

AGENDA
Credentials Committee Meeting
Florida Board of Medicine
Hyatt Regency Jacksonville
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Jacksonville, FL 32202
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January 31, 2008

To accommodate individuals required to appear before the Committee, the chairman adjusted the sequence of the agenda items. The minutes reflect the actual sequence of events rather than the original agenda order.

Dr. Michael Chizner called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. Those present for all or part of the meeting included the following:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Chizner, M.D., Chairman
Robert Cline, M.D.
H. Frank Farmer, Jr., M.D.
Laurie Davies, M.D.
Onelia Lage, M.D. Arrived 11:12 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Chandra Prine, Program Operations Administrator

BOARD COUNSEL:

Deborah Loucks, Assistant Attorney General

COURT REPORTER

Suzette Bragg

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

11:00 a.m.

MICHAEL CHIZNER, M.D. —TO INTERVIEW TABS 1-5

Shivank Bhatia, M.D. – Endorsement.....1
Issue(s) Training Requirement pursuant to section 458.311(1)(f)3.c., Florida Statutes.

Represented by Allen Grossman, Esq.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, Dr. Davies made a motion to approve the application for licensure. Dr. Farmer seconded the motion, which carried 4/0.

To summarize, the Committee voted to approve the applicant for licensure.

Pushpa Allam-Nandyala, M.D. – Reactivation.....2

Issue(s) Practice medicine with care and skill sufficient to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.

Dr. Allam-Nandyala was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion Dr. Farmer made a motion to allow reactivation with the condition that Dr. Allam-Nandyala practice for six months under indirect supervision. Dr. Davies seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

To summarize, the Committee voted to allow reactivation with the condition that Dr. Allam-Nandyala practice for six months under indirect supervision.

John C. Gunn, M.D. – Training Registration.....3

Issue(s) Disciplinary action by the Kentucky Medical Licensure Board.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, Dr. Cline made a motion to approve the training registration. Dr. Farmer seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

To summarize, the Committee voted to approve the training registration.

Kim P. Eubanks, M.D. – Endorsement.....4

Issue(s) Failure to disclose repeated postgraduate training and probation at University of Tennessee.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion and based on a violation of section 458.331(1)(gg), F.S. Dr. Farmer made a motion to approve the application for licensure with the condition of a corrected application page and a \$500.00 fine. Dr. Chizner seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

To summarize, the Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the condition of a new application fee, corrected application page and a \$500.00 fine.

Devjit Halder, M.D. – Examination.....5

Issue(s) Failure to disclose probation and breaks during medical school, recommendation with reservation from Caritas Health Care Inc. and Forest Park Hospital.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion and based on a violation of section 458.331(1)(gg), F.S. Dr. Cline made a motion to approve the application for licensure with the condition of a new application fee, corrected application page and a \$500.00 fine. Dr. Farmer seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

To summarize, the Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the condition of a new application fee, corrected application page and a \$500.00 fine.

ROBERT CLINE, M.D. —TO INTERVIEW TABS 6-11

Konrad R. Kijewski, M.D. – Endorsement.....7
Issue(s) Positive response to question 33 and 36 on the licensure application.

Accompanied by Judy Rivenbark, M.D., Assistant Medical Director, Professionals Resource Network.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, Dr. Farmer made a motion to approve the application for licensure. Dr. Chizner seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

To summarize, the Committee voted to approve the applicant for licensure.

Jeffrey Loeb, M.D. –Endorsement.....8
Issue(s) Positive response to question 34 on the licensure application.

Accompanied by Judy Rivenbark, M.D., Assistant Medical Director, Professionals Resource Network.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, Dr. Farmer made a motion to approve the application for licensure. Dr. Davies seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

To summarize, the Committee voted to approve the applicant for licensure.

Amy Q. Liu, M.D. – Endorsement.....9
Issue(s) Failure to disclose probation at University of Rochester Medical Center on licensure application.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion and based on a violation of section 458.331(1)(gg), F.S. Dr. Farmer made a motion to approve the application for licensure with the condition of a new application fee, corrected application page and a \$500.00 fine. Dr. Davies seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

To summarize, the Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the conditions of a new application fee, corrected application page and a \$500.00 fine.

Daniel J. Messcher, M.D. –Endorsement.....10
Issue(s) Military Discharge

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, Dr. Farmer made a motion to approve the application for licensure. Dr. Chizner seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

To summarize, the Committee voted to approve the applicant for licensure.

Frank Murphy, M.D. – Examination11
Issue(s) Lack of Medical Practice since May 2000.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter Dr. Davies made a motion to approved the application for licensure with the conditions of obtaining a passing score on the SPEX and completion of 160 hours of board approved CME with in one year of the filing date of the Board Order. Dr. Farmer seconded the motion, which carried 5/0

To summarize, the Committee voted to approve the applicant for licensure with the conditions of the applicant obtaining a passing score on the SPEX and completing 160 hours of board approved CME within 1 year.

LAURIE DAVIES, M.D. —TO INTERVIEW TABS 12-17

Kunal I. Nanavati, M.D. – Examination.....12
Issue(s) Training Requirement pursuant to section 458.311(1)(f)3.c., Florida Statutes.

Represented by Allen Grossman, Esq.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, Dr. Farmer made a motion to approve the application for licensure. Dr. Cline seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

To summarize, the Committee voted to approve the applicant for licensure.

Cynthia B. Pollitt, M.D. – Endorsement.....13
Issue(s) Lack of Medical Practice since March 2001.

Represented by Allen Grossman, Esq.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, Dr. Chizner made a motion to approve the application for licensure. Dr. Farmer seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

To summarize, the Committee voted to approve the applicant for licensure.

Robert T. O’Bannon, M.D. – Endorsement.....14
Issue(s) Failure to disclose suspension from Tufts University on licensure application and less than favorable evaluation from Cleveland Clinic.

The applicant was not present. After discussion, Dr. Farmer made a motion to deny the application for licensure based on a violation of section 458.331(1)(gg), F.S. and a violation of section 456.013(3)(c), F.S. Dr. Cline seconded the motion which carried 5/0.

To summarize, the Committee voted to deny the application for licensure.

Todd W. Robinson, M.D. – Endorsement15
Issue(s) Non-reappointment at Bristol Surgery Center and restrictions on Arkansas medical license.

Accompanied by Judy Rivenbark, M.D., Assistant Medical Director, Professionals Resource Network.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, Dr. Cline made a motion to approve the application for licensure. Dr. Lage seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

To summarize, the Committee voted to approve the applicant for licensure.

Ioni D. Sisodia, M.D. – Endorsement.....16
Issue(s) Conviction following an investigation of billing and coding errors related to Medicaid voucher submissions and if currently under investigation by the Department of Health Office of Professional Medical Conduct.

After receipt of notification from the applicant regarding a pending licensure investigation, Dr. Farmer made a motion to table the application and retain jurisdiction until the New York licensure investigation is complete and require the applicant to appear before the Credentials Committee to discuss the issues involved with the application. Dr. Cline seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

To summarize, the Committee voted to table the application.

Monica Yepes, M.D. – Examination.....17
Issue(s) Training requirements pursuant to section 458.311(1)(f)3.c., Florida Statutes.

Represented by Allen Grossman, Esq.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. Dr. Lage recused herself based upon personal knowledge of the applicant. After discussion, Dr. Farmer made a motion to approve the application for licensure. Dr. Cline seconded the motion, which carried 4/0.

To summarize, the Committee voted to approve the applicant for licensure.

H. FRANK FARMER, JR., M.D. —TO INTERVIEW TABS 18-22

Yoel J. Siegel, M.D. – Examination.....18
Issue(s) Training requirements pursuant to section 458.311(1)(f)3.c., Florida Statutes.

Represented by Allen Grossman, Esq.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, Dr. Chizner made a motion to approve the application for licensure. Dr. Cline seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

To summarize, the Committee voted to approve the applicant for licensure.

Pierre J. Fontaine, M.D. – Temporary Certificate in Area of Critical Need.....19
Issue(s) Medical Education, Postgraduate Training, Activities since 1983, Puerto Rico license and Background check.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, Dr. Davies made a motion to deny the issuance of the temporary certificate based upon a violation of section 458.331(1)(v), F.S., section 458.331(1)(gg), F.S., and section 458.331(1)(c), F.S.

To summarize, the Committee voted to deny the application for licensure.

Michael D. Montgomery, M.D. – Examination.....20
Issue(s) Examination requirements pursuant to section 458.311(1)(h), Florida Statutes.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, Dr. Davies made a motion to approve the application for licensure. Dr. Cline seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

To summarize, the Committee voted to approve the applicant for licensure.

Ricardo E. Huete, M.D. – Endorsement.....21
Issue(s) Petition for Wavier or Variance of rule 64B8-2.001(2),F.A.C..

Represented by Allen Grossman, Esq.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, Dr. Davies made a motion to grant the petition for variance and waiver. Dr. Cline seconded the motion, which carried 5-0. Dr. Davies made a motion to approve the application for licensure. Dr.Farmer seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

To summarize, the Committee voted to grant the petition for variance and waiver and approve the applicant for licensure.

Angelo Consiglio, M.D. – Endorsement.....22
Issue(s) Results of PRN Evaluation

Represented by Monica Rodriguez, Esq.

Accompanied by Judy Rivenbark, M.D., Assistant Medical Director, Professionals Resource Network.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, Dr. Davies made a motion to vacate the Committee’s previous recommendation Dr. Cline seconded the motion, which carried 5/0. Dr. Davies made a motion to approve the application with a condition on the license of requiring a female health care professional chaperone. Dr. Lage seconded the motion, which carried 5/0. Dr. Davies made a motion to allow the applicant to petition the Board to have the condition removed at a subsequent time. Dr.Farmer seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

To summarize, the Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the condition of license of requiring a female health care professional chaperone.

Walter Wayne Wheelhouse, M.D. – Endorsement.....22a
Issue(s) Settlement agreement with the State of Illinois and positive response to question 34 on the licensure application.

Accompanied by Judy Rivenbark, M.D., Assistant Medical Director, Professionals Resource Network.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, Dr. Cline made a motion to approve the application for licensure. Dr. Lage seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

To summarize, the Committee voted to approve the applicant for licensure.

MICHAEL CHIZNER, M.D. —TO INTERVIEW TABS 23-27

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATIONS

Samir H. Haddad, M.D. – Training Registration.....23
Issue(s) Request to withdraw application

The applicant was not present. After discussion, Dr. Cline made a motion to allow the applicant to withdraw his application. Dr. Farmer seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

To summarize, the Committee voted to allow the applicant to withdraw the application.

Jennifer Rodriguez-Ferrer, M.D. – Resident Registration.....24
Issue(s) Pre-Medical Certification issued by Inter American University of Puerto Rico is equivalent to a bachelor’s degree from an accredited U.S. College or University as required by 458.311(3)(a), F.S.

Represented by Monica Rodriguez, Esq.

The applicant was not present. After discussion, Dr. Farmer made a motion to accept the pre-medical certificate and approve the application for licensure. Dr.Davies seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

To summarize, the Committee voted to approve the applicant for licensure.

Malcom Ross Bullock, M.D. – Medical Faculty Certificate..... 24a
Issue(s) Postgraduate training at Southern General Hospital, Glasgow, UK is equivalent to the one year approved postgraduate training requirement pursuant to section 458.3145(1)(d), F.S.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, Dr. Davies made a motion to approve the application for licensure. Dr. Cline seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

To summarize, the Committee voted to approve the applicant for licensure.

INELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Rosetta V. Cannata, M.D. – Endorsement.....25
Issue(s) Requirements for licensure by Endorsement.

The applicant was not present or represented by counsel. After discussion the application was denied based on a violation section 458.331(1)(c), F.S., section 458.331(1)(x), F.S., and section 458.331(1)(nn), F.S.

To summarize, the Committee voted to deny the application for licensure.

Albert Jolivert, M.D. – Endorsement26
Issue(s) Requirements for licensure by Endorsement.

The applicant was not present. After discussion, Dr.Davies made a motion to table the application if the applicant agrees, in writing, to waive the 90 day application consideration time period. If the 90 day time period is not waived, then the application for licensure shall be denied because the applicant does not meet the statutory requirements for licensure. Dr. Cline seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

To summarize, the Committee voted to table the application if the applicant agrees to waive the 90 days. If no waiver is received, then the application will be denied on the grounds that the applicant does not meet the statutory requirements for licensure,

Dinesn K. Ramesh, M.D. – Endorsement.....27
Issue(s) Requirements for Registration Application pursuant to section 458.345(1), F.S.

The applicant was not present nor was he represented by counsel. Dr. Davies made a motion to deny the application for failure to meet section 458.345(1), F.S.. Dr. Cline seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

To summarize, the Committee voted to deny the application.

Sarah Khan, M.D. – Endorsement.....7
Issue(s) Fellowship training at University of Arizona.

The applicant was not present nor was she represented by counsel. Dr. Davies made a motion to deny the application for failing to appear before the Credentials Committee as required by section 456.013(3)(c),F.S. Dr. Farmer seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

To summarize, the Committee voted to deny the application.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Davies raised the issue of continuing to hold the Credentials Committee in conjunction with the full Board of Medicine. The Chairperson of the Committee stated that he wished to continue with the meetings as scheduled presently. After discussion, the Committee decided to continue to hold the Credentials Committee meetings as scheduled; provided that the Committee members receive the meeting materials at least four weeks in advance of the meeting.

ADJOURN:

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.