

**Minutes
Florida Board of Medicine
Credentials Committee Meeting
Orlando Airport Marriott
7499 Augusta National Drive
Orlando, Florida 32822
(407) 851-9000
December 1, 2011
8:00 a.m.**

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. Nuss called the meeting to order at 8:00a.m. Those present included the following:

Members Present:

Robert Nuss, M.D. Chair
Merle Stringer, M.D.,
James Orr, M.D.
Fred Bearison, M.D.

Staff Present:

Chandra Prine, Program Operations Administrator
Gloria Nelson, Regulatory Supervisor

Board Counsel Present:

Donna McNulty, Assistant Attorney General

Members Absent:

Elizabeth Tucker, M.D.

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PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Robert Nuss, M.D. – To Interview Tabs 1-13

Tab 1 Mark Morgan, M.D. - Examination

Issue(s): Lack of practice since 1987.

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 failed on a vote 2/2. After further discussion a motion was made and carried to table the application and referred it to the next full board meeting for action. The applicant waived the 90 days for the Board to act on his application.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to table the application and referred it to the next full board meeting for action.

Tab 2 Damian McGovern, M.D. - Endorsement

Issue(s): 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 4 Kenneth Janson, 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 3 Meena Chadhary, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): The practice requirement pursuant to Section 458.313 (1)(c).

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, which carried 4/0.

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

Tab 5 Robert Matthews, M.D. – Examination

Issue(s): Failure to disclose DUI arrest 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 6 Purushotham Gorrey, 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 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 Paul Ramirez, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Postgraduate training at Sparrow Hospital and University of Illinois College 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 8 Audrea Merchant, M.D. – Endorsement

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.

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

Tab 9 Joel Aronowicz, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Postgraduate training at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

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 She Wong, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to disclose malpractice adjudication within the last 10 years in an amount that exceeds 100,000.00 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 11 William Petty, 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 12 Marien Tavarez-Olmos, 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 conditioned upon a corrected application page.

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

Tab 13 Ramon Sanchez Rauder, M.D. – Examination

Issue(s): Failure to disclose suspension from SUNY Downstate on the resident registration and examination applications, as well as failure to disclose your required appearance before the New York Board on the licensure application.

Represented by Stephanie E. Farrell, Esq.

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.

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

Tab 24 Karen Lipsky, 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 61 Lucas Anissian, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Unfavorable recommendation for failure to meet the postgraduate training requirement pursuant to Sections 458.313(1)(a) and 458.311(1)(f) 3.a. c., Florida Statutes
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 be employed by a state-recognized trauma center or maintain a position on the faculty at one of Florida's allopathic or osteopathic medical universities for three years. The motion carried 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the condition that the applicant be employed by a state-recognized trauma center or maintain a position on the faculty at one of Florida's allopathic or osteopathic medical universities for three years.

Merle Stringer, M.D. – To Interview Tabs 14-26

Tab 14 Sonia Madera, M.D. – Examination

Issue(s): Lack of practice from 2006 to present.

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 Romane Joseph, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): To discuss failure to disclose probation at Brookdale University Hospital and 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 with the condition of a corrected application page, which carried 4/0.

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

Tab 16 Salvatore Corso, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Malpractice history, failure to list medical education at Creighton University and repeated medical education on your licensure application, as well as your Virginia medical license.

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 18 Janice Pauley, M.D. – Endorsement

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

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. Also present was Rivenbark, M.D., Medical Director, Professionals Resource Network who also was sworn in by the court reporter.

After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to table the application pending the evaluation and recommendation from PRN. 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 her application if she is in compliance with recommendations from PRN. The applicant waived the 90 days for the Board to act on her application.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to table the application pending the evaluation and recommendation from PRN. The results of the PRN evaluation are to be provided to the Chair of the Credentials Committee for review. 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 her application if he is in compliance with recommendations from PRN.

Tab 19 Saryn Doucette, M.D. - Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to disclose a repeated examination during medical school and leave of absence 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 approve the application for licensure, which carried 4/0.

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

Tab 20 Anabelen Rivera De Rosales, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to disclose repeated medical education, probation and a leave of absence during medical school.

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 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 22 Clayton Cowan, M.D. – Endorsement

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.

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

Tab 23 Andrew Oswari, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Malpractice history.

The applicant was not present. The applicant submitted a request to withdraw his licensure application. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to accept Dr. Oswari's request to withdraw his application for licensure.

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

Tab 25 Joseph Burke, M.D. – Limited License

Issue(s): Lack of practice pursuant to Section 458.317(1)(c), 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 direct supervision by a board-certified, Florida-licensed physician 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 and practice plan.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the condition of direct 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 26 Gregory Beckner, 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.

Fred Bearison, M.D. – To Interview Tabs 27-39

Tab 28 Frank Snipes, 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 29 Vikas Soma, M.D. - Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to disclose your 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 conditioned upon a corrected application page.

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

Tab 30 Stephanie Ried, 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 and seconded to approve the application for licensure, which carried 4/0.

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

Tab 43 Richard Carpenter, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to disclose malpractice history 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 49 Robert Levine, M.D. - Endorsement

Issue(s): Action by the State of Michigan; settlement agreement with DEA; 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 4/0.

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

Tab 31 Edward Miller, M.D. – Reactivation of Retired Status License

Issue(s): To consider request for Variance or Waiver of Rule 64B8-13.0045 (2)(b) F.A.C.

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 with the condition of indirect supervision by a Florida-licensed board-certified anatomical pathologist, 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 and practice plan.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to grant the Petition for Variance or Waiver and approve the application for licensure with the condition of indirect supervision by a Florida-licensed board-certified anatomical pathologist, 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 32 Paul Passafiume, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to disclose repeated education and 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, which carried 4/0.

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

Tab 33 Efraim Gomez-Zapata, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to list postgraduate training at Jacksonville Health Education program; failure to disclose repeated education at University of Alabama; failure to disclose a conviction; revocation of Connecticut license; and malpractice history

Represented by George F. Indest III, Esq.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to accept Dr. Gomez-Zapata 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. Gomez-Zapata licensure application.

Tab 34 Ramana Rao, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Georgia 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 4/0.

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

Tab 35 Ernesto Rodriguez-Valdes, M.D. - Examination

Issue(s): Past 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 36 Fredric Lax, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Ohio state action, staff privileges at Lima Memorial Hospital, 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 4/0.

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

Tab 37 Peter Mulhern, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Suspension of staff privileges, termination of employment, action by the Massachusetts Board 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 4/0.

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

Tab 38 Vu Nguyen, M.D. – Examination

Issue(s): Criminal background check.

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 a payment of a \$500.00 fine.

Tab 39 Ji Fan, M.D. – Examination

Issue(s): Failure to meet section 458 (1)(f) 3.c., Florida Statutes.

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 medical universities for three years. The motion carried 4/0.

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

James W. Orr, Jr. M.D. – To Interview Tabs 40-52

Tab 40 Allison Chan, M.D. - Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to disclose relevant information on the licensure application.

Represented by Ann Bittinger, Esq.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. Also present was Rivenbark, M.D., Medical Director, Professionals Resource Network 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 her application if she is in compliance with recommendations from PRN. The applicant waived the 90 days for the Board to act on her 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 41 Ramon Perez-Martinez, M.D. – Area of Critical Need

Issue(s): Lack of practice pursuant to Section 458.315, 2. (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 that he pass the SPEX within six months, which carried 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the condition that he pass the SPEX within six months.

Tab 51 Rajeev Winfred, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to disclose a leave of absence during medical school on the licensure application and action by the West Virginia Board of Medicine.

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, which carried 4/0.

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

Tab 44 Shunte' Jones, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Staff privileges at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport.

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 46 Gabriel Sunn, M.D. - Endorsement

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.

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

Tab 47 Rachel Quarberg, 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 conditioned upon a corrected application page.

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

Tab 48 Kevin Rittger, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to disclose repeated medical education on the licensure application; action by Alaska, Kentucky, Illinois, and Washington; St. John Hospital; and malpractice history.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to table the application based on a pending investigation in the State of Washington. The Committee also delegated authority to the Chair of the Committee to approve the application if the Board receives information that the investigation in Washington is closed or if Washington takes action based on the discipline originally imposed in Alaska. The applicant waived the 90 days for the Board to act on the application. The motion carried 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to table the application based on a pending investigation in the State of Washington. The Committee also delegated authority to the Chair of the Committee to approve the application if the Board receives information that the investigation in Washington is closed or if Washington takes action based on the discipline originally imposed in Alaska.

Tab 50 Nelson Bond, M.D. - Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to disclose Virginia medical license and repeated medical education 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 52 Thaddeus Boucree, M.D. – Examination

Issue(s): Postgraduate training and failure to disclose a leave of absence while at Baltimore College in the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery 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 4/0.

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

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATIONS

Robert Nuss, M.D. - To Interview Tabs 53-56

Tab 53 Albert Ventzek, M.D. – Area of Critical Need

Issue(s): Request to withdraw licensure application.

The applicant was not present. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to accept Dr. Ventzek'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. Ventzek's licensure application.

Tab 54 Marcus Kessler, M.D. – Examination

Issue(s): 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 4/0.

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

Tab 55 Christine Bellew, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): 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 that the applicant remain on the faculty at one of Florida's allopathic or osteopathic medical universities for one year. The motion carried 4/0.

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 medical universities for one year.

Tab 56 Gary Richardson, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): 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 4/0.

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

Fred Bearison, M.D. – To Interview Tabs 57-60

Tab 57 Meenakshi LaCorte, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Petition for Waiver of Rule 64B8-4.009(5), Florida Administrative Code.

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 4/0.

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

Tab 58 Purnima Rao, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): 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 4/0.

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

Tab 59 Vinay Kandula, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Training requirement pursuant to Sections 458.313(1) (a) and 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 4/0.

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

Tab 60 Mamoun Nabri, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Unfavorable recommendation for failure to meet the 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 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.

James W. Orr, Jr. M.D. – To Interview Tabs 61-64

Tab 62 Minoo Shams Moorkani, M.D. – Examination

Issue(s): Current medical school verification direct from the medical school, consider granting the license and allowing six months to complete the CPEP course.

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 63 - Pierre Fontaine, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Postgraduate training requirement pursuant to sections 458.313(1) (a) and 458.311(1)(f) 3.a., c., Florida Statutes; failure to disclose a suspension at Hospital Episcopal; and less than favorable evaluation from Hospital Episcopal.

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.

Tab 64 - Ivan Chaitowitz, M.D. – Examination

Issue(s): Unfavorable recommendation for failure to meet the postgraduate training requirement pursuant to Section 458.311(1)(f) 3.a. c., Florida Statutes.

Represented by Monica Rodriguez, 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 a full time

faculty member at one of Florida's allopathic or osteopathic medical universities for two years. The motion carried 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the condition that the applicant remain a full time faculty member at one of Florida's allopathic or osteopathic medical universities for two years.

NEW BUSINESS

Tab 65 - Discussion of Rules 64B8-1.007 and 64B8-4.009, F.A.C.

Rules Discussion: 64B8-1.007 & 64B8-4.009, F.A.C.

Issue(s) To modify the Medical Doctor Application (1501), Medical Faculty Certificate (1508), Temporary Certificate for Practice of in Area of Critical Need (1507) and Limited License Application (1506).

After discussion a motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve the proposed modifications to the rules in response to concerns raised by the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee, including proposed changes to the Financial Responsibility section. For both rules, a motion was made and seconded that the proposed rules amendments will not have an adverse impact on small business and will not likely to directly or indirectly increase regulatory costs to any entity in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate in Florida within one year after the implementation of the rule. The motions carried 4/0

Tab 17 Joseph Sowder, M.D. - Endorsement

Issue(s): Alabama license and 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 21 John Desverreaux, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Repeated medical education on the licensure application and Alabama medical license.

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 27 Craig Schwimmer, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to disclose 1992 DUI arrest and conviction on the licensure application.

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

Action taken: The Committee voted to the deny the application for licensure.

Tab 42 Nilima Patwardhan, 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 45 Gabor Laufer, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Action taken by the Virginia Department of Health Professions.

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.

With no further business the Committee adjourned at 3:06