

MINUTES
Credentials Committee Meeting
Florida Board of Medicine
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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 9:00 a.m. Those present included the following:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Chandra Prine, Program Operations Administrator

BOARD COUNSEL:

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PERSONAL APPEARANCES

9:00 a.m.

MICHAEL CHIZNER, M.D. LED THE DISCUSSION ON TABS 1-10

Tab 1 Andrew J. Appel, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Action taken by the Arizona Medical Board.

Represented by Allen Grossman, Esq.

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

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

Tab 2 Odean M. Severseike, M.D. – Limited License

Issue(s) The lack of practice since 2000 pursuant to section 458.317(1)(c), F.S.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, Dr. Cline made a motion to approve the applicant for licensure with the condition of six months of indirect supervision. Approval of the supervisor and practice plan shall be approved by the Chairman of the Credentials Committee. Dr. Tucker seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

ACTION: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the condition of six months of indirect supervision.

Tab 3 Phillip M. Bruner, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Past discipline against previous Florida license, positive response to questions 33, 36, and staff privileges at Monroe Regional Medical Center.

Accompanied by Raymond Pomm, M.D., Medical Director, Professionals Resource Network.

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. Cline seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

ACTION: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure

Tab 4 Aric M. Doanes, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Failure to disclose probation at Erie County Medical Center on licensure application.

Represented by Richard Brooderson, 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 corrected application page. Dr. Thomas seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

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

Tab 5 Luqman K. Dabiri, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Evaluation and recommendation from the Professional Resource Network.

Represented by Albert Van Lare, Esq.

Accompanied by Raymond Pomm, M.D., 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 with a condition of one year direct supervision by a board certified specialist. Temporary approval of the practice plan and the supervisor may be granted by the Chairman of the Probation Committee. Dr. Tucker seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

ACTION: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with condition of one year direct supervision by a board certified specialist.

Tab 6 Miami Mission Rescue – Request to approve as a Area Critical Need Facility

Issue(s) Request to have Miami Rescue Mission approved by the Board pursuant to section 458.317(1)2(d).

Ronald Brummitt, President, Miami Mission Rescue and Pete A. Gutierrez, M.D. were present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion Dr. Cline made a motion to approve the facility as an area of critical need.

ACTION: The Committee voted to approve the Miami Mission Rescue as an area of critical need facility.

Tab 7 Sadiq J. Al-Nakeeb, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Petition for Variance or Waiver of Rule 64B8-4.009(5), F.A.C.,

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

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

The Committee requested staff to explore how personal appearances can be waived when an applicant files a Petition for Variance or Waiver for lack of medical school verification. The Committee felt that the Petition can be handled without having the applicant appear.

Tab 8 Joanne K. Levine, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Practice requirement pursuant to section 458.313(1)(c), F.S.

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. Tucker seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

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

Tab 9 Amer J. Khan, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Request for reconsideration on licensure application.

The applicant was not present. After discussion Dr. Tucker made a motion to deem the request for reconsideration moot because the required information has been received. The motion was seconded and carried 5/0. Dr. Thomas made a motion to approve the application for licensure. Dr. Nuss seconded the motion and it carried 5/0

ACTION: the Committee voted to deem the request for reconsideration moot and to approve the application for licensure.

Tab 10 Mauricio E. Rangel, M.D. – Restricted License

Issue(s) Licensure application.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After much discussion Dr, Cline made a motion to grant licensure with the condition that the applicant practice at an approved area of critical need facility for five years. The motion was seconded and carried 5/0.

ACTION: the Committee voted to grant licensure with the condition that the applicant practice at an approved area of critical need facility for five years.

Tab 10A Alexandra Taylor, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Request for reconsideration on your licensure application.

Represented by Allen Grossman, Esq.

The applicant was present. After discussion Dr. Chizner made a motion to reconsider the applicant. The motion was seconded and carried 5/0. Dr. Tucker made a motion to approve the applicant for licensure without conditions. Dr. Nuss seconded the motion and it carried 5/0

ACTION: the Committee voted to grant the request for reconsideration and to approve the application for licensure.

Tab 10B Sook Marino, M.D. – Reactivation

Issue(s) Reactivation request for licensure.

Case was placed on the agenda in error. No action needed.

ROBERT CLINE, M.D. — LED THE DISCUSSION ON TABS 11-21

Tab 11 Venkata K. Pothuraju, M.D. – Examination

Issue(s) Postgraduate training at the Memorial Medical Center.

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. Tucker seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

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

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Tab 12 Rispa N. McCray-Garrison, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Medical education, postgraduate training and failure to disclose probation during medical school on the licensure application.

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. Dr. Thomas seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

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

Tab 13 Juan M. Young, M.D. – Certificate in Area of Critical Need

Issue(s) To determine if letters of recommendation meet the requirement of Rule 64B-4.009(3), F.A.C. and to discuss activities in Florida.

Represented by Allen 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. Dr. Chizner seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

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

Tab 14 Corey E. Roman, M.D. – Examination

Issue(s) Termination from Ohio Medical Center.

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. Tucker seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

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

Tab 15 Susan Bard, M.D. – Examination

Issue(s) Employment at the University of Miami and to determine if registration was required pursuant to section 458.345, FS. to perform duties as a fellow.

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 5/0.

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

Tab 16 Francisco J. Tapanes, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Failure to meet sections 458.311(1)(f) 3.c. and 458.313(b), F.S.

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

ACTION: the Committee voted to allow Dr. Tapanes to withdraw his application for licensure.

Tab 17 Ralph Drosten, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Training requirement pursuant to section 458.311(1)(f) 3.c., F.S. and Rule 64B8-4.004(2), F.A.C.

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. Nuss seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

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

Tab 18 Antoine Y. Demosthene, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Petition for Variance and Waiver of Rule 64B8-2.001(2), F.A.C.

Represented by James Jean- Francois, Esq.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, Dr. Tucker made a motion to approve the Petition for Wavier or Variance 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 Wavier or Variance and to approve the application for licensure.

Tab 19 Felipe G. Gercovich, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Petition for Wavier or Variance of Rule 64B8-4.009(5) F.A.C. and training requirement pursuant to section 458.311(1)(f) 3.c., F.S.

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

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

Tab 20 Sasha B. Grek, M.D. – Examination

Issue(s) Positive response to questions 13a-c, 16d, 16e, 30, 31, 33, and 36 on the licensure application.

Accompanied by Raymond Pomm, M.D., Medical Director, Professionals Resource Network.

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.

Tab 21 Dong P. Tran, M.D. – Examination

Issue(s) Criminal background check.

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 that the applicant file a corrected application page and pay a \$1,000.00 fine. Dr. Chizner seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

ACTION: the Committee voted to approve licensure with the condition that the applicant file a corrected application page and pay a \$1,000.00 fine.

Tab 21A Abdorasool Janati, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Petition for Wavier or Variance of Rule 64B8-4.009(4)(5) F.A.C. and to discuss the conviction of medicine fraud, and action by the Virginia Board.

Represented by Shiela Oretsky, Esq. (phonetic)

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

ACTION: the Committee voted to allow Dr. Janati to withdraw his application for licensure.

ELIZABETH TUCKER, M.D. — LED THE DISCUSSION ON TABS 22-31

Tab 30 Robert F. Hofmann, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Action taken by the Texas Medical Board.

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. Thomas seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

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

Tab 22 Bruce R. Noll, M.D. - Examination

Issue(s) Petition for Variance or Waiver 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. Cline made a motion to approve the Petition for Wavier or Variance and approve the applicant for licensure. Dr. Nuss seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

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

Tab 23 Jang I. Moon, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Failure to meet section 458.313(1)(a), 458.311(f)3.c. and 458.313(1)(b), F.S.

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 with the restriction he remains at one of Florida’s Medical schools for two years. The motion was seconded and carried 5/0.

ACTION: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the restriction he remain at one of Florida’s Medical schools for two years.

Tab 24 Robert L. Cirillo, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Failure to comply with the Board of Medicine’s Final Order filed on 8/30/99, verification of staff privileges at John Archbold Memorial Hospital, action by the North Carolina and Virginia Board of Medicine and Malpractice cases.

Represented by W. Dave Watkins, Esq.

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

ACTION: the Committee voted to allow Dr. Cirillo to withdraw his application for licensure.

Tab 25 Kenneth W. Pierini, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Petition for Variance of Waiver of Rule 64B8-2.001(2), F.A.C.

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

ACTION: the Committee voted to allow Dr. Pierini to withdraw his Petition for Variance and Waiver and his application for licensure.

Tab 26 Felipe R. Valencia, M.D. – Examination.

Issue(s) Lack of valid ECFMG certificate and two years approved training in one specialty area pursuant to section 458.311(1)(f)3b and 3.c., F.S.

Represented by Allen Grossman, Esq.

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

ACTION: the Committee voted to allow Dr. Valencia to withdraw his application for licensure.

Tab 27 Armando A. Doval, M.D. – Examination

Issue(s) Lack of undergraduate degree pursuant to section 458.311(3)(a), F.S.

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. Nuss seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

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

Tab 28 Saied Talaie, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Petition for Variance or Waiver of Rule 64B8-4.009(5), F.A.C.

Represented by Allen Grossman, Esq.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, Dr. Cline made a motion to approve the Petition for Wavier or Variance 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 Wavier or Variance and to approve the application for licensure.

Tab 29 Randall A. Brown, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Positive response to questions 16d, 16e, 17d, 23, 24, 33, and 34 of the licensure application.

Accompanied by Raymond Pomm, M.D., Medical Director, Professionals Resource Network.

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. Cline seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

ACTION: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure

Tab 31 Kyoko Soejima, M.D. – Endorsement

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

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

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

Tab 31A Peter Foster, M.D. – Examination

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

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. Thomas seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

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

MICHAEL CHIZNER, M.D. LED THE DISCUSSION ON TABS 32-34

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATIONS

Tab 32 Good Samaritan Health Clinic of Pasco, Inc. – New Port Richey – Area of Critical Need

Issue(s) Ratification of Temporary approval as an area of critical need facility.

A motion was made and seconded to ratify Good Samaritan Health Clinic of Pasco, Inc. – New Port Richey as an area of critical need facility. The motion was seconded and carried 5/0

ACTION: The Committee voted to ratify Good Samaritan Health Clinic of Pasco, Inc. – New Port Richey as an area of critical need facility.

Tab 33 St. Thomas Aquinas Free Medical Clinic – St. Cloud – Area of Critical Need

Issue(s) Ratification of Temporary approval as an area of critical need facility.

A motion was made and seconded to ratify Thomas Aquinas Free Medical Clinic – St. Cloud as an area of critical need facility. The motion was seconded and carried 5/0

ACTION: The Committee voted to ratify Thomas Aquinas Free Medical Clinic – St. Cloud as an Area of Critical Need facility.

Tab 34 Jorge A. Infante-Mendez, M.D. – Medical Faculty Certificate

Issue(s) Postgraduate training meets the requirements pursuant to section 458.3145(1)(d), F.S.

The applicant was not present. After discussion a motion was made to approve Medical Faculty Certificate. The motion was seconded and carried 5/0.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Tab 35 Training Program Evaluations

The Committee was presented with a copy of a recent change to the Osteopathic Medicine statute that allows the Osteopathic Board to deny licensure to an applicant if the applicant receives a less than satisfactory evaluation from the applicant's postgraduate training program. ((459.0055)(1)(h), F.S.) After discussion the Committee voted to request that the same language be incorporated in the medical licensure statute and recommends that this language be added to the Board of Medicine's legislative packet.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.