?” It was in response to being challenged on this issue by Virginia’s investigative staff that he made the admissions quoted in the preceding paragraph. In light of this recent history, it might be anticipated that he would disclose the same employment separations as terminations when he applied in Alaska. But he recounts that he had only made the admissions in Virginia to go along with that authority’s interpretation of the meaning of “termination,” not because he agreed with the interpretation.

(Board Ex. 2 at 19, 20 (footnotes omitted).)

7. The ALJ and Alaska Board found it to be “troubling that Dr. Dobrescu would omit [disclosing these employment terminations] again, after so recently being called out for their omission from his Virginia application.” “If it were the sole violation in this case,” the ALJ and Board reasoned, “it would not lead to revocation, but its presence accentuates the concerns discussed in the preceding section.” (Board Ex. 2 at 21.)

**Respondent’s Failure to Submit a Post-Operative Report Regarding Patient D.M.**

8. The Alaska State Medical Board found the following facts to be true with respect to the allegation that Respondent failed to submit a post-operative report regarding the surgery he performed on Patient D.M.:

Dr. Dobrescu operated on D.M. on December 8, 2022, finishing the 13-hour surgery at about 9:20 p.m. After the surgery

ended, he met with the patient's daughter and rounded on other patients. Dr. Dobrescu had a surgery scheduled the next morning and he was exhausted; hence he naturally did not prepare an operative report that night. The next morning, December 9, the locum tenens company terminated Dr. Dobrescu's contract before 9:30 a.m. and told him not to return to the ARH campus.

It was immediately apparent that the D.M. surgery was a significant, controversial event. For any surgery, an operative report would normally be due at ARH within 24 hours. Sometimes, quantities or other information needed for an absolutely complete report might be missing, but these could be added later.

At 9:31 a.m. on December 9, Dr. Dobrescu emailed Chief Medical Officer Ballard and asked for access to the perfusion records, nursing notes, and anesthesia records to help him write an operative report. Dr. Ballard, who had been out of town, responded cordially the morning of December 12, providing a contact for the perfusion records and promising to work on the other items. On December 16, the hospital CEO sent Dr. Dobrescu a letter (authorized by Dr. Ballard) that reminded him he must complete his operative note and requesting it within 48 hours. The letter explained whom to contact "to coordinate your access to the Hospital's EMR software so that you can complete the post-operative notes." Dr. Dobrescu received the letter but did not respond. On December 29, the CEO sent another letter reminding him of "your obligation to complete the post-operative notes," again providing instructions for gaining access to the hospital's electronic records system. Dr. Dobrescu received the letter but did not respond.

On February 17, 2023, an ARH attorney contacted Dr. Dobrescu's attorney, Scott Gerlach, again providing information on how Dr. Dobrescu could access medical records related to the surgery and file his report. Gerlach responded that "[t]he task at hand is to get the operative report for this case completed." Three days later he relayed that his client's "goal is to have the operative note done by Monday of next week (there is no mention of an operative note already having been drafted)." He passed on the access information to his client, and promised to let ARH know "if there are any issues."

On March 3, 2023, having heard nothing further, the hospital reached out again to Gerlach about the missing report, but received no response. On April 5, 2023, it reached out one more time, again without effect.

Dr. Dobrescu has a 13-page document that he refers to as an operative report. Although the document bears the notation “12/18/2022 Draft”—which Dr. Dobrescu attributes to his girlfriend—Dr. Dobrescu says he typed the report on Friday, December 9, the day after the surgery. It is a detailed and polished description of the surgery from his perspective, lacking only a few details that are normally obtained from ancillary records, such as total minutes of cardiopulmonary bypass time. It records a number of significant purported errors by members of the surgical team other than Dr. Dobrescu. Neither it, nor any other operative report by Dr. Dobrescu regarding the D.M. surgery, has ever been submitted to ARH.

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Although the report was apparently never furnished to ARH, it seems to have been produced to the division sometime between October 2024 and February 2025.

It is not credible that this “report” was written on December 9, 2022. The idea that Dr. Dobrescu prepared a meticulous 13-page report less than 24 hours after the surgery, and yet did not mention it when two requests came in from the hospital later that month, is more than odd. Even more difficult to square is the fact that Scott Gerlach was plainly unaware of a report when contacted by ARH in mid-February of 2023, and that after checking with his client he relayed that his client’s “goal is to have the operative note done by Monday of next week.” There is a substantial possibility that no report whatsoever existed at that time, and in any event it is virtually certain that it did not exist in its present substantially-completed form. Nonetheless, if Dr. Dobrescu’s version of the history were true, it would still represent a gross departure from professional expectations.

(Board Ex. 2 at 22-25 (footnotes omitted).)

9. The ALJ and Alaska Board described Respondent's failure to submit a post-operative report was "deeply irresponsible." (Board Ex. 2 at 25.) The ALJ and Alaska Board found that this "abdication of responsibility to take care of this basic duty as a surgeon is a further indication that [Respondent] ought not to continue to hold an Alaska license." (*Id.* at 26.)

10. At his hearing before the Commission, Respondent attempted to justify his failure to submit the post-operative report as to Patient D.M. on grounds that he was "locked out" of the hospital's electronic medical records system. In light of the detailed findings above, we find that Respondent's explanation is discredited.

#### **Respondent's Pre-Operative Assessment of Patient D.M.**

11. The Alaska Board of Medicine found the following facts to be true with respect to Respondent's deficient pre-operative risk assessment in connection with Patient D.M.:<sup>1</sup>

**Medications:** Dr. Stephens was concerned with D.M.'s history of treatment with steroids and immunosuppressives, saying that both

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<sup>1</sup> The Alaska Board found that Respondent's pre-operative assessment fell below the standard of care, but also found that this failure, standing alone, was not an independently sufficient basis for license discipline under Alaska law. In our case, however, a legal basis for license discipline—Respondent's concession of guilt as to Counts One and Two of the Administrative Complaint—has already been established, and the only issue before us is the degree of discipline to be imposed. We find these facts to be relevant to our ultimate decision that revocation is the appropriate penalty here, and therefore include them as part of our factual findings.

are “among a surgeon’s worst enemy” because they soften and weaken tissue. In the same vein, Dr. Roberts, testifying on behalf of Dr. Dobrescu, conceded that D.M.’s years of treatment with steroids and immunosuppressants would have led him to expect to encounter friable tissue, with the expectation of “rough sledding” during the operation. He thought any experienced surgeon would have expected that. It is troubling that there is no indication that Dr. Dobrescu had that expectation at all; indeed, he flatly denies that he did. He did not incorporate it in weighing the SAVR versus TAVR alternatives with Dr. McDonough, nor incorporate it in his analysis of relative risks with the patient. Unlike the previous questionable judgments regarding Plavix and diabetes discussed above, the failure to incorporate this issue in his evaluation was related to the final outcome.

Overall quality of preoperative decision-making: All in all, I find that Dr. Dobrescu’s approach in evaluating and recommending surgery for this patient was deficient. Despite the several yellow flags that had caused Dr. Stephens to mention he doubted if D.M. would be a good surgical candidate, Dr. Dobrescu came to the consultation with a strong inclination to proceed with CABG/SAVR. His recommendation on December 5 to go to surgery on December 7 overlooked important risk factors, as did his downstream failure to reconsider up to the hour of surgery. The decision-making process fell below the standard of care.

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Fundamentally, the demonstrated problem with this surgery is not its execution, but instead that it probably should not have been occurring in the first place.

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The discussion above has found that only one aspect of the D.M. surgery has been proven to fall below the standard of care: the risk analysis that led Dr. Dobrescu to wholly ignore key risks and select an unwise course.

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When Dr. Dobrescu single-mindedly pursued a surgical course despite an array of caution flags—indeed seeming wholly oblivious to some of them—he was not performing competently.

(Board Ex. 2 at 36, 40, 43 (footnotes omitted).

### **III. Conclusions of Law**

1. The Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this cause pursuant to Act No. 1981-218, Ala. Code §§ 34-24-310, *et seq.* Under certain conditions, the Commission “shall have the power and duty to suspend, revoke, or restrict any license to practice medicine or osteopathy in the State of Alabama or place on probation or fine any licensee.” Ala. Code § 34-24-360.

2. Respondent was properly notified of the time, date and place of the administrative hearing and of the charges against him in compliance with Ala. Code §§ 34-24-361(e) and 41-22-12, and Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.03(3), (4). At all relevant times, Respondent was a licensee of this Commission and was and is subject to the Commission’s jurisdiction.

3. Before making any decision on a contested case such as this one, the Commission is required by law to “receive and consider” a recommendation from the Board. The Board’s recommendation, however, is not binding upon the Commission. *See* Ala. Code § 34-24-361(h). The Commission has received and duly considered the Board’s non-binding recommendation to “reprimand, restrict,

revoke or sanction the license to practice medicine of Respondent, assess the maximum fine, and/or take such other action as the Commission may deem appropriate based upon the evidence presented for consideration.”

4. The Commission may impose professional discipline upon any license to practice medicine and/or osteopathy in this state when it is shown, after notice and hearing, that “disciplinary action [has been] taken by another state against a licensee . . . , based upon acts by the licensee similar to acts described in this section; a certified copy of the record of the disciplinary action of the state making such an action is conclusive evidence thereof.” Ala. Code § 34-24-360(15). The Board has presented the certified copy of the record of the action of the Alaska State Medical Board, dated May 16, 2025, in which that Board revoked Respondent’s license to practice medicine in Alaska. Respondent has also conceded guilt as to Counts One and Two of the Administrative Complaint.

5. Upon careful review of the facts and circumstances, we conclude, as did the Alaska State Medical Board, that revocation of Respondent’s license is necessary and appropriate under Ala. Code § 34-24-360.

6. We reach all of these decisions based on all of the facts presented, viewed through the lens of our professional experience, expertise, and judgment. *See* Ala. Code § 41-22-13(5) (“The experience, technical competence, and

specialized knowledge of the agency may be utilized in the evaluation of the evidence.”).

#### **IV. Decision**

Based on all of the foregoing, it is **ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED:**

1. That the Respondent, Cosmin Dobrescu, M.D., is adjudged **GUILTY** of disciplinary action taken by another state, in violation of Ala. Code § 34-24-360(15), as charged in Count One of the Administrative Complaint;

2. That the Respondent, Cosmin Dobrescu, M.D., is adjudged **GUILTY** of disciplinary action taken by another state, in violation of Ala. Code § 34-24-360(15), as charged in Count Two of the Administrative Complaint;

3. That Counts Three, Four, Five, and Six of the Administrative Complaint are **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE**;

4. That, separately and severally for Counts One and Two, Respondent’s license to practice medicine in the State of Alabama is **REVOKE**D;

5. That Respondent shall, within 30 days of this Order,<sup>2</sup> pay an administrative fine in the amount of \$10,000.00 as to Count One of the

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<sup>2</sup> See Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.08(8)(d)(i). Respondent is further advised that “[t]he refusal or failure by a physician to comply with an order entered by the Medical Licensure Commission” may be a separate instance of “unprofessional conduct.” See Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-4-.06(6).

Administrative Complaint, and \$10,000.00 as to Count Two of the Administrative Complaint, for a total administrative fine of \$20,000.00; and

6. That within 30 days of this order, the Board shall file its bill of costs as prescribed in Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.08(10)(b), and Respondent shall file any objections to the cost bill within 10 days thereafter, as prescribed in Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.08(10)(c). The Commission reserves the issue of imposition of costs until after full consideration of the Board's cost bill and Respondent's objections, and this reservation does not affect the finality of this order. *See* Ala. Admin. Code r. 545-X-3-.08(10)(e).

DONE on this the 25th day of November, 2025.

THE MEDICAL LICENSURE  
COMMISSION OF ALABAMA

By:

E-SIGNED by Jorge Alsip, M.D.  
on 2025-11-25 14:15:44 CST

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Jorge A. Alsip, M.D.  
its Chairman