

**Minutes
Department of Health
Florida Board of Medicine
Credentials Committee Meeting
Marriott Tampa Airport
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February 4, 2010**

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

Dr. George Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Those present included the following:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

George Thomas, M.D. Chairman
Jason Rosenberg, M.D.
Lisa Tucker, M.D. Arrived at 10:45 a.m.
Robert Nuss, M.D.
Michael Chizner, M.D.,

STAFF PRESENT:

Chandra Prine, Program Operations Administrator

BOARD COUNSEL:

Donna McNulty, Assistant Attorney General

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PERSONAL APPEARANCES

GEORGE THOMAS, M.D. —TO INTERVIEW TABS 1-7

Tab 1 Tajammul N. Fazili, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Failure to meet section 458.311(1)(f)3.c., F.S.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, Dr.Nuss made a motion to accept Dr. Fazili's request for withdrawal of his licensure application. Dr. Chizner seconded the motion, which carried 4/0.

ACTION: The Committee voted to accept the request for withdrawal of the licensure application.

Tab 2 Mohamed I. Kably, M.D. – Examination

Issue(s) Training requirement pursuant to section 458.311(1)(f)3.c., F.S.

Represented by Allen R. Grossman, Esq.

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

ACTION: The Committee voted to accept the request for withdrawal of the licensure application.

Tab 3 Dionne L. Hinds, M.D. – Examination

Issue(s) The Federal tax lien filed against you on March 30, 2005.

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 she make timely payments toward her NHSC

student loan and submit documentation of NHSC loan status to the Board office every six months. This condition shall remain for the duration of the NHSC loan obligation period. The motion was seconded, which carried 4/0.

ACTION: The Committee voted to approve licensure with the condition that she makes timely payments toward her NHSC student loan and submit documentation of NHSC loan status to the Board office every six months. This condition shall remain for the duration of the NHSC loan obligation period.

Tab 4 Samir Haddad, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Postgraduate training at Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital.

Applicant was not present. The case was tabled until later in the day.

Tab 5 Ana Cecilia D. Cury, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Training requirement pursuant to section 458.311(f)3.c., F.S.

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

ACTION: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure.

Tab 6 Imran A. Khan, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Failure to provide proof of an active license to practice medicine in Dubai pursuant to section 458.313(1)(c), F.S.

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

ACTION: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure.

Tab 7 Brent J. Stabler, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Failure to disclose probation and repeated test/exams during medical school on the licensure application.

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 of a corrected application page. The motion was seconded, which carried 4/0.

ACTION: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the condition of a corrected application page.

Tab 7A Edgardo Castillo-Nieves, M.D. – Examination/5th Pathway

Issue(s) If the applicant meets section 458.311(3)(a), F.S., a bachelor's degree from an accredited United States College or University.

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

ACTION: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure.

ROBERT NUSS, M.D. —TO INTERVIEW TABS 14-19

Tab 14 Deepak Raja, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Failure to disclose probation at Veterans Hospital and UAB Hospital.

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. Thomas seconded the motion, which carried 4/0.

ACTION: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure.

Tab 15 Arron A. Amos, M.D. – Examination

Issue(s) Medical education, postgraduate training and student loan status.

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

ACTION: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure.

Tab 16 Luis A. Aponte, M.D. – 5th Pathway

Issue(s) Failure to meet section 458.311(3)(a), F.S.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion a motion was made to table the application and allow the applicant to obtain a Pre-Medical Certificate from the University of the Sacred Heart, San Juan, P.R. and correct question number 21 on the licensure application. Upon receipt the application is to be resubmitted to the Committee as an individual consideration item. The applicant waived the 90 days for the Board to act on the application. The motion was seconded, which carried 4/0

ACTION: The Committee voted to table the application to allow the applicant to obtain a Pre-Medical Certificate from the University of the Sacred Heart, San Juan, P.R. and correct question number 21 on the licensure application. Upon receipt the application is to be resubmitted to the Committee as an individual consideration item.

Tab 17 Gopal Nigam, M.D. – Examination

Issue(s) Request for reconsideration of the Board's Order on 4/23/09.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discuss a motion was made that the conditions outlined in the Board's Order have been met. The motion was seconded, which carried 5/0

ACTION: The Committee voted that the conditions outlined in the Board's Order have been met.

Tab 18 Jonathan T. Lord, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Practice requirement pursuant to section 458.313(1)(c), 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 19 William S. Curtsinger, M.D. – Examination

Issue(s) Postgraduate training at Jewish Hospital of Cincinnati and University of Kansas Medical Center.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, Dr. Tucker made a motion to approve the application for licensure with the condition of a corrected application page and a \$2,000.00 fine. Dr. Rosenberg seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

ACTION: The Committee voted to approve to approve the application for licensure with the condition of a corrected application page and a \$2,000.00 fine.

Tab 19A Joseph Rosado, M.D. – Area of Critical Need

Issue(s) Action by the State of Utah Department of Commerce

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

ACTION: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure.

MICHAEL CHIZNER, M.D. —TO INTERVIEW TABS 20-25

Tab 20 Sunanda Ponnayolu, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Failure to meet the practice requirement pursuant to section 458.313(1)(c), F.S.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. Dr. Tucker made a motion to table the application and allow the applicant to take and pass the SPEX or Specialty Board Recertification examination within one year. Upon passage the application is to be resubmitted to the Committee as an individual consideration item. The applicant waived the 90 days for the Board to act on the application. Dr. Thomas seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

ACTION: The Committee voted to table the application to allow the applicant to take and pass the SPEX or Specialty Board Recertification examination within one year. Upon passage of the examination the application is to be resubmitted to the Committee as an individual consideration item.

Tab 21 Mary L. Tobin, M.D. – Limited License

Issue(s) Lack of practice since 2004, pursuant to section 458.317(1)(c), F.S.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, Dr. Tucker made a motion to grant the application for licensure with the condition of six months of indirect supervision. The Committee voted to approve Heidar Hershmati, M.D., Director of the Brevard County Health Department, as her supervisor. The motion was seconded, which carried 5/0.

ACTION: The Committee voted to grant the application for licensure with the condition of six months of indirect supervision. The Committee voted to approve Heidar Hershmati, M.D., Director of the Brevard County Health Department, as her supervisor.

Tab 22 Samuel S. Mandel , M.D. – Limited License

Issue(s) Lack of practice since 1999, pursuant to section 458.317(1)(c), F.S.

The applicant was not present. Dr. Mandel submitted a letter indicating that he could not travel for an interview and if he could not have the interview in his home town he would like to withdraw his application. After discussion, Dr. Tucker made a motion to accept Dr. Mandel's request for withdrawal of his licensure application. Dr. Rosenberg seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

ACTION: The Committee voted to accept the request for withdrawal of the licensure application.

Tab 23 Adil Shujaat, M.D. –Endorsement

Issue(s) Criminal conviction and action by the State of New York.

Dr. Nuss requested to be recused.

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

ACTION: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure.

Tab 24 Bharati V. Turakhia, M.D. –Endorsement

Issue(s) The uniform unlicensed activity issued by Florida Department of Health.

The applicant was not present. After discussion, Dr. Rosenberg made a motion to deny the application for licensure for failure to appear before the Credentials Committee pursuant to Section 456.013(3)(c),F.S. Dr. Tucker seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

ACTION: The Committee voted to deny the application for licensure for failure to appear before the Credentials Committee pursuant to Section 456.013(3)(c),F.S.

Tab 25 Andrew T. Zabinski, M.D. –Endorsement

Issue(s) Failure to disclose probation and repeated medical education on the licensure application and to determine if the applicant was required to repeat any postgraduate training.

Represented by Allen R. Grossman, Esq.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, Dr. Tucker made a motion to approve the application for licensure with the condition of a \$1,000.00 fine. The motion was seconded, which carried 3/2.

ACTION: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the condition of a \$1,000.00 fine.

ELIZABETH TUCKER, M.D. —TO INTERVIEW TABS 8-13

Tab 8 Izidore S. Lossos, M.D. – Examination

Issue(s) Failure to meet section 458.311(1)(h), F.S.

Represented by Allen Grossman, Esq.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, Dr. Thomas made a motion to approve the application for licensure with the condition that the applicant remain on the faculty of one of Florida's allopathic or osteopathic medical universities for two years. Dr. Nuss seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

ACTION: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the condition that the applicant remain on faculty at one of Florida's Medical universities for 2 years.

Tab 9 Samantha S. Lindsay, M.D. – Examination

Issue(s) Request for Petition for Variance or Waiver of rule 64B8-4.018, F.A.C.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, Dr. Thomas made a motion to approve the Petition for Variance or Waiver and to approve the application for licensure. Dr. Nuss seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

ACTION: The Committee voted to approve the Petition for Variance or Waiver and to approve the application for licensure.

Tab 10 Neil S. Sadick, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Failure to disclose accurate information on the licensure application.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, Dr. Thomas made a motion to approve the application for licensure with the condition of a \$500.00 fine. The motion was seconded, which carried 5/0.

ACTION: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the condition of a \$500.00 fine.

Tab 11 Francisco Carbon, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Failure to disclose malpractice on the licensure application.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, Dr. Nuss made a motion to approve the application for licensure with the condition of a \$500.00 fine. The motion was seconded, which carried 5/0.

ACTION: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the condition of a \$500.00 fine.

Tab 12 Victor J. Stiebel, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Failure to disclose repeated test/exams on the licensure application.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, Dr. Thomas made a motion to approve the application for licensure with the condition of submitting corrected application pages for questions 12(b) and 21(a). The motion was seconded, which carried 5/0.

ACTION: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the condition of submitting corrected application pages for questions 12(b) and 21(a).

Tab 13 Jeffrey A. Gelber, M.D. – 5th Pathway

Issue(s) Action by the state of New York Department of Health.

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

ACTION: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure.

Tab 13A Joyce M. Cortes, M.D. – Reactivation

Issue(s) The ability to practice with the care and skill sufficient to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.

The licensee was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve the application for reactivation of her license.

ACTION: The Committee voted to approve the application reactivation of her license.

Tab 4 Samir Haddad, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Postgraduate training at Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital.

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.

GEORGE THOMAS, M.D. —TO INTERVIEW TABS 26-29

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATIONS

Tab 26 Micha Y. Shamir, M.D. –Medical Faculty Certificate

Issue(s) If postgraduate training in Israel is equivalent to the one year residency requirement pursuant to section 458.3145(1)(d), F.S.

Represented by Monica Rodriguez, Esq.

The applicant was not present. After discussion, Dr. Nuss made a motion to approve the application for licensure. Dr. Tucker seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

ACTION: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure.

Tab 27 Narendra Nathoo, M.D. –Endorsement

Issue(s) To consider the request to withdraw licensure application.

The applicant was not present. After discussion, a motion was made to accept Dr. Nathoo's request for withdrawal of his licensure application. The motion was seconded, which carried 4/0.

ACTION: The Committee voted to accept the request for withdrawal of the licensure application.

Tab 28 Narendra M. Kini, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) To consider request for Petition for Variance or Waiver.

Represented by Allen R. Grossman, Esq.

The applicant was not present. After discussion, Dr. Nuss made a motion to approve the Petition for Variance or Waiver and to approve the application for licensure. Dr. Chizner seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

ACTION: The Committee voted to approve the Petition for Variance or Waiver and to approve the application for licensure.

Tab 29 Houshang Farahvar, M.D. –Endorsement

Issue(s) To consider request for Petition for Variance or Waiver of rule 64B8-4.010, F.A.C.

The applicant was not present. After discussion, Dr. Thomas made a motion to approve the Petition for Variance or Waiver and to approve the application for licensure. Dr. Nuss seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

ACTION: The Committee voted to approve the Petition for Variance or Waiver and to approve the application for licensure.

NEW BUSINESS

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.