

**Florida Board of Medicine
Credentials Committee Meeting
Embassy Suites
9300 Baymeadows Road
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August 4, 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. Robert Nuss called the meeting to order at 9:00a.m. Those present included the following:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth Tucker, M.D. Chair Arrived 10 17a.m.
Robert Nuss, M.D.
Merle Stringer, M.D.,
Fred Bearison, M.D.
James Orr, M.D.

STAFF PRESENT:

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

BOARD COUNSEL PRESENT:

Donna McNulty, Assistant Attorney General

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PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Merle Stringer, M.D. —To Interview Tabs 9-16

Tab 9 – F. Scott Sherman, M.D. - Endorsement

Issue(s): Positive response to question 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 10 – Fred Cesar, M.D. - Examination

Issue(s): Postgraduate training at The University of Kansas School of Medicine and student loans.

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, which carried 4/0.

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 11 – Anup Bhushan, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to disclose repeated medical education.

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 – Miguel A. Chavez, Jr., M.D. – Resident Registration

Issue(s): Positive responses 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. The Committee approved issuance of the registration effective August 4, 2011.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure and issue the registration effect August 4, 2011.

Tab 13 – Patricia I. Ordorica, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): To determine if applicant meets the practice requirement pursuant to Section 458.313(1)(c), Florida Statutes.

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 she passes the SPEX examination within six months, which carried 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the condition she passes the SPEX examination within six months.

Tab 14 – Andres R. Ticzon, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): 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 15 - Barbara M. Jaeger, M.D. - Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to disclose probation and suspension at the University of Colorado.
Represented by Tim Cerio, 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.

Tab 16 – Derrick D. Cox, M.D. Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to disclose repeated medical education 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 with the condition of submitting a corrected application page, which carried 4/0.

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

Robert Nuss, M.D. —To Interview Tabs 17-24

Tab 17 – Mohammed R. Shareef, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to disclose probation at Advocate General Children's Hospital.

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 with the conditions of submitting a corrected application page and payment of a \$2,000.00 fine, which carried 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the conditions of submitting a corrected application page and payment of a \$2,000.00 fine.

Tab 18 – Manuel Alejandro Gonzalez, M.D. – Examination

Issue(s): Criminal conviction.

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 19 – Gregory M. Cowan, M.D. – Examination

Issue(s): Failure to disclose probation at the University of Texas.

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 20 – Niraj P. Pandit, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Positive responses to questions on the licensure application.

Represented by Allen Grossman, Esq.

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 21 – Charles Bryan, M.D. - Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to disclose a misdemeanor conviction.

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 5/0.

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

Tab 22 – Tessa E. Wigger, M.D. - Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to disclose probation at University of South Alabama.

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 5/0. Dr. Bearison was recused.

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

Tab 23 – Mukunda B. Ray, M.D. - Endorsement

Issue(s): To determine if applicant meets the postgraduate training requirement pursuant to Section 458.311(1)(f)3.a.c., Florida Statutes.

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 5/0.

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

Tab 24 – Marshall Stambovsky, M.D. - Endorsement

Issue(s): To discuss applicant's previous 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 table the application and request that the applicant present to PRN all information regarding past evaluation. If the information does not meet the PRN requirements, applicant is to 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 5/0. The applicant waived the 90 days for the Board to act on the application.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to table the application and request that the applicant present to PRN all information regarding past evaluations. If the information does not meet the PRN requirements, applicant is to undergo a PRN evaluation and appear with the results of that evaluation before the Credentials Committee meeting within the next six months.

Tab 36 – Robert L. White, M.D. - Examination

Issue(s): 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 5/0.

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

Dr. Tucker, Chair of the Credentials Committee, recognized licensure unit staff that was present for their hard work and dedication with a certificate of appreciation. Staff present: Melissa Stabler, Connie Clayton, Patrice McKissick, Deborah English, Michelle Hawkins and Hazel Myles. Dr. Tucker also recognized the remainder of the staff who could not be present at the meeting. Staff not present: Tehelia McGlockton, DeLicia Daniels, Gloria Nelson, Christopher Roberts, Cheryl Austin, Brittany Ly, Carmelette Gilley, Wendy Alls, Angela Denson and Karrell Goldwire.

Elizabeth Tucker, M.D. —To Interview Tabs 1-8A

Tab 1 - Mazen Abuawad, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): 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 5/0.

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

Tab 2 - Keith Moore, M.D – Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to disclose repeated medical education, defaulted student loan, state action 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 5/0.

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

Tab 3 - Rajesh Kumar, M.D. – Temporary Certificate for Practice in an Area of Critical Need
Issue(s): Action by the state of Nebraska and staff privileges at Tri-Country 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 4/1.

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

Tab 4 – Adarsh Sahni, M.D. – Endorsement
Issue(s): 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 5/0.

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

Tab 5 - Ilene B. Bayer-Garner, M.D. – Examination
Issue(s): Failure to disclose probation at University of Arkansas, General Surgery residency program.

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 5/0.

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

Tab 6 – Diosdado Oga-Oga Lagos, M.D. – Endorsement
Issue(s): To determine if applicant meets the practice requirement pursuant to Section 458.313(1)(c) Florida Statutes.

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 5/0.

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

Tab 7 – Michael W. Rowley, M.D. – Resident Registration
Issue(s): Positive response to a question on the licensure application.

The applicant was not present. Prior to the meeting, supplemental information was submitted, and the Chair of the Committee approved the issuance of the registration. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to ratify the issuance of the registration, which carried 5/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to ratify the issuance of the registration.

Tab 8 – Luqman Dabiri, M.D. – Request for Reconsideration
Issue(s): Request for Reconsideration.

Represented by Kevin Porter, Esq.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to deny the request for reconsideration, which carried 5/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to deny the request for reconsideration.

Tab 8A – Surender Kurapati, M.D. – Endorsement
Issue(s) Petition for Waiver or Variance (Rules 64B8-1.007 & 64B8-4.009, F.A.C.) and to discuss Malpractice History

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. 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 approve the application for licensure.

Fred Bearison, - To Interview Tabs 25-32

Tab 25 - Kyriakos Tsalamandris, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): To determine if applicant meets the practice requirement pursuant to Section 458.313(1)(c), Florida Statutes and to discuss the applicant's positive responses 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 5/0.

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

Tab 26 – Michele F. Travers, M.D. - Endorsement

Issue(s): To determine if applicant meets the practice requirement pursuant to Section 458.313(1)(c), Florida Statutes.

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 by a board-certified, Florida-licensed physician for six months, which carried 5/0. The Committee voted to delegate to the Chair of the Credentials Committee the authority to approve the supervisor and practice plan.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the condition of indirect supervision by a board-certified, Florida-licensed physician for six months. The Committee voted to delegate to the Chair of the Credentials Committee the authority to approve the supervisor and practice plan.

Tab 27 – Licheng Lee, M.D. - Examination

Issue(s): Less than favorable evaluation from University of Hawaii Internal Medicine residency program.

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 5/0.

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

Tab 28 – Van B. Foles, M.D. – Resident Registration

Issue(s): Positive responses to questions on the application.

The applicant was not present. Prior to the meeting, supplemental information was submitted and the Chair of the Committee approved the issuance of the registration. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to ratify the issuance of the registration, which carried 5/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to ratify the issuance of the registration

Tab 29 – Benjamin Mazal, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): To determine if your specialty board examination meets the board approved examination pursuant to Section 458.313(1)(c), Florida Statutes.

The applicant was not present. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to waive the appearance of the applicant and approve the application for licensure, which carried 5/0.

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

Tab 30 – Gustavo M. Andrade, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to disclose academic probation and academic probation on FCVS and 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 with the conditions of submitting a corrected application page and payment of a \$500.00 fine, which carried 4/1.

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

Tab 31 – Philip Neely, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Positive responses to questions on the licensure application and malpractice history.

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 5/0.

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

Tab 32 – Craig L. Schwimmer, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to disclose your 1992 DUI arrest and conviction on the licensure 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 Taken: The Committee voted to table the application until the next meeting.

James Orr, M.D. To Interview Tab 33-40

Tab 33 – Kevin F. Smith, M.D. - Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to disclose suspension at University of Iowa and action by the Iowa Board.

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 submitting a corrected application page and payment of a \$250 fine, which carried 5/0. The applicant agrees with the Board's decision and waives his right to a hearing.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure conditioned upon submitting a corrected application page and payment of a \$250.00 fine.

Tab 34 – Aoife M. Lane – Medical Faculty Certificate

Issue(s): To determine if applicant meets the postgraduate training requirement pursuant to Section 458.3145(1)(d), Florida Statutes, lack of a U.S. social security number, AMA Physician Profile and NPDB/HIPDB reports.

The applicant was not required to appear. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve the application for a Medical Faculty Certificate pending receipt of a U.S. social security number, AMA Physician Profile and NPDB/HIPDB reports, which carried 4/0. Dr. Nuss was recused.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for a Medical Faculty Certificate pending receipt of a U.S. social security number, AMA Physician Profile and NPDB/HIPDB reports.

Tab 35 – Mary C. Zoccoli, M.D. – Resident Registration

Issue(s): Positive response 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. Dr. Nuss was recused.

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

Tab 37 – Indu Senapati, M.D. - Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to disclose probation at Wright State University 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 with the conditions of submitting a corrected application page and payment of a \$500.00 fine, which carried 5/0.

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

Tab 38 – Mindy C. Fishman, M.D. - Endorsement

Issue(s): To determine if applicant meets the practice requirement pursuant to Section 458.313(1)(c), Florida Statutes.

The applicant was not present. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to waive the appearance of the applicant and approve the application for licensure, which carried 5/0.

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

Tab 39 – Chunming Dong, M.D. - Endorsement

Issue(s): To determine if the applicant's postgraduate training meets the requirement pursuant to Section 458.311(1)(f)3.c., Florida Statutes.

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 5/0.

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

Tab 40 – Colin A. Lacroix, M.D. Examination

Issue(s): Positive responses to questions on the 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 5/0.

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

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATIONS

Elizabeth Tucker, M.D. – To Interview Tabs 41-44

Tab 41 – Andre Correa, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to meet Sections 458.311(1)(f)3.b., F.S., valid ECFMG certificate; 458.311(1)(f)3.c., F.S., completion of at least 2 years of approved training; and 458.313(1)(b), F.S., passage of National Board, FLEX or USMLE examination.

The applicant was not present. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to deny the application for licensure or allow 14 days to withdraw the application.

Action taken: The Committee voted to the deny the application for licensure or allow 14 days to withdraw the application.

Tab 42 – Efraim Gomez-Zapata, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to meet Sections 458.311(1)(f)3.b., F.S., valid ECFMG certificate; 458.311(1)(f)3.c., F.S., completion of at least 2 years of approved training; and 458.313(1)(b), F.S., passage of National Board, FLEX or USMLE examination.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to table the application to allow the applicant the opportunity to have a complete examination report submitted from the Federation of State Medical Board and reappear before the Credentials Committee meeting. The motion carried 5/0. The applicant waived the 90 days for the Board to act on the application.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to table the application to allow the applicant the opportunity to have a complete examination report submitted from the Federation of State Medical Board and reappear before the Credentials Committee meeting.

Tab 43 – Robert D. Lott, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to meet Section 458.311(1)(f)3.c., F.S., completion of at least 2 years of approved training.

Represented by Buddy Jacobs, 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 5/0.

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

Tab 44 – Carmen Sierra, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to meet Sections 458.311(1)(f)3.b, 458.311(1)(h) and 458.313(1)(a), Florida Statutes.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to deny the application for licensure or allow 14 days to withdraw the application.

Action taken: The Committee voted to the deny the application for licensure or allow 14 days to withdraw the application.

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