

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE
Complaint Committee Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2024

A meeting of the West Virginia Board of Medicine Complaint Committee was held at 101 Dee Drive, Charleston, West Virginia, on the 14th day of July, 2024, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The following Committee members were present:

David A. Mullins, MD, Complaint Committee Chair
Radhakrishna U. Kukkillaya, MD
Angela A. Mayfield
Christopher J. Tipton, PA

The following Staff members were present:

Mark A. Spangler, MA
Jamie S. Alley, Esquire
Greg Foster, Esquire
Leslie A. Thornton, CMBI
Jacob W. Spradling

CALL TO ORDER Dr. Mullins called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Ms. Mayfield made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2024 Complaint Committee meeting. Mr. Tipton seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT Mr. Foster provided an update with respect to the Consent Orders offered by the Committee. Since the May meeting, a fully executed Consent Order has been entered with respect to each of the following licensees:

CONSENT ORDERS		
Licensee	Entry Date	Summary and Terms
Robert Evans Bowen, MD Complaint No. 24-13-W	July 3, 2024	This licensee was fined \$500.00 for dispensing gabapentin in his office without registering as a controlled substance dispensing practitioner.
Jeffrey Lee Jones, PA Complaint No. 23-114-W	July 3, 2024	This physician assistant was fined \$500.00 for failing to disclose a misdemeanor charge on his 2021 license renewal application.
Garrison Vasile Morin, MD Complaint No. 24-39-W	June 12, 2024	This licensee surrendered his West Virginia medical license to resolve a complaint arising from criminal indictments pending against him in the state of Virginia that charge him with sexual assault and battery towards multiple patients.

EXECUTIVE

SESSION Ms. Mayfield made a motion that the Public Session be recessed in order to enter into Executive Session pursuant to W. Va. Code § 6-9A-4(b)(4) and (6), and West Virginia Code § 30-3-6 to discuss pre-probable cause disciplinary matters, matters effecting a license, and information that, if disclosed, would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy. Mr. Tipton seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

PUBLIC

SESSION The Executive Session concluded, and the Complaint Committee returned to Public Session.

**COMPLAINT
COMMITTEE**

ACTIONS Mr. Tipton moved that the Committee take the following actions:

CLOSURES

24-08-W	Dean Joseph Wickel, MD
24-24-W	Hazaim Alwair, MD
24-27-W	Gerda Augustin, MD
24-03-W	Robert Andrew Dale, DPM
24-04-W	Abbie Louise Fields, MD
24-25-W	Charles Farnsworth Hales, MD
24-35-M	Mark Kevin Greathouse, MD
24-33-R	Lingo Yiling Lai, MD
24-41-K	Andrew Harold Mace, Jr., MD
24-30-M	Christopher Eric Majewski, DPM
24-38-C	Muhammad Salman, MD
24-34-S	Ngozi Nnennanya Ude-Oshiyoye, MD
24-32-N	Krishna Raj Urval, MD
23-29-A	Dawn Reed Jones, MD
22-100-B	John Jeffrey McElroy, MD

INITIATED COMPLAINTS

24-69-W
24-70-W
24-71-W
24-72-W
24-73-W

WITHDRAWAL OF PREVIOUSLY INITIATED COMPLAINT

24-55-W

Ms. Mayfield seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

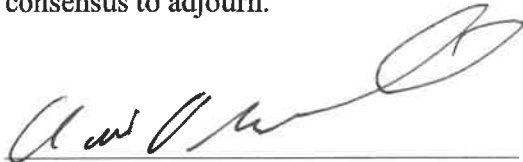
Mr. Tipton moved that the Committee seek authority from the Board to issue Consent Orders or Amended Consent Orders in six ongoing matters. Ms. Mayfield seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The Committee reviewed certified court records in the matter of *United States of America vs. Thomas Romano, Case No. 2:19-CR-202*, regarding licensee Thomas James Romano, MD, License Number 13078. Ms. Mayfield moved that the Committee refer these records to the Board

for review and possible action pursuant to West Virginia Code § 30-3-14(d), which imposes a nondiscretionary duty upon the Board to revoke a license if the licensee has been found guilty and/or pled guilty in a court of competent jurisdiction to any felony involving prescribing, selling, administering, dispensing, mixing or otherwise preparing a prescription drug, including a controlled substance under state or federal law, for other than generally accepted therapeutic purposes.

Mr. Tipton seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, the Complaint Committee determined by consensus to adjourn.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David A. Mullins", written over a horizontal line.

David A. Mullins, MD
Chair of the Complaint Committee