

**Minutes
Credentials Committee Meeting
Florida Board of Medicine
9:00 a.m.
Rosen Plaza Hotel
9700 International Drive
Orlando, Florida 32819
(407) 996-9700**

Thursday, February 3, 2011

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

Dr. Elizabeth Tucker called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Those present included the following:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth Tucker, M.D. Chair
Robert Nuss, M.D.
Michael Chizner, M.D.,
George Thomas M.D.

STAFF PRESENT:

Chandra Prine, Program Operations Administrator
Whitney Bowen, Regulatory Specialist II

BOARD COUNSEL PRESENT:

Donna McNulty, Assistant Attorney General

MEMBERS ABSENT

Fred Bearison, M.D. Excused

COURT REPORTER

American Court Reporting
425 Old Magnolia Road
Crawfordville, FL 32327
(850)421-0058 Office
(850)421-0256 Fax
Braggd1@aol.com

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Elizabeth Tucker, M.D. —TO INTERVIEW TABS 1-4

Tab 3 Clifton Emerson M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): To discuss Notice of Intent to Approve Licensure with Conditions.

Represented by Allen Grossman, Esq.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve the application for licensure with the condition that his practice of medicine be limited only to consultation with otherwise licensed and qualified health care practitioners and administrative duties. Furthermore, any clinical consultations provided by Dr. Emerson must be in the presence of a physician qualified by licensure to address any emergent development in the condition of the patient so as to assure that Dr. Emerson does not physically participate in performing any procedure or administer any other care being provided to the patient. The motion carried 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the condition that his practice of medicine be limited only to consultation with otherwise licensed and qualified health care

practitioners and administrative duties. Furthermore, any clinical consultations provided by Dr. Emerson must be in the presence of a physician qualified by licensure to address any emergent development in the condition of the patient so as to assure that Dr. Emerson does not physically participate in performing any procedure or administer any other care being provided to the patient.

Tab 4 James Michael Rynerson, M.D – Endorsement

Issue(s): To discuss action by the Kentucky and Tennessee Medical Boards and a medical license denial in the state of Illinois.

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

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure.

Michael Chizner, M.D. —TO INTERVIEW TABS 5-8

Tab 6 Leslie Wagenberg-Grella, M.D – Endorsement

Issue(s): To determine if the requirements pursuant to section 458.313(1)(c), F.S. are met.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to table the application for licensure pending successful completion of the SPEX examination within one year. If the applicant does not pass the SPEX examination within one year time frame, the application is to be resubmitted to the Committee. The motion carried 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to table the application for licensure pending successful completion of the SPEX examination within one year. If the applicant does not pass the SPEX examination within one year, the application is to be resubmitted to the Committee.

Tab 7 Moses Jones Jr., M.D – Endorsement

Issue(s): To discuss malpractice history.

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

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure.

Tab 8 Courtland Munroe, M.D – Endorsement

Issue(s): To determine if the practice requirements pursuant to section 458.313(1)(c), F.S. are met.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to table the application for licensure pending successful completion of additional four months of active licensed practice of medicine. Upon completion the applicant shall submit a letter from his employer, and staff is directed to issue license and submit for ratification at the next meeting of the Board. If applicant fails to complete the practice within the specified time frame, the application is to be resubmitted to the Committee. The motion carried 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to table the application for licensure pending successful completion of additional four months of active licensed practice. Upon completion the applicant shall submit a letter from his employer, and staff is directed to issue license and submit for ratification at the next meeting of the Board. If applicant fails to complete the practice within the specified time frame, the application is to be resubmitted to the Committee.

George Thomas, M.D. – TO INTERVIEW TABS 9-12

Tab 9 Tyson Cobb M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): To discuss action by the Texas and Iowa Medical Boards and suspension of staff privileges at Trinity Iowa Health.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to table the application and request that the applicant undergo a PRN evaluation and appear

with the results of that evaluation before the Credentials Committee meeting within the next six months. The motion carried 4/0. The applicant waived the 90 days for the Board to act on the application.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to request that the applicant undergo a PRN evaluation and appear with the results of that evaluation before the Credentials Committee meeting within the next six months.

Tab 11 Jonathan Wahl, M.D – Endorsement

Issue(s): To discuss medical education and post graduate training.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to accept Dr. Wahl's request to withdraw his application for licensure. The motion carried 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to accept the request for withdrawal of Dr. Wahl's licensure application.

Tab 12 Andrew Jonathan Walford, M.D – Examination

Issue(s): To discuss failure to meet section 458.311 (1) (f) 3.b., F.S., ECFMG certification, and 458.311 (1)(f) F.S., postgraduate training.

Represented by Allen Grossman, Esq.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the application for licensure with the condition that the applicant practice medicine in the state of Florida for at least two years after licensure. The motion carried 4/0.

ACTION: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the condition that the applicant practice medicine in the state of Florida for at least two years after licensure.

Robert Nuss, M.D. —TO INTERVIEW TABS 13-16

Tab 13 Govindarajan Narayanan, M.D. – Examination

Issue(s): To discuss failure to meet section 458.311(1) (h), F.S., national examination.

Represented by Allen Grossman, Esq.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the application for licensure with the condition that the applicant remain on the faculty at one of Florida's medical universities for two years. The motion carried 4/0.

ACTION: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the condition that the applicant remain on the faculty at one of Florida's medical universities for two years.

Tab 14 Ravinder Hilton Singh, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): To discuss positive response to questions on the licensure application.

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

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

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure.

Tab 15 Jose A Alfano, M.D – Endorsement

Issue(s): To discuss the California Medical Board action.

The applicant was not required to be present. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve the application for licensure, which carried 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure.

Tab 16 Marigene Hartker, M.D – Endorsement

Issue(s): To determine if the practice requirements pursuant to section 458.313 (1)(c), F.S., are met

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

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure.

Fred Bearison, M.D. —TO INTERVIEW TABS 17-20

Tab 17 Ajit Chadha, M.D – Endorsement

Issue(s): To discuss termination of staff privileges at Woman and Infants Hospital of Rhode Island.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to table the application and request that the applicant undergo a PRN evaluation and appear with the results of that evaluation before the Credentials Committee meeting within the next six months. The motion carried 4/0. The applicant waived the 90 days for the Board to act on the application.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to request that the applicant undergo a PRN evaluation and appear with the results of that evaluation before the Credentials Committee meeting within the next six months.

Tab 18 Kenneth Koval M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): To discuss action by the New Hampshire Board and malpractice history.

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

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure.

Tab 19 Coralia Roca Medinilla, M.D. - (App for Temp Cert to Practice in an Area of Critical Need)

Issue(s): To determine if section 458.315 (3) (b), F.S. is met.

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

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure.

Individual Considerations

Tab 20 Sunanda Ponnayolu, M.D – Endorsement

Issue(s): To consider request for an extension to pass the SPEX examination.

The applicant was not required to appear. After discussion, a motion was made to accept the applicant's request for an extension to pass the SPEX examination and allow an additional two months. If the applicant passes the examination, staff is to issue the license and submit for ratification at the next meeting of the Board. If applicant fails to complete the SPEX examination within the specified time, the application is to be resubmitted to the Committee. The motion carried 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to accept the applicant's request for an extension to pass the SPEX examination and allow an additional two months. If the applicant passes the SPEX examination, staff is to issue the license and submit for ratification at the next meeting of the Board. If the applicant fails to complete the SPEX examination within the specified time, the application is to be resubmitted to the Committee.

Tab 1 Stephen Gordon Weiss, M.D. - Endorsement

Issue(s): To discuss positive response to a question on the application.

The applicant was not present. A motion was made and seconded to table the application until the next scheduled meeting of the Committee, which carried 5/0.

ACTION: The Committee voted to table the application until the next meeting.

Tab 2 Ayesha Waheed, M.D – Endorsement

Issue(s): To discuss postgraduate training at Loyola University.

The applicant was not present. A motion was made and seconded to table the application until the next scheduled meeting of the Committee, which carried 5/0.

ACTION: The Committee voted to table the application until the next meeting.

Tab 5 Walter Ramiro Rojas, M.D –Examination

Issue(s): To discuss lack of a bachelor's degree from an accredited United States college or university pursuant to section 458.311(3) (a), F.S.

The applicant was not present. A motion was made and seconded to table the application until the next scheduled meeting of the Committee, which carried 5/0.

ACTION: The Committee voted to table the application until the next meeting.

Tab 10 Edward Decter, M.D, – Endorsement

Issue(s): To discuss malpractice history.

The applicant was not present. A motion was made and seconded to table the application until the next scheduled meeting of the Committee, which carried 5/0.

ACTION: The Committee voted to table the application until the next meeting.

ADJOURN: The Committee adjourned at 12:02 p.m.