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Expert Witness Committee Florida Board of Medicine

Renaissance Orlando Hotel
5445 Forbes Place
Orlando, FL 32812

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m.

Whitney Bowen called the roll and it was determined that the Committee had a quorum.

Members Present:

H. Frank Farmer, M.D.
Fred Bearison, M.D.
Robert Nuss, M.D.

Members Absent:

Elisabeth Tucker, M.D.
Jason Rosenberg, M.D.
Trina Espinola, M.D.

Staff Present:

Ed Tellechea, Board Counsel
Nancy Murphy, Paralegal
Donna McNulty, Board Counsel
Whitney Bowen, Board Staff

Application Approvals:

Tab 1 – Robert A. Young, M.D. - Internal Medicine

The Committee discussed the application to become a Department expert witness. A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the application.

Action Taken: the Committee voted to approve the application to become a Department expert witness

Tab 2 – Eduardo Diequez, M.D. – Interventional Pain Medicine, Anesthesia

The Committee discussed the application to become a Department expert witness. A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the application.

Action Taken: the Committee voted to approve the application to become a Department expert witness

Committee Business:

Tab 3 – Staff Questions

2. Propose that the Committee remove the requirement for reference letters for medical expert applicants. Reference letters can cause a delay in approving expert witness applicants in a timely manner and acts as a disincentive to apply. Through several other means, an applicant is able to display their qualifications.

The Committee discussed the need for Letters of Reference in the expert witness application process. A motion was made and seconded to remove the requirement for Letters of Reference. The motion carried 2/1.

Action Taken: the Committee voted to remove the requirement for Letters of Recommendation in the Expert Witness application process

1. Process for approving Physician Assistant experts

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to table the matter until the next Expert Witness Committee meeting.

Action Taken: the Committee voted to table the matter until the next Expert Witness Committee meeting

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.