

**Minutes  
Credentials Committee Meeting  
Florida Board of Medicine  
Rosen Centre Hotel  
9840 International Drive  
Orlando, FL 32812  
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October 2, 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 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:**

Donna McNulty, Assistant Attorney General  
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**PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

9:00 a.m.

**MICHAEL CHIZNER, M.D. —LED THE DISCUSSION ON TABS 1-4**

**TAB 1- Paige L. Bates, M.D. – Endorsement.**

Issue(s) Practice requirements pursuant to section 458.313(1)(c), F.S.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, Dr. Davis made a motion to approve the application for licensure with the condition of six months of indirect supervision with ability to request termination of the supervision after 3 months. Dr. Cline seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

**ACTION:** the Committee voted grant licensure with the condition of six months of indirect supervision with ability to request termination of the supervision after 3 months.

**TAB 2 -William L. McClain, M.D. – Endorsement**

Issue(s) Postgraduate Training, criminal background check 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 pages (questions 13a, 13c and 33), application fee and a \$1,000.00 fine. Dr. Farmer seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

**ACTION:** the Committee voted grant licensure with the condition of a corrected application pages (questions 13a, 13c and 33), application fee and a \$1,000.00 fine. Dr. Farmer seconded the motion

**TAB 3 - Jonathan I. Hakim, M.D. – Endorsement**

Issue(s) Postgraduate Training, positive response to question #34 on the licensure application and misdemeanor.

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. Cline seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

**ACTION:** the Committee voted to approve the applicant for licensure.

**TAB 4 - Vineeta Ahooja, M.D. – Endorsement**

Issue(s) Employment at Cardiology Consultant of East Michigan.

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. Cline seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

**ACTION:** the Committee voted to approve the applicant for licensure.

LAURIE DAVIES, M.D. LED THE DISCUSSION TABS 5 - 8

**TAB 5- Sean F. Wolfort, M.D. – Endorsement**

Issue(s) Positive response to questions 16d, 17d, 18, 19, 33, 34 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. Cline seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

**ACTION:** the Committee voted to approve the applicant for licensure.

**TAB 6 - John S. Goncher, M.D. – Endorsement**

Issue(s) Letter of warning in the state of Iowa, staff privileges at MacNeal Hospital and malpractice. cases.

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.

**ACTION:** the Committee voted to approve the applicant for licensure.

**TAB 7 - Debra J. Freeman, M.D. – Endorsement**

Issue(s) Licensure application and action by the Maryland Board.

The applicant was not present. After discussion, Dr. Cline made a motion to deny the application for licensure based on section 458.331(1)(s), F.S., ability to practice medicine with skill and safety and section 458.331(1)(b), F.S., licensure action in another state. Dr. Farmer seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

**ACTION:** the Committee voted to deny the applicant for licensure based on section 458.331(1)(s), F.S. ability to practice medicine with skill and safety and section 458.331(1)(b), F.S. licensure action in another state.

H. FRANK FARMER, JR., M.D. – LED THE DISCUSSION ON TABS 9-12

**TAB 9 - Vasileios Kostopoulos, M.D. – Examination**

Issue(s) Training requirement pursuant to section 458.311(1)(f)3.C.,F.S. and 64B-4.004, F.A.C.

Represented by Allen Grossman, Esq.

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. Davies seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

**ACTION:** the Committee voted to approve the applicant for licensure.

**TAB 10 - Michael Hammer, M.D. – Endorsement**

Issue(s) Action against Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, New York and Illinois medical licenses.

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 he completes the Florida Laws and Rules CME Course prior to issuance of the license. The motion was seconded and carried 5/0. Later in the day a motion to reconsider the application was made, seconded and carried 5/0. After discussion, Dr. Davies made a motion to approve the application with the condition that the Florida Laws and Rules CME Course be completed within one year from the issue of the license. The motion was seconded which carried 5/0.

**ACTION:** The Committee voted to approve the application with the condition that the Florida Laws and Rules CME Course be completed within one year form the issue of the license.

**TAB 11 - Udaya Kumar, M.D. – Endorsement**

Issue(s) Training requirements pursuant to section 458.311(1)(f)3.c., and rule 64B8-4.004(2) F.A.C.

The applicant was not present. A motion was made and seconded to table the application at the next scheduled meeting of the Committee, which carried 5/0. .

**ACTION:** the Committee voted to table the application until the next meeting.

**TAB 12 - Paul D. Ellis, M.D. – Endorsement**

Issue(s) Postgraduate training and conviction.

The applicant was not present. A motion was made and seconded to table the application at the next scheduled meeting of the Committee, which carried 5/0. .

**ACTION:** the Committee voted to table the application until the next meeting.

ONELIA LAGE, M.D. – LED THE DISCUSSION ON TABS 13 - 16

**TAB 13 - Samir Kapoor, M.D. – Examination.**

Issue(s) Training requirement pursuant to section 458.311(1)(f)3.c., F.S. and rule 64B8.4004(2) F.A.C.

The applicant was present. A motion was made and seconded to table the application until he successfully completes his PGY 2 year of training in June 2009. If the applicant does not successful complete the year he is to reappear before the Committee. The applicant waived the 90-day requirement for the Board to act on his licensure application. The motion carried 5/0. .

**ACTION:** the Committee voted to table the application until he successfully completes his PGY 2 year of training in June 2009.

**TAB 14 - Wanjorie E. Ramos, M.D. – Examination**

Issue(s) Petition for Wavier or Variance of rule 64B8-5.001(4), F.A.C.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried 5/0 to deny the Petition for Wavier or Variance. After further discussion Dr. Davies made motion to approve the application for licensure with the restriction to limit the scope of practice to urology. Dr. Farmer seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

**ACTION:** the Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the restriction to limit the scope of practice to urology.

**Other discussion item:** The Committee recommended that board counsel research the possibility of modifying the rules to allow specialty board certification in lieu of the SPEX examination.

**TAB 15 - Raul R. Frances, M.D. – Examination**

Issue(s) Training requirement pursuant to section 458.311(1)(f)3.c., F.S. and rule 64B8.4004(2) F.A.C.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, Dr. Davies made a motion to allow Dr. Frances request to withdraw her application for licensure. The motion was seconded, which carried 5/0.

**ACTION:** the Committee voted to allow Dr. Frances request to withdraw her application for licensure.

**TAB 16 - Jeffrey D. Morgan, M.D. – Endorsement**

Issue(s) Postgraduate training at Tulane University and action against his staff privileges.

The applicant was not present. A motion was made and seconded to table the application at the next scheduled meeting of the Committee, which carried 5/0. .

**ACTION:** the Committee voted to table the application until the next meeting

ROBERT CLINE, M.D. LED THE DISCUSSION ON 17-21

**TAB 17 - Julia M. O’Malley-Keyes, M.D - Endorsement**

Issue(s) Practice requirements pursuant to section 458.313(1)(c).

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. Davies seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

**ACTION:** the Committee voted to approve the applicant for licensure

**TAB 18- Saeed Shahzad, M.D. – Endorsement**

Issue(s) Failure to disclose probation and resignation from Caritas Saint Elizabeth Medical Center on licensure application.

The applicant was not present. A motion was made and seconded to table the application at the next scheduled meeting of the Committee, which carried 5/0. .

**ACTION:** the Committee voted to table the application until the next meeting.

**TAB 19 - Aleixo M. Viegas, M.D. – Endorsement**

Issue(s) Action taken by Washington State Department and Saint Joseph Hospital.

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. Farmer seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

**ACTION:** the Committee voted to approve the applicant for licensure

**TAB 20 - Pedro J. Zaiter, M.D. – Endorsement**

Issue(s) Positive response to question 30 on the licensure application.

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. Davies seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

**ACTION:** the Committee voted to approve the applicant for licensure

**TAB 21 - Mauricio Lynn, M.D. – Examination**

Issue(s) Training requirement pursuant to section 458.311(1)(f)3.c.,F.S., 64B8-4.004, F.A.C. and the examination requirement pursuant to section 458.311(h)F.S.

Represented by Allen Grossman, Esq.

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 restriction he remains at one of Florida's Medical schools for two years. The motion was seconded and carried 5/0.

**ACTION:** the Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the restriction he remains at one of Florida's Medical schools for two years.

**TAB 22 - Ronald A. Light, M.D. – Endorsement**

Issue(s) Consider request for Petition for Variance/Waiver of Rule 64B8-2.001(2),F.A.C.

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

**ACTION:** the Committee voted to approve the Petition for Waiver or Variance and to approve the application for licensure

**TAB 22A - Sofya Pugach, M.D. – Endorsement**

Issue(s) Petition for Waiver or Variance of rule 64B8-4.009(5) and postgraduate training at LSU/Department of Pediatrics and University of Texas.

The applicant was present. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried 5/0 to approve the Petition for Waiver or Variance. After further discussion Dr. Davies made motion to approve the application for licensure with the conditions of direct supervision, including interpersonal and communication skills, for one year, and completion of five hours of Ethics CME. Dr. Farmer seconded the motion, which carried 5/0.

**ACTION:** the Committee voted to approve the Petition for Waiver or Variance. The Committee also voted to approve the application for licensure with the conditions of direct supervision, including interpersonal and communication skills, for one year, and completion of five hours of Ethics CME.

**TAB 22B - Aamir Mir, M.D. – Medical Faculty Certificate**

Issue(s) Fellowship Training

Represented by Allen Grossman, Esq.

The applicant and his program director Javier Casillas, M.D. were present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, Dr. Davies made a motion to approve the application for a Medical Faculty Certificate. The motion was seconded and carried 5/0.

**ACTION:** the Committee voted to approve the application for Medical Faculty Certificate.

**TAB 8 - Aric M. Doanes, M.D. – Endorsement**

Issue(s) Failure to disclose probation at Erie County Medical Center on licensure application.

The applicant was not present. A motion was made and seconded to table the application at the next scheduled meeting of the Committee, which carried 5/0. .

**ACTION:** the Committee voted to table the application until the next meeting

## NEW BUSINESS

### **TAB 23 - Physician Reentry**

After Committee discussion, it was suggested that staff schedule a workshop regarding re-entry to practice of medicine for physicians who have not practiced for at least two of the previous four years. It was requested that the Chairman of the Probation's Committee and someone from the Federation of State Medical Board be asked to participate in the workshop.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m