

**Minutes  
Florida Board of Medicine  
Credentials Committee Meeting  
Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront  
225 East Coastline Drive  
Jacksonville, FL 32202  
904-360-8656  
April 12, 2012  
9:00 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 9:00a.m. Those present included the following:

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Chandra Prine, Program Operations Administrator  
Joy Tootle, Executive Director

Board Counsel Present:

Donna McNulty, Assistant Attorney General

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**PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

**Robert Nuss, M.D. – To Interview Tabs 1-6**

Tab 1 Robert Basil Sollitto, M.D. – Endorsement

Failure to disclose action by the Pennsylvania Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs on the licensure application.

The applicant was not present. A motion was made and seconded to table the application, which carried 5/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to table the application.

Tab 2 Sridhar R. Mothkur, M.D. - Endorsement

Petition for Waiver or Variance of rule 64B8-2.001(2), Florida Administrative Code and to discuss failure to disclose licensure denial in the state of Wisconsin, OWI charge and misdemeanor conviction on the licensure application.

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. The motion was seconded, which carried 5/0. After further

discussion, the applicant requested to withdraw his licensure application. A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to accept Dr. Mothkur's request to withdraw his application for licensure.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to grant the Petition for Variance or Waiver and to accept Dr. Mothkur's request to withdraw his application for licensure.

Tab 6 Kenneth Wayne Blecher, M.D. - Endorsement

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 for one year by a Florida licensed physician certified by the American Board of Orthopedics, The motion was seconded, which carried 3/2. 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 for one year by a Florida licensed physician certified by the American Board of Orthopedics. The Chair of the Credentials Committee was delegated the authority to approve the supervisor and practice plan.

**Onelia Lage, M.D. – To Interview Tabs 7-12**

Tab 7 Linda Ann Miller, M.D. – Endorsement

Staff privileges at Huron Regional Medical Center and malpractice cases.

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 9 Leslie Ethel Schwartz, M.D. - Examination

Lack of practice since 2003.

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 10 Akinwumi Gammal Aladesawe, M.D. - Examination

Determination of Irregular Behavior by the Federation of State Medical Boards and your Criminal Background Check.

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 11 Robert David Maresh, M.D. – Endorsement

Positive responses to questions on the licensure application.

Represented by Allen Grossman, Esq.

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 12 Marc Alan Feiner, M.D. - Endorsement

Failure to disclosed action by the State of New York Department of Health and malpractice history.

The applicant was not present. The applicant submitted a request to be rescheduled. After discussion, 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.

**George Thomas, M.D. – To Interview Tabs 13-18**

Tab 13 Joseph Aloysius Golish, M.D. – Endorsement

Failure to disclose a 2008 DUI charge and 1<sup>st</sup> degree misdemeanor conviction on the licensure application.

The applicant was not present. After discussion, 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.

Tab 14 Nazeem Amin Virani, M.D. - Examination

Termination from the Department of Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine, University of South Florida.

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 15 Jordan T. Young, M.D. - Endorsement

Positive response to questions on the licensure application.

Represented by Allen Grossman, Esq.

Martha 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 5/0.

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

Tab 16 James Brian Pennock, M.D. - Endorsement

Failure to disclose a 1990 DWI charge and conviction 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 5/0.

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

Tab 18 Sunil Butani, M.D. – Endorsement

Failure to disclose probation at Nassau University Medical Center on the licensure application.

The applicant was not present. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to accept Dr. Butani's request for withdrawal of his licensure application, which carried 5/0.

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

**Elisabeth Tucker, M.D. —To Interview Tabs 19-24**

Tab 19 Marcus Juen Yue Ko, M.D. - Endorsement

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 4/1.

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

Tab 20 Jennifer Skeeters Cronin, M.D. - Endorsement

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, it was determined that the applicant should have applied by Examination and 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 21 Omar Salim Emile Felix, M.D. - Examination

Failure to disclose repeated medical education, nolo contendere plea to a first degree misdemeanor and second degree misdemeanor 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 22 Aruna Dash, M.D. – Endorsement

Petition for Waiver of Rule 64B8-4.009(5), Florida Administrative Code and to discuss failure to disclose probation and repeated postgraduate training at Pitt County Memorial Hospital on the licensure application

The applicant was not present. After discussion, a motion was made seconded to grant the Petition for Variance or Waiver, which carried 4/1. After further discussion, a motion was made seconded to table the application until the next scheduled meeting of the Committee, which carried 5/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to grant the Petition for Variance or Waiver and to table the application until the next scheduled meeting of the Committee.

Tab 23 David Sexton Lewis, M.D. - Examination

Positive responses to questions on the licensure application.

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 24 Mark Stuart Mizel, M.D. – Endorsement

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 for six months by a Florida licensed physician certified by the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery 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 for six months by a Florida licensed physician certified by the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery. The Chair of the Credentials Committee was delegated the authority to approve the supervisor and practice plan.

**Merle Stringer, M.D. – To Interview Tabs 25-30**

Tab 25 Michael Reginald Goler, M.D. - Endorsement

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, it was determined that the applicant should have applied by Examination and 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 Yiu-Hei Ching, M.D. - Examination

Positive responses to questions on the licensure application.

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

The applicant was present and 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 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 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 his application if he is in compliance with recommendations from PRN.

Tab 27 Ramon Luis Navarro Balbuena, M.D.- Examination

Failure to meet the training 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 with the condition he complete a one year of fellowship in the state of Florida.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the condition he complete a one year of fellowship in the state of Florida.

Tab 27A Cathy Anne O'Donoghue, M.D. Examination

The training 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 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 5/0.

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

Tab 28 William Wayne Hollifield, M.D.- Conditional Licensure

Consider request to lift the conditions on the medical license.

Martha Brown, M.D., Assistant Medical Director, Professionals Resource Network

The licensee was present. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to accept the request that he has satisfied the condition of meeting the requirements for the addiction medicine fellowship on his license and that condition on his license is lifted.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to accept the request that he has satisfied the condition of meeting the requirements for the addiction medicine fellowship and that condition on his license is lifted.

Tab 29 Orlando L. Rivero, M.D. - Temporary Certificate to Practice in an Area of Critical Need  
Lack of practice pursuant to Section 458.315, 2. (b), 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 direct supervision by a Florida-licensed physician for one year, 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 direct supervision by a Florida-licensed physician for one year. The Committee voted to delegate to the Chair of the Credentials Committee the authority to approve the supervisor and practice plan.

Tab 30 Arnaldo M. Orellana, M.D. - Temporary Certificate to Practice in an Area of Critical Need  
Lack of practice pursuant to Section 458.315, 2. (b), 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 direct supervision by a Florida-licensed physician for one year, 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 direct supervision by a Florida-licensed physician for one year. The Committee voted to delegate to the Chair of the Credentials Committee the authority to approve the supervisor and practice plan.

Tab 30A Angel Albert DeArmendi, M.D. - Temporary Certificate to Practice in an Area of Critical Need  
Lack of practice pursuant to Section 458.315, 2. (b), 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 direct supervision by a Florida-allopathic licensed physician for one year, 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 direct supervision by a Florida-allopathic licensed physician for one year. The Committee voted to delegate to the Chair of the Credentials Committee the authority to approve the supervisor and practice plan.

## **INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Robert Nuss, M.D. – To Interview Tabs 31-37**

Tab 31 Hector R. Soto Adames, M.D. - Temporary Certificate to Practice in an Area of Critical Need  
Petition for Waiver or Variance of rule 64B8-1.007(9) and 64B8-4.009(1), Florida Administrative Code,

The applicant was present. 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.

Tab 32 Norman Deverox Bell, M.D. - Endorsement  
Petition for Waiver of Rule 64B8-4.009(5), Florida Administrative Code.

The applicant was present. 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.

Tab 33 Janice Pauley, M.D. - Endorsement  
Request to withdraw the licensure application.

The applicant was not present. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to accept Dr. Pauley's request for withdrawal of his licensure application, which carried 5/0.

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

Tab 34 David Frank Sciortino, M.D. - Examination  
Petition for Waiver of Rule 64B8-4.010, Florida Administrative Code.

The applicant was not present. 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.

Tab 35 Shaukat Ali Khan, M.D. – Endorsement  
The training requirement pursuant to section 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 4/1.

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

Tab 36 Ronan Thomas Swords, M.D. - Medical Faculty Certificate  
The training requirement pursuant to section 458.3145(1)(d), Florida Statute

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 37 Maritza M. Cortes, M.D. - Conditional Licensure  
Request to modify the conditions placed on the medical licensure.

The licensee was not present. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to accept the request to modify the conditions on the medical license.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to modify the conditions on the medical license

Tab 3 Gabor Laufer, M.D. – Endorsement  
Action taken by the Virginia Department of Health Professions.

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

Action taken: The Committee voted to deny the application.

Tab 4 John Desverreaux, M.D. - Endorsement  
Failure to disclosed repeated medical education on the licensure application and discuss the Alabama medical license.

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

Action taken: The Committee voted to deny the application.

Tab 5 Ajit Chadha, M.D. - Endorsement

Failure to comply with the request of the Committee regarding the pending licensure application.

The applicant was not present. After discussion, 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.

Tab 8 Nick Rohit Patel, M.D. - Endorsment

Postive response to questions on the licensure application.

The applicant was not present. After discussion, 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.

Tab 17 Deborah G. Yount, M.D. - Endorsement

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 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.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Credentials Committee expressed concerns about the examination statute and wants to refer the matter to the Rules and Legislative Committee.

With no further business the Committee adjourned at 12:55 p.m.