

MEETING MINUTES
Florida Board of Medicine
Credentials Committee Meeting
Regency Hyatt
9801 International Drive
Orlando, Florida 32819
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February 4, 2016

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

Members Present:
Magdalena Averhoff, M.D.
Jorge J. Lopez, M.D.
Enrique Ginzburg, M.D.
Merle Stringer, M.D.
Gary Dolin, M.D.

Staff Present:
Wendy Alls, Program Operations Administrator
Adrienne Rodgers, Bureau Chief
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PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Magdalena Averhoff, M.D. – To Interview Tabs 1-4

Tab 1 - Morgan Peter McMonagle, M.D. - Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to meet the postgraduate training requirement pursuant to section 458.311(1)(f)3.c., F.S.

The applicant was not present. After discussion, a motion was made to table the application until the next meeting of the Committee, which carried 5/0.

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

Tab 3 - Raphael Onochie Ugwu, M.D. - Temporary Certificate for Practice in an Area of Critical Need

Issue(s):

- Failure to meet the practice requirement pursuant to section 458.315(3)(b), F.S.
- To determine if student loan is currently in default

The applicant was not present. After discussion, a motion was made to table the application until the next meeting of the Committee, which carried 5/0.

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

Tab 4 - Najeeb Ahmed Ranginwala, M.D. - Examination

Issue(s):

- Failure to meet section 458.311(1)(h), Florida Statutes, obtained a passing score on the licensure examination of the USMLE examination, Step III
- Request for the Board to allow the Federation of the State Medical Boards to grant an additional attempt to take USMLE examination, Step III
- Failure to disclose internship at Ochsner Clinic Foundation 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 Dr. Ranginwala successfully pass USMLE Step III within one (1) year, which carried 5/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the condition that Dr. Ranginwala successfully pass USMLE Step III within one (1) year.

Jorge Lopez, M.D. – To Interview Tabs 5-8

Tab 5 - Ettore Vulcano, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to meet the postgraduate training requirement pursuant to section 458.311(1)(f)3.c., F.S.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the application for licensure with the following conditions: 1) Successfully complete fellowship training at Hospital for Special Surgery; 2) Indirect supervision for six (6) months by a Florida licensed physician who is certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery, consistent with Rule 64B8-4.025, F.A.C.; and 3) Obtain an approved supervisor within eighteen (18) months. The motion was seconded, which carried 5/0.

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

Tab 6 - Firas Bridges, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Criminal History

The applicant was not present. After discussion, a motion was made to table the application until the next meeting of the Committee, which carried 5/0.

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

Tab 7 - Matthew Thomas Mello, M.D. – Examination

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

Accompanied by Penelope Ziegler, M.D., Medical Director, Professionals Resource Network.

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

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

Tab 8 - Jose Jesus Rodriguez, M.D. - Temporary Certificate for Practice in an Area of Critical Need

Issue(s): Failure to meet the practice requirement pursuant to section 458.315(3)(b), F.S.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the application for licensure with the condition of direct supervision for one (1) year by a Florida licensed physician who is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine or Family Medicine. The terms of direct supervision are set forth in Rule 64B8-4.025, Florida Administrative Code. The motion was seconded, which carried 5/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the condition of direct supervision for one (1) year by a Florida licensed physician who is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine or Family Medicine.

Gary Dolin, M.D. – To Interview Tabs 9-12

Tab 9 - Gladys Mayte Noqueiras, M.D. - Temporary Certificate for Practice in an Area of Critical Need

Issue(s): Failure to meet the practice requirement pursuant to section 458.315(3)(b), F.S.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the application for licensure with the condition of direct supervision for one (1) year by a Florida licensed physician who is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine or Family Medicine. The terms of direct supervision are set forth in Rule 64B8-4.025, Florida Administrative Code. The motion was seconded, which carried 5/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the condition of direct supervision for one (1) year by a Florida licensed physician who is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine or Family Medicine.

Tab 10-Kalyan Chakravarthy Dadireddy, M.D. -Temporary Certificate for Practice in an Area of Critical Need

Issue(s): Failure to meet the practice requirement pursuant to section 458.315(3)(b), F.S.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the application for licensure with the following conditions: 1) direct supervision for one (1) year by a Florida licensed physician who is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine or Family Medicine consistent with Rule 64B8-4.025, F.A.C.; 2) restrict practice to only general practice including wound care; and 3) After one year, Dr. Dadireddy may petition the Board to expand practice area. The motion was seconded, which carried 5/0.

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

Tab 11 -Ramces Abad Francisco, M.D. – Examination

Issue(s): To determine if postgraduate training at New York Presbyterian Hospital (Columbia Campus) and Orlando Health 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 to approve the application for licensure with the condition of indirect supervision for six (6) months by a Florida licensed physician who is certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery. The terms of indirect supervision are set forth in Rule 64B8-4.025, Florida Administrative Code. The motion was seconded, which carried 5/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the condition of indirect supervision for six (6) months by a Florida licensed physician who is certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery.

Tab 12 - David Lee Groden, M.D. - Endorsement

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 to approve the application for licensure. The motion was seconded, which carried 3/2.

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

Enrique Ginzburg, M.D. – To Interview Tabs 13-16

Tab 13 - Mohammed Ali Tawfik Alyouzbaki, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s):

- Petition for Waiver of Rule 64B8-4.009(2), F.A.C.
- Failure to meet the postgraduate training requirement pursuant to section 458.311(1)(f)3.c., F.S.
- To determine if the practice requirement has been met pursuant to section 458.313(1)(c), F.S.

Represented by Monica Rodriguez, Esquire.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, a motion was made to grant the petition for waiver and to table the application for licensure for six (6) months to allow Dr. Tawfik Alyouzbaki to provide a letter from the American Board of Ophthalmology clarifying the terms of his board eligibility and to correct the application due to discrepancies. The motion was seconded, which carried 5/0. The applicant waived the 90-day requirement.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to grant the petition for waiver and to table the application for licensure for six months.

Tab 14 - Bart Maurice Demaerschalk, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to meet section 458.313(1)(b), F.S., the examination requirement

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the application for licensure with the condition that Dr. Demaerschalk remain in practice at Mayo Clinic, for three (3) months. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the condition that Dr. Demaerschalk remain in practice at Mayo Clinic for three (3) months.

Tab 15 - Radomir Piwko, M.D. – Endorsement

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

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, a motion was made to table the application for up to six (6) months pending the evaluation and recommendation from PRN. The Credentials Committee delegated authority to the Chair to approve the application pending the PRN evaluation and compliance thereof. If there are any concerns, the applicant will be required to reappear before the Committee. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The applicant waived the 90-day requirement.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to table the application for up to six (6) months pending the evaluation and recommendation from PRN. The Credentials Committee delegated authority to the Chair to approve the application pending the PRN evaluation and compliance thereof. If there are any concerns, the applicant will be required to reappear before the Committee.

Tab 16 - Isaac Cohen, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s):

- Petition for Waiver of Rule 64B8-4.009(2), F.A.C.
- Failure to meet section 458.313(1)(b), F.S., the examination requirement

The applicant was not present. After discussion, a motion was made to grant the petition for waiver and to table the application for licensure until the next meeting. The motion was seconded, which carried 5/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to grant the petition for waiver and to table the application for licensure until the next meeting.

Merle Stringer, M.D. – To Interview Tabs 17-20

Tab 17 - Obed Saint Louis, M.D. – Examination

Issue(s):

- Action by Kansas Medical Board
- Suspension of staff privileges at Goodland Regional Medical Center

Represented by Allen Grossman, Esquire.

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

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

Tab 18 - Gines Antonio Martinez, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Failure to meet section 458.313(1)(b), F.S., the examination requirement

Represented by Allen Grossman, Esquire.

The applicant was present and sworn in by the court reporter. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the application for licensure with the condition of indirect supervision for six (6) months by a Florida licensed physician who is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine with subspecialty certification in Gastroenterology. The terms of indirect supervision are set forth in Rule 64B8-4.025, Florida Administrative Code. The motion was seconded, which carried 5/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the condition of indirect supervision for six (6) months by a Florida licensed physician who is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine with subspecialty certification in Gastroenterology.

Tab 19 - Joao Henrique Santana Ramos, M.D. – Endorsement

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 to approve the application for licensure. The motion was seconded, which carried 5/0.

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

Tab 20 - William Robert Lockridge, M.D. - Limited License

Issue(s):

- Failure to meet the practice requirement pursuant to section 458.317(1)(b), F.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 to allow Dr. Lockridge to withdraw his application for licensure. The motion was seconded, which carried 5/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to allow withdrawal of the licensure application.

Tab 2 - Robban Ariel Sica, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s):

- Action by Pennsylvania Medical Board, Connecticut Medical Board and New York Medical Board
- Malpractice

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

Action Taken: The Committee voted to allow withdrawal of the licensure application.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATIONS

Magdalena Averhoff, M.D. – To Interview Tabs 21-23

Tab 21 - Bernier Lauredan, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Petition for Waiver of Rule 64B8-4.009(2), 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 waiver and to approve the application for licensure. The motion was seconded, which carried 5/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to grant the petition for waiver and to approve the application for licensure.

Tab 22 - Geetha D. Naik, M.D. – Endorsement

Issue(s): Petition for Waiver of Rule 64B8-4.009(2), 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 waiver and to approve the application for licensure. The motion was seconded, which carried 5/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to grant the petition for waiver and to approve the application for licensure.

Tab 23 - Ratification of Approved Supervisor, Practice Plan and Area of Practice

A motion was made and seconded to ratify the approved supervisor, practice plan and area of practice, which carried 5/0.

Tab 24 - Corrected Meeting Minutes - December 3, 2015

A motion was made and seconded to approve the amended minutes for the meeting held on December 3, 2015, which carried 5/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the amended minutes for the meeting held on December 3, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business for discussion.

The Credentials Committee meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.