

**Credentials Committee Meeting  
Florida Board of Medicine  
Embassy Suites  
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June 2, 2011  
9:00 am**

To accommodate individuals required to appear before the Committee, the Chairman may adjust 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 9:00 a.m. Those present included the following:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Elizabeth Tucker, M.D. Chair  
Robert Nuss, M.D.  
Merle P. Stringer, M.D.  
George Thomas M.D.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Chandra Prine, Program Operations Administrator  
Joy A. Tootle, Executive Director

**BOARD COUNSEL PRESENT:**

Donna McNulty, Assistant Attorney General

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Fred Bearison, M.D.

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**PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

**Elizabeth Tucker, M.D. —TO INTERVIEW TABS 1 - 9A**

Tab 1 Ayesha Waheed, M.D. – Examination

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

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 2 Mahmoud Ismail Ali, 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 3 Michael Bloss, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to disclose staff privilege restrictions at Oliveview-UCLA Medical Center on the licensure application.

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 4 Edward Merrill Decter, 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 5 Randolph Robertson, 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 6 Hai Nguyen, 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 7 Sara Rinck, M.D. – Endorsement

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

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

Action Taken: The Committee voted to waive the required appearance and approve the application for licensure.

Tab 8 Hashim Raza, M.D. - Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to disclose probation and leave of absence during postgraduate training at the University of Pittsburg Medical Center on the licensure application.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the application for licensure conditioned upon a corrected application page and payment of a \$500.00 fine.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure conditioned upon a corrected application page and payment of a \$500.00 fine.

Tab 9 Jeffrey Joseph Aufman, M.D. - Examination

Issue(s): To discuss postgraduate training at the University of South Florida, Department of Pathology.

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 9A James F Adams, 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.

**George Thomas, M.D. – TO INTERVIEW TABS 10 - 18A**

Tab 10 William Kelley, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): To discuss employment at Charles Cole Memorial Hospital.

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 11 Kathleen Williams, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): To discuss action by the Kansas State Board of Medicine.

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 12 Shareen Ismail, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): To discuss postgraduate training at The University of Illinois at Chicago.

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 3/0. Dr. Nuss was recused.

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

Tab 13 Janak Bhavsar, 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 3/0.

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

Tab 14 David Whitman Shoemaker, M.D – Endorsement

Issue(s) To discuss action by the Oregon, Washington, Illinois and New York Medical Boards.

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 Maritza Cortes, M.D - Temporary Certificate to Practice in an Area of Critical Need

Issue(s): To discuss lack of active practice during the prior three years pursuant to section 458.315 (3)(b), F.S.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve licensure with the condition she pass either the USMLE III or the SPEX examination within one year and practice under direct supervision for six months. The supervisor must be certified by the American Board of Family Medicine. The Committee voted to delegate to the Chair of the Credentials Committee the authority to approve the supervisor. Upon completion of six months supervision, the

supervisor shall submit a report indicating the physician is acceptable for unsupervised practice. The motion carried 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the condition she pass either the USMLE III or the SPEX examination within one year and practice under direct supervision for six months. The supervisor must be certified by the American Board of Family Medicine. The Committee voted to delegate to the Chair of the Credentials Committee the authority to approve the supervisor. Upon completion of six months supervision the supervisor shall submit a report indicating the physician is acceptable for unsupervised practice

Tab 16 Donald Feinsod, 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 17 Sigfredo Acevedo, M.D. - Temporary Certificate to Practice in an Area of Critical Need

Issue(s): To discuss lack of active practice during the prior three years pursuant to section 458.315 (3)(b), F.S.

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 of indirect supervision for six months, which carried 4/0. The Committee voted to delegate to the Chair of the Credentials Committee the authority to approve the supervisor.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the condition of indirect supervision for six months. The Committee voted to delegate to the Chair of the Credentials Committee the authority to approve the supervisor.

Tab 18 Maximina Boutselis, 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 18A Carlos Manuel Coelho Fernandes, M.D. – Medical Faculty Certificate

Issue(s): To discuss the investigation by the Health Professions of South Africa and to determine if the training requirement pursuant to section 458.3145(1)(d), F.S. has been 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 3/0. Dr. Nuss was recused

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

**Robert Nuss, M.D. —TO INTERVIEW TABS 18B-26**

Tab 18B Thom E. Lobe, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): To discuss action by the Iowa Board of Medicine.

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 Mario Hernandez-Mendez, M.D. – Endorsement

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

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 he successfully complete his Family Practice residency and submit a copy of the certificate. In addition he must submit a letter from the program chair with a favorable recommendation for licensure, which carried 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the condition he successfully complete his Family Practice residency and submit a copy of the certificate. In addition he must submit a letter from the program chair with a favorable recommendation for licensure,

Tab 20 John Neher, M.D. – Endorsement

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

Represented by Virgil Light, 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 he passes either the SPEX or specialty board recertification examination within 18 months, which carried 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the condition he passes either the SPEX or specialty board recertification examination within 18 months.

Tab 21 Ashish Sabharwal, M.D. – Examination

Issue(s): To determine if the training requirement pursuant to section 458.3145(1)(d), F.S. has been 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 3/0. Dr. Thomas was recused

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

Tab 22 Gaetano Morea, 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 23 Olga Ivanov, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to disclose probation at Loyola University on the license application.

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 pending a corrected application page, which carried 4/0.

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

Tab 24 Gerardo Garcia, 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

Tabled until later in the day.

Tab 25 Tariq Hamid, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): To determine if question numbers 13a and 13b on the licensure application should have been answered yes.

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 26 James Davis, M.D – Examination

Issue(s): To discuss action by the Ohio and Mississippi Medical Boards.

Represented by Allen R. 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, which carried 4/0.

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

**INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

**Elizabeth Tucker, M.D. —TO INTERVIEW TABS 27-30**

Tab 27 Amr Badawy, M.D. – Endorsement

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

The applicant was not present. After discussion, a motion was made to grant the Petition for Variance or Waiver and approve the application for licensure. The motion was seconded, which carried 4/0.

Action Taken The Committee voted to grant the Petition for Variance or Waiver and approved the application for licensure.

Tab 28 Quan Nguyen, M.D. – Endorsement

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

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

Action Taken The Committee voted to grant the Petition for Variance or Waiver and approved the application for licensure.

Tab 28A Luis Alberto Velazques, M.D. – Examination

Issue(s): Failure to disclose probation on the Resident Registration and Examination applications.

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 pending a corrected Examination application page and Resident Registration application page, which carried 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with a corrected Examination application page and Resident Registration application page,

Tab 29 Laurence Wynn, M.D. – Endorsement

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

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

Action Taken The Committee voted to accept the request for withdrawal of the licensure application.

Tab 24 Gerardo Garcia, 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.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Tab 30 A Discussion of Ineligible Applicants

After discussion regarding ineligible applicants the Committee requested staff present applicant as individual consideration and not require the applicant to appear although applicants are permitted to appear if they choose.

Dr. Thomas requested that proposed legislative licensure language have similar language as the osteopathic licensure statute regarding physicians who complete postgraduate training with less than favorable evaluations.

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