



**MEETING MINUTES**  
 Florida Board of Medicine  
 Credentials Committee Teleconference Call  
 August 6, 2020  
 8:00 a.m.



**Teleconference Call In:**

**Toll Free: 1(888) 585-9008**

**Conference Room #:**

**432 162 565 #**

To accommodate individuals required to appear before the Committee, the Chair may adjust the sequence of the agenda items. The minutes reflect the actual sequence of events rather than the original agenda order.

Dr. London called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. Those present included the following:

**Members Present:**

Robert London, MD – Chair  
 Hector Vila, MD  
 Andre Perez, Consumer Member  
 Scot Ackerman, MD – Vice-Chair

**Staff Present:**

Claudia Kemp, Executive Director  
 Wendy Alls, Program Operations Administrator

**Members Absent:**

Eleonor Pimentel, MD

**Court Reporter:**

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**Board Counsel:**

Donna McNulty, Esquire

**PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

**Robert London, MD – To Interview Tabs 1-5**

**Tab 1 - John Anthony Gianoli, MD – Examination**

Issue(s):

- Action by Florida Board of Medicine
- Felony Conviction – Health care fraud
- Currently listed on the OIG Exclusion List
- Surrender of DEA Registration
- Health History

Represented by Attorney David Fursteller, Esquire.

The applicant was present. After discussion, a motion was made to allow Dr. Gianoli to withdraw his application for licensure. The motion was seconded, which carried 4/0.

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

**Tab 2 - Bangaruswamy Vijaya Kumar, MD – Endorsement**

Issue(s): Action by California Medical Board

The applicant was present. After discussion, a motion was made to table the application for 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, which carried 4/0. The applicant waived the 90-day requirement.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to table the application for 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 3 - Mark R. Laftavi, MD – Endorsement**

Issue(s): Failure to meet Sections 458.313(1)(a) and 458.311 (1)(f) 3.c, F.S., Postgraduate Training

The applicant was present. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the application for licensure with the condition that Dr. Laftavi practice for six (6) months in a Florida academic transplant program. If plans change, Dr. Laftavi may petition for modifications of conditions. The motion was seconded, which carried 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the condition that Dr. Laftavi practice for six (6) months in a Florida academic transplant program. If plans change, Dr. Laftavi may petition for modifications of conditions.

**Tab 4 - Jason Acosta, MD – Endorsement**

Issue(s): Failure to meet section 458.313(1)(a) and 458.311(1)(f)3.c., Florida Statutes, postgraduate training

The applicant was present. After discussion, a motion was made to allow Dr. Acosta to withdraw his application for licensure. The motion was seconded, which carried 4/0.

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

**Scot Ackerman, MD – To Interview Tabs 6-11**

**Tab 6 - Juan De Dois De La Cruz Nova, MD – Endorsement**

Issue(s):

- New Jersey State Board Actions
- Failure to meet section 458.313(1)(a) and 458.311(1)(f)3.b., Florida Statutes, ECFMG certification
- Malpractice case(s)

Represented by Allen Grossman, Esquire.

The applicant was not present. After discussion, a motion was made to table the application for licensure until the next credentials committee meeting. The motion was seconded, which carried 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to table the application for licensure until the next credentials committee meeting.

**Tab 9 - Stephen L. Ferrante, MD – Endorsement**

Issue(s):

- Failure to meet Section 458.313(1)(c), F.S., Practice Requirement
- Health History

The applicant was present. After discussion, a motion was made to allow Dr. Ferrante to withdraw his application for licensure. The motion was seconded, which carried 4/0.

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

**Tab 10 - Richard Luboga Byakika, MD – Endorsement**

Issue(s):

- Actions by Ohio Medical Board
- Actions by North Carolina Medical Board
- Actions by Colorado Medical Board
- Criminal History

The applicant was present. After discussion, a motion was made to allow Dr. Byakika to withdraw his application for licensure. The motion was seconded, which carried 4/0.

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

**Tab 11 - Clement John Michet, MD – Intern/Resident/Fellowship Registration**

Issue(s): Health History

The applicant was present. After discussion, a motion was made to table the application for six (6) months pending the recommendation from PRN and confirmation of receipt of a signed copy of Dr. Michet's monitoring contract. The Credentials Committee delegated authority to the Chair to approve the application pending the PRN recommendation and compliance thereof. If there are any concerns, the applicant will be required to reappear before the Committee. The motion was seconded, which carried 4/0. The applicant waived the 90-day requirement.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to table the application for six (6) months pending the recommendation from PRN and confirmation of receipt of a signed copy of Dr. Michet's monitoring contract. The Credentials Committee delegated authority to the Chair to approve the application pending the PRN recommendation and compliance thereof. If there are any concerns, the applicant will be required to reappear before the Committee.

**Hector Vila, MD – To Interview Tabs 12-17**

**Tab 12 - Natasa Dragicevic, MD – Endorsement**

Issue(s):

- Action by ECFMG Committee
- Action by USMLE Committee on Irregular Behavior

The applicant was present. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the application for licensure. The motion was seconded, which carried 4/0.

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

**Tab 13 - Vasilica Narcisa Ianopol, MD – Endorsement**

Issue(s):

- Lack of a U.S. social security number pursuant to section 456.013(1)(a), Florida Statutes.
- Failure to meet section 458.313(1)(a) and 458.311(1)(f)3.b., Florida Statutes, ECFMG certification
- Failure to meet section 458.313(1)(a) and 458.311(1)(f)3.c., Florida Statutes, postgraduate training
- Failure to meet section 458.313(1)(b), Florida Statutes, examination

The applicant was present. After discussion, a motion was made to allow Dr. Ianopol to withdraw her application for licensure. The motion was seconded, which carried 4/0.

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

**Tab 14 - Manuel A. Navas Micheo, MD – Endorsement**

Issue(s): Failure to meet section 458.313(1)(b), Florida Statutes, examination

The applicant was present. 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 Obstetrics and Gynecology. The terms of indirect supervision are set forth in Rule 64B8-4.025, Florida Administrative Code. The motion was seconded, which carried 4/0.

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 Obstetrics and Gynecology. The terms of indirect supervision are set forth in Rule 64B8-4.025, Florida Administrative Code.

**Tab 15 - Candra A. Cummings, MD – Endorsement**

Issue(s): Malpractice Judgement

The applicant was present. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the application for licensure. The motion was seconded, which carried 4/0.

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

**Tab 17 - Francisco Ramon Rodriguez, MD – Endorsement**

Issue(s): Failure to meet section 458.313(1)(b), Florida Statutes, examination

The applicant was present. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the application for licensure with the condition that Dr. Rodriguez successfully pass the Special Purpose Examination (SPEX) within twelve (12) months and the license will issue. The motion was seconded, which carried 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the condition that Dr. Rodriguez successfully pass the Special Purpose Examination (SPEX) within twelve (12) months and the license will issue.

**Andre Perez, Consumer Member – To Interview Tabs 18-22**

**Tab 18 - Ahmed Salem Abdelmonsef Mohamed, MD – Endorsement**

Issue(s):

- Failure to meet section 458.313(1)(a) and 458.311(1)(f)3.c., Florida Statutes, postgraduate training
- Action by Missouri Medical Board (Application for a medical license denied for not meeting the postgraduate training requirement)

The applicant was present. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the application for licensure with the condition of indirect supervision for twelve (12) 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 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the application for licensure with the condition of indirect supervision for twelve (12) 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.

**Tab 19 - Damaris E. Diaz Moran, MD – Endorsement**

Issue(s):

- Failure to meet Sections 458.313(1)(a) and 458.311(1)(f) 3.b., F.S., ECFMG Certification
- Failure to meet Section 458.313(1)(b), F.S., Examination

The applicant was present. 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 or Family Medicine. The terms of indirect supervision are set forth in Rule 64B8-4.025, Florida Administrative Code. The motion was seconded, which carried 4/0.

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 or Family Medicine.

**Tab 20 - Bari Murtuza, MD – Endorsement**

Issue(s): Failure to meet section 458.313(1)(a) and 458.311(1)(f)3.c., Florida Statutes, postgraduate training

The applicant was present. 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 Thoracic Surgery. The terms of indirect supervision are set forth in Rule 64B8-4.025, Florida Administrative Code. The motion was seconded, which carried 4/0.

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 Thoracic Surgery.

**Tab 21 - Timothy Raymond Monroe, MD – Endorsement**

Issue(s): Surrender of Staff Privileges

The applicant was present. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the application for licensure. The motion was seconded, which carried 4/0.

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

**Tab 22 - Susan Leanne Samson, MD – Endorsement**

Issue(s): Failure to meet section 458.313(1)(b), Florida Statutes, examination

The applicant was present. 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. The terms of indirect supervision are set forth in Rule 64B8-4.025, Florida Administrative Code. The motion was seconded, which carried 4/0.

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.

**Hector Vila, MD – To Interview Tabs 23-28**

**Tab 23 - Sandra Birken, MD – Endorsement**

Issue(s): Failure to meet section 458.313(1)(a) and 458.311(1)(f)3.c., Florida Statutes, postgraduate training

Represented by Jeffrey S. Howell, P.A.

The applicant was present. 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 Surgery. The terms of indirect supervision are set forth in Rule 64B8-4.025, Florida Administrative Code. The motion was seconded, which carried 4/0.

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 Surgery.

**Tab 24 - Vabian Paden, MD – Endorsement**

Issue(s): Action by Maryland Board of Physicians

The applicant was present. After discussion, a motion was made to allow Dr. Paden to withdraw his application for licensure. The motion was seconded, which carried 4/0.

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

**Tab 25 - Nina Tomei, MD – Endorsement**

Issue(s): Health History

The applicant was present. After discussion, a motion was made to allow Dr. Tomei to withdraw her application for licensure. The motion was seconded, which carried 4/0.

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

**Tab 26 - Murray F. Young, MD – Endorsement**

Issue(s):

- Failure to meet Section 458.313(1)(a) and 458.311(3)(a), F.S., Lack of bachelor's degree from an accredited US college or university
- Criminal History

The applicant was present. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the application for licensure. The motion was seconded, which carried 4/0.

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

**Tab 27 - Abhishek Mishra, MD – Examination**

Issue(s): Health History

No action was required by the Credentials Committee. The license was issued administratively.

**Tab 28 - Robert M. Frankle, MD – Endorsement**

Issue(s): Action by Illinois Medical Board

The applicant was present. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the application for licensure. The motion was seconded, which carried 4/0.

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

**Tab 5 - Joseph A. Greco, MD – Endorsement**

Issue(s): Tennessee State Board Action(s)

The applicant was not present. After discussion, a motion was made to table the application for licensure until the next credentials committee meeting. The motion was seconded, which carried 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to table the application for licensure until the next credentials committee meeting.

**Tab 7 - Jose Guillermo Alvarez Fuentes, MD – Endorsement**

Issue(s): Failure to meet section 458.313(1)(a) and 458.311(1)(f)3.c., Florida Statutes, postgraduate training

The applicant was not present. After discussion, a motion was made to table the application for licensure until the next credentials committee meeting. The motion was seconded, which carried 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to table the application for licensure until the next credentials committee meeting.

**Tab 8 - Daimis Vazquez Rosabal, MD – Endorsement**

Issue(s): Failure to meet section 458.313(1)(a) and 458.311(1)(f)3.c., Florida Statutes, postgraduate training

The applicant was present. After discussion, a motion was made to allow Dr. Vazquez Rosabal to withdraw her application for licensure. The motion was seconded, which carried 4/0.

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

**Tab 16 - Odelaisys Enriquez, MD – Endorsement**

Issue(s): Failure to meet section 458.313(1)(a) and 458.311(1)(f)3.c., Florida Statutes, postgraduate training

The applicant was present. After discussion, a motion was made to allow Dr. Enriquez to withdraw her application for licensure. The motion was seconded, which carried 4/0.

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

**INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**Robert London, MD – To Interview Tabs 29-36**

**Tab 29 - Gorana Kuka Epstein, MD – Medical Faculty Certificate**

Issue(s): To determine if your postgraduate training is equivalent to the 1-year residency requirement pursuant to section 458.3145(1)(d), Florida Statutes.

The applicant was not present. After discussion, a motion was made to allow Dr. Kuka Epstein to withdraw her application for licensure. The motion was seconded, which carried 4/0.

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

**Tab 30 - Nicolai Sebastian Goettel, MD – Medical Faculty Certificate**

Issue(s): To determine if postgraduate training is equivalent to the 1-year residency requirement pursuant to section 458.3145(1)(d), Florida Statutes

The applicant was not present. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the application for licensure. The motion was seconded, which carried 4/0.

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

**Tab 31 - Joacir Graciolli Cordeiro, MD – Medical Faculty Certificate**

Issue(s):

- To determine if the clinical research faculty certificate in Ohio satisfy section 458.3145(1)(b), Florida Statutes
- To determine if postgraduate training is equivalent to the 1-year residency requirement pursuant to section 458.3145(1)(d), Florida Statutes

The applicant was not present. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the application for licensure. The motion was seconded, which carried 4/0.

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

**Tab 32 - Orlando A. Lopez Santiago, MD – Endorsement**

Issue(s): Request for extension of time to take SPEX

The applicant was not present. After discussion, a motion was made to modify the condition and grant a twelve-(12) month extension of time of the date set forth in the Notice of Intent to Approve Licensure with Conditions to meet the requirements for licensure. The motion was seconded, which carried 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to modify the condition and grant a twelve-(12) month extension of time of the date set forth in the Notice of Intent to Approve Licensure with Conditions to meet the requirements for licensure.

**Tab 33 - Erwin R. Ortiz Pena, MD – Endorsement**

Issue(s): Request for extension of time to take SPEX

The applicant was not present. After discussion, a motion was made to modify the condition and grant a twelve-(12) month extension of time of the date set forth in the Notice of Intent to Approve Licensure with Conditions to meet the requirements for licensure. The motion was seconded, which carried 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to modify the condition and grant a twelve-(12) month extension of time of the date set forth in the Notice of Intent to Approve Licensure with Conditions to meet the requirements for licensure.

**Tab 34 - Hector D. Nieves Vazquez, MD – Endorsement**

Issue(s): Request for extension of time to take SPEX

The applicant was not present. After discussion, a motion was made to modify the condition and grant a twelve-(12) month extension of time of the date set forth in the Notice of Intent to Approve Licensure with Conditions to meet the requirements for licensure. The motion was seconded, which carried 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to modify the condition and grant a twelve-(12) month extension of time of the date set forth in the Notice of Intent to Approve Licensure with Conditions to meet the requirements for licensure.

**Tab 35 - Corrected Meeting Minutes – June 4, 2020**

A motion was made to approve the corrected minutes for the meeting held on June 4, 2020. The motion was seconded, which carried 4/0.

Action Taken: The Committee voted to approve the corrected meeting minutes.

**Tab 36- 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 4/0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business for discussion.

The Credentials Committee meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.