

**Minutes
Credentials Committee Meeting
Wyndham Tampa Westshore
700 North Westshore Boulevard
Tampa, Florida 33609
(813)289-8200
September 29, 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. Tucker called the meeting to order at 9:02a.m. Those present included the following:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth Tucker, M.D. Chair
Robert Nuss, M.D.
Merle Stringer, M.D.,
James Orr, M.D.

STAFF PRESENT:

Chandra Prine, Program Operations Administrator

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 1-6A

Tab 1 – Terrell Swanson, M.D.-Examination

Issue(s): Positive response to questions on 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 2 – Maya Aponte, M.D – Endorsement

Issue(s): Action taken by the State of California.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to table the application up to eight months to allow the applicant the opportunity to complete a medical records course, be evaluated by PACE, CPEP or UFCares or a Board-approved equivalent program and comply with the recommendations resulting from the evaluation. The motion carried 4/0. The applicant waived the 90 days for the Board to act on the application.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to allow the applicant the opportunity to complete a medical records course, be evaluated by PACE, CPEP, UF Cares or a Board-approved equivalent, and comply with the recommendations resulting from the evaluation.

Tab 3 – Gregory Beckner, M.D.-Endorsements

Issue(s): Malpractice history.

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 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to table the application until the next meeting.

Tab 4 – Andre Boezart, M.D.- Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to meet Sections 458.313 (1) (a), licensure by endorsement requirement; 458.311(1)(f)3.c., approved postgraduate training; and 458.313(1)(b), F.S., national examination.

Represented by Allen 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 with the condition that the applicant remain on the faculty at one of Florida's allopathic or osteopathic universities for three years. The motion carried 3/1.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the condition that the applicant remains on the faculty at one of Florida's allopathic or osteopathic universities for three years.

Tab 5 –Craig Schwimmer, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to disclose DUI arrest and conviction on 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 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to table the application until the next meeting.

Tab 6 – Judepaticks Onyema, M.D. -Examination

Issue(s): Failure to disclose probation during medical school 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 with the condition that the applicant successfully completes the CPEP ethics course within the six months. The motion carried 3/1.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the condition that the applicant successfully completes the CPEP ethics course within the six months.

Tab 6A – Minoo Shams Moorkani, M.D. Examination

Issue(s): Failure to disclose probation during postgraduate training on the licensure application.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to table the application up to six months to allow the applicant the opportunity to file a petition for variance and waiver regarding primary source verification of applicant's medical school and to allow her time to complete a CPEP ethics course.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to table the application up to six months to allow the applicant the opportunity to file a petition for variance and waiver regarding primary source verification of applicant's medical school and to allow her time to complete a CPEP ethics course.

Merle Stringer, M.D. —To Interview Tabs 7-14

Tab 7- Juan Gutierrez M.D.-Examination

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

Accompanied by Martha E. Brown, M.D., Assistant 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 8-Lynn Happel, M.D.-Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to disclose probation and repeated medical education on the license 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 that the applicant successfully completes the CPEP ethics course within six months and payment of a \$1,000.00 fine, which carried 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with conditions that the applicant successfully completes the CPEP ethics course within the six months and payment of a \$1,000.00 fine.

Tab 9-Andrew Oswari, M.D.-Endorsement

Issue(s): Malpractice History

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 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to table the application until the next meeting.

Tab 10-Debra Doud, M.D.-Endorsement

Issue(s): Determine if she meets 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 4/0.

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

Tab 11-Stephen Goerz, M.D.-Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to disclose DWI arrests 1987/04/03 and 1997/08/03 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 that the applicant successfully completes the CPEP ethics course within the six months and payment of a \$1,000.00 fine, which carried 5/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with conditions that the applicant successfully completes the CPEP ethics course within the six months and payment of a \$1,000.00 fine,

Tab 12 – Suvy Kuriakose, M.D.-Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to disclose academic remediation during medical school on 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 \$1,000.00 fine, which carried 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with conditions of submitting a corrected application page and payment of a \$1,000.00 fine.

Tab 13-Hoka Nyanda, M.D.-Examination

Issue(s): Failure to disclose a leave of absence during medical school 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 \$1,000.00 fine, which carried 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with conditions of submitting a corrected application page and payment of a \$1,000.00 fine.

Tab 14-Martin Pollack, 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 4/0.

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

Robert Nuss, M.D. —To Interview Tabs 15-22

Tab 15-Rebuen Ramoz, M.D.-Endorsement

Issue(s): To determine if he meets the practice requirement pursuant to Section 458.313(1) (c), Florida Statutes, and to discuss positive response to questions.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to accept Dr. Ramoz's request to withdraw his application for licensure. The motion carried 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to accept the request for withdrawal of Dr. Ramoz's licensure application.

Tab 16-Michele Gero, M.D.-Endorsement

Action taken by the State of Connecticut.

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 –Srinivasan Govindan, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Petition for Waiver of Variance of Rule 64B8-2.001(2), Florida Administrative Code.

Represented by Allen Grossman, Esq.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to deny the Petition for Waiver of Variance and approved the application for licensure with the condition he pass the SPEX within six months, which carried 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to deny the Petition for Waiver of Variance and approved the application for licensure with the condition he pass the SPEX within six months.

Tab 18-Caren Lipsky, M.D.-Endorsement

Issue(s): Malpractice History.

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 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to table the application until the next meeting.

Tab 19- Daron Scherr, M.D.-Endorsment
Action taken by the States of Idaho and Alaska.

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-Romyll Garica, M.D.-Examination
Discuss postive repsonse to questions on licensure application.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. Also present was Debbie Troupe with Professionals Resource Network, Inc., who also was sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to table the application and request that the applicant undergo a PRN evaluation within the next 6 months. The results of the PRN evaluation are to be provided to the Chair of the Credentials Committee for review. The Credentials Committee delegated authority to the Chair to approve his application if he is in compliance with recommendations from PRN. The applicant waived the 90 days for the Board to act on his application.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to request that the applicant undergo a PRN evaluation within the next 6 months. The results of the PRN evaluation are to be provided to the Chair of the Credentials Committee for review. The Credentials Committee delegated authority to the Chair to approve his application if he is in compliance with recommendations from PRN.

Tab 21-Albert Ventzek, M.D.-Temporary Certificate to Practice in Area of Critical Need
Discuss lack of practice since 2006 and action by the State of Virginia.

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 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to table the application until the next meeting.

Tab 22-Scott Kushin, M.D.-Examination
Failure to disclose probation and repeated medical education on 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 payment of a \$500.00 fine, which carried 4/0.

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

James W. Orr, Jr.M.D – To Interview Tabs 23-30

Tab 23-Elizabeth Vasser, M.D.-Endorsement
Failure to disclose a leave of absence during medical school 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 payment of a \$500.00 fine and a corrected application page, which carried 4/0.

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

Tab 24- Michael Shannon, M.D.-Endorsement
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 25-Christopher Russo, M.D.-Endorsement

Discuss positive responses to questions on the licensure application.

Accompanied by Martha E. Brown, M.D., Assistant 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 26-Vitaliy Gavrikov, M.D.-Examination

Discuss postgraduate training at Emory University Hospital.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to accept Dr. Gavrikov's request to withdraw his application for licensure. The motion carried 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to accept the request for withdrawal of Dr. Gavrikov's licensure application.

Tab 27-Fitzgerald Casmir, M.D.-Endorsement

Faliure to disclose repeated postgraduate training on 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 payment of a \$1,000.00 fine, which carried 5/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with condition of submitting a payment of a \$1,000.00 fine.

Tab 28-Mohammad Gharavi, M.D.-Examination

Medical education, postgraduate training, actoin against physical therapy license in Maryland and Florida and lack of practice since 2001.

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 29-Regina Carney, M.D.-Resident Registration

Positive responses to questions on licensure application.

Represented by Ken Metzger, Esq.

Accompanied by Martha E. Brown, M.D., Assistant 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 30-Dariush Vaziri, M.D.-Endorsement

Petition for Waiver or Variance of Rule 64B-4.009(5), Florida Administrative Code

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

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

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATIONS

Elisabeth Tucker, M.D.- To Interview Tabs 31-37

Tab-31 Venkatarathikey Chokklingam, M.D.- Medical Faculty Certificate

Determine if training is equivalent to the approved residency requirement and to discuss lack of U.S. social security number.

The applicant was not present. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve the application for licensure pending receipt of U.S. social security number, which carried 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure pending receipt of U.S. social security number.

Tab-32 Rosa Negron Munoz, M.D.-Endorsement

Failure to meet Section 458.313 (1) (b), Florida Statute, lack of passage of all parts of the USMLE.

Represented by Allen Grossman, Esq.

The applicant was present sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve the application for licensure conditioned upon successfully passing SPEX, which carried 4/0. It was noted on the record that she recently successfully passed the SPEX, thereby satisfying this condition.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure conditioned upon successfully passing SPEX. It was noted on the record that she recently successfully passed the SPEX, thereby satisfying this condition.

Tab-33 Lakkaraj Rajasekhar, M.D.- Endorsement

Petition of Waiver or Variance of Rule 64B8-4.009(4) and (5), Florida Administrative Code.

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

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

Tab-34 Shimareet Kumar, M.D.-Endorsement

Petition for Waiver or Variance of Rule 64B8-4.009(5), Florida Administrative Code.

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

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

Tab -35 Faisal Khosa, M.D.-Endorsement

Postgraduate training requirement pursuant to Sections 458.313(1)(a) and 458.311(1)(f) 3.c., Florida Statutes.

The applicant was not present. 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-36 Ana Canto, M.D.-Medical Faculty Certificate

Postgraduate training requirement pursuant to Section 458.3145 (1)(d), Florida Statutes.

The applicant was not present. 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 Phillip Pirgousis, M.D.-Medical Faculty Certificate

Postgraduate training requirement pursuant to Section 458.3145 (1)(d), Florida Statutes.

The applicant was not present. 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.

NEW BUSINESS

The Credentials Committee deadlines were discussed and whether the Committee members needed the Agenda/DVD within four weeks prior to the meeting. After discussion, the Committee members agreed to receive the Agenda/DVD for their review three weeks prior to the meeting. Applications should be complete 10 days prior to the DVD publish date to be on the agenda.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.