

Minutes
Credentials Committee Meeting
Florida Board of Medicine
Marriott West Palm Beach
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West Palm Beach, FL 33401
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April 3, 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 9:00 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.

STAFF PRESENT:

Chandra Prine, Program Operations Administrator

BOARD COUNSEL:

Deborah Loucks, Assistant Attorney General

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PERSONAL APPEARANCES

9:00 a.m.

MICHAEL CHIZNER, M.D. —TO INTERVIEW TABS 1-2

Tab 1 - Emmanuel Noel, M.D. – Temporary Certificate in Area of Critical Need

Issue(s) Postgraduate training and lack of medical practice:

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 because the Committee determined after oral examination that the applicant did not demonstrate the competence as required by section 458.315(2), F.S.

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

Tab 2 - Jose L. Lizardi, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Licensure action by the State of New York:

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. Farmer seconded the motion, which carried 4/1.

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

LAURIE DAVIES, M.D. —TO INTERVIEW TABS 3-5

Tab 3 - Douglas L. Bechard, 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. Farmer seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

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

Tab 4 - Ruth Dupont, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Lack of practice since 1999 and practice requirement pursuant to section 458.313(1)(c), F.S.:

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

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

Tab 5 - Fernando Santiago Rivera, 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 with a friendly amendment by Dr. Davies to approve with the condition Dr. Rivera submits proof of 160 hours of AMA approved Category 1 CME. Dr. Chizner seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

To summarize, the Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the condition that Dr. Rivera submit proof of 160 hours of AMA approved Category 1 CME.

H. FRANK FARMER, JR., M.D. —TO INTERVIEW TABS 6-8

Tab 6 - Mario R. Pineda, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Positive response to question #34 on the licensure application and malpractice cases:

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

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

Tab 7 - Norman B. Clinkscapes, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Staff privileges at Tuomey Hospital, action by the states of South Carolina, North Carolina, Iowa, Tennessee, Georgia and malpractice cases:

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

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

Tab 8 - Richard M. Blecha, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Positive response to question #34 on the licensure application and malpractice cases:

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. Davis 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.

ONELIA LAGE, M.D. —TO INTERVIEW TABS 9-11

Tab 9 - Lugman K. Dabiri, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Lack of practice and action by the General Medical Council of England:

Accompanied by Albert Van-Lare, Esq. New York, NY

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, Dr. Farmer made a motion to table the application pending more information regarding the suspension of Dr. Dabiri's England medical license, information from ECFMG regarding the examination irregularities and letters Dr. Dabiri referenced in his testimony. The applicant agrees, to waive the 90 day application consideration time period. Dr. Cline seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

To summarize, table the application pending more information regarding the suspension of Dr. Dabiri's England medical license, information from ECFMG regarding the examination irregularities and letters Dr. Dabiri referenced in his testimony

Tab 10 - Byron J. Burks, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) The University of Florida CARES evaluation and recommendation:

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, Dr. Davis 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.

Tab 11 - Gabriel G. Florez, M.D. – Temporary Certificate in Area of Critical Need

Issue(s) Postgraduate training and lack of medical practice:

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 because the Committee determined after oral examination that the applicant did not demonstrate the competence as required by section 458.315(2), F.S.

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

ROBERT CLINE, M.D. —TO INTERVIEW TABS 12-14

Tab 12 - Samuel J. Lang, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Malpractice cases.

The applicant was not present. Ms. Prine advised the Committee of Dr. Lang's inability to appear and request to be rescheduled for the next meeting of the Committee. Dr. Davies made a motion to table the application at the next scheduled meeting of the Committee. Dr. Farmer seconded the motion, which carried 5/0. Dr. Davies requested staff advise Dr. Lang that the Committee will need information from his attorneys regarding the current status of his malpractice cases.

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

Tab 13 - Miriam C. Zolfoghary, M.D. – Examination

Issue(s) Positive response to questions #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. 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

Tab 14 - Gerald I. Busch, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Texas Board action and malpractice cases.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, Dr. Davies made a motion to approve the application for licensure with the condition of a corrected application page, application fee and a \$500.00 fine. Dr. Lage seconded the motion, which failed 3/2. Dr. Farmer made a motion to approve pending a corrected application page. Dr. Chizner seconded the motion, which carried 4/1.

To summarize, the Committee voted to approve the applicant for licensure with a corrected application page.

MICHAEL CHIZNER, M.D. —TO INTERVIEW TABS 15-16

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATIONS

Tab 15 - Prabhu D. Negi, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Request for petition wavier or variance of rule 64B8-4.009(5) F.A.C.:

The applicant was not present. After discussion, Dr. Farmer made a motion to grant the request for petition of waiver and grant licensure. The motion was seconded and carried 5/0.

To summarize, the Committee voted to grant the request for petition of waiver and grant licensure.

Tab 16 - Amer Y. Khan, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s) Request for petition wavier or variance of rule 64B8-4.009(5) F.A.C.:

The applicant was not present. After discussion, Dr. Farmer made a motion to deny the request for petition of waiver due to not being in the proper format and table the application in order to request verification of medical education received by the Illinois Board of Medicine. The motion was seconded and carried 5/0.

To summarize, the Committee voted to deny the request for petition of waiver due to not being in the proper format and table the application in order to request verification of medical education received by the Illinois Board of Medicine.

Tab 17 - St. Vincent de Paul Community Health Clinic

Issue(s) Ratification of Approval

After discussion, Dr. Farmer made a motion to approve St. Vincent de Paul Community Health Clinic as a Area of Critical Need Facility. The motion was seconded and carried 5/0.

NEW BUSINESS

Adjournment:

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.