

HAWAII MEDICAL BOARD
Professional and Vocational Licensing Division
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
State of Hawaii

MINUTES OF MEETING

The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by §92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS").

Date: Thursday, May 12, 2016

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: King Kalakaua Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, 1st Floor
Honolulu, HI 96813

Present: Niraj S. Desai, M.D., Chairperson, Kauai Member
Sharon "Shay" Bintliff, M.D., Vice-Chairperson, Hawaii Member
Gerard K. Akaka, M.D., Oahu Member
Maria Chun, Ph.D, Public Member
Darren K. Egami, M.D., Maui Member
Jone Geimer-Flanders, D.O., Oahu Member
Peter Holt, M.D., Oahu Member
Thomas S. Kosasa, M.D., Oahu Member
Karen E. Sept, D.O., Oahu Member
Shari Wong, Deputy Attorney General ("DAG")
Ahlani K. Quiogue, Executive Officer
Wilma Balon, Secretary

Excused: Peter Halford, M.D., Oahu Member
Palasi Puletasi, Public Member

Guests: Gary M. Levitt, Esq.
Rajitha Johnson, M.D.
Jay Dee Penn
Lei Fukumura, Special Deputy Attorney General ("SDAG")

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. at which time quorum was established.

Additions/
Revisions to
Agenda: None.

Dr. Akaka entered the meeting room at 1:02 p.m.

Adjudicatory
Matters: Chair Desai called for a recess from the meeting at 1:02 p.m. to discuss and deliberate on the following adjudicatory matters pursuant to Chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS").

a. In the Matter of the Application for a Medical License of Rajitha Johnson, M.D.; MED-LIC-2014-006

Lei Fukumura, SDAG, was present as were Rajitha Johnson, M.D., Petitioner, Gary M. Levitt, Esq., counsel for Dr. Johnson, and Mr. Jay Dee Penn, friend of Dr. Johnson.

Chair Desai explained that the parties would be given five (5) minutes duration for oral arguments and three (3) minutes for rebuttal.

Mr. Levitt's filed Written Exceptions and Ms. Fukumura filed a Statement in Support. Both parties presented oral arguments.

Mr. Levitt allowed Dr. Johnson to use the rebuttal period to provide an oral statement to the Board.

After hearing from both parties, Chair Desai excused guests from the meeting room at 1:23 p.m.

The guests returned to the meeting room at 1:37 p.m.

It was moved by Dr. Geimer-Flanders, seconded by Dr. Holt, and unanimously carried to accept and adopt the Hearings Officer's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommended Order as the Board's Final Order. The Board finds and concludes that Petitioner has not proven by a preponderance of the evidence that the Board's denial was improper, and accordingly, affirms its denial of Petitioner's application for a medical license.

Chair Desai informed the parties that based on the Board's decision, it would revise the report previously filed with the National Practitioner Data Bank to reflect the dismissal of the following statutory grounds:

HRS § 453-8(a)(8): Incompetence or multiple instances of negligence, including but not limited to the consistent use of medical service, which is inappropriate or unnecessary; and

HRS § 453-8(a)(15): Submitting to or filing with the board any notice, statement, or other document required under this chapter, which is false or untrue or contains any material misstatement or omission of fact.

The following agenda item was taken out of order as courtesy to Ms. Fukumura since she would be presenting the case.

c. In the Matter of the License to Practice Medicine of Eldon G. Palmer, M.D.; MED 2015-91-L

After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Geimer-Flander, seconded by Dr. Akaka, and unanimously carried to accept the Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order.

The Board returned to the agenda in its order.

- b. In the Matter of the License to Practice Medicine of Paul M. Gahlinger, M.D.; MED 2014-177-L

After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Geimer-Flanders, seconded by Dr. Egami, and unanimously carried to accept and adopt the Hearings Officer's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommended Order as the Board's Final Order.

- d. In the Matter of the License to Practice Medicine of Daniel C. Susott, M.D.; MED-2014-110-L

After discussion, it was moved by Chair Desai, seconded by Dr. Geimer-Flanders, and unanimously carried to adopt the Hearings Officer's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and accept its Proposed Final Order as the Board's Final Order.

Following the Board's review, deliberation and decision in this matter pursuant to Chapter 91, HRS, Chair Desai announced that the Board reconvene to its regular Chapter 92, HRS, meeting at 1:51 p.m.

Applications for License/Certification:

- a. Ratifications:
(i) List

It was moved by Dr. Egami, seconded by Dr. Bintliff, and unanimously carried to ratify the attached lists of individuals for licensure or certification.

It was moved by Dr. Holt, seconded by Dr. Kosasa, and unanimously carried to enter into executive session at 1:52 p.m. pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(1) to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional licenses cited in HRS §26-9, and pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(4), to consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities and liabilities.

Discussion of the April 14, 2016 Executive Session Minutes:

The Board discussed the minutes.

Applications for
License/
Certification:

b. Applications:

Jason L. Campos, EMT-B
Larry R. Myers, M.D.
Jesselle E-M Albert, M.D.
Kelly R. Brown, M.D.
Jorge Gonzalez-Cruz, M.D.
Jeffrey S. Hambleton, M.D.
Thinh X. Ho, M.D.
Christian Y. Kitamura, M.D.
Mei Liu, M.D.
Lan T.L. Nguyen, M.D.
Richard S. Woronoff, M.D.
Evan G. Smith, PA-C.

It was moved by Dr. Kosasa, seconded by Dr. Akaka, and unanimously carried to return to the open meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Approval of the
April 14, 2016
Minutes:

It was moved by Dr. Geimer-Flanders, seconded by Dr. Holt, with Drs. Akaka and Egami abstaining from the vote, and carried by a majority to approve the regular session meeting minutes as circulated, and to approve the minutes of the executive session with revisions.

It was moved by Dr. Geimer-Flanders, seconded by Dr. Bintliff, and unanimously carried to approve the following applications:

Jesselle E-M Albert, M.D.
Kelly R. Brown, M.D.
Jorge Gonzalez-Cruz, M.D.
Jeffrey S. Hambleton, M.D.
Christian Y. Kitamura, M.D.
Mei Liu, M.D.
Lan T.L. Nguyen, M.D.
Richard S. Woronoff, M.D.
Evan G. Smith, PA-C.

Jason L. Campos, EMT-B

The Board reviewed and considered all of the records and files of Mr. Campos' application and information received from him as well as from other organizations.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Geimer-Flanders, seconded by Dr. Holt, and unanimously carried to request that Mr. Campos provide clarification regarding his statement of explanation dated April 29, 2016. Upon receipt of that information, Board staff may approve Mr. Campos' application for an EMT-B certificate.

Larry R. Myers, M.D.

The Board reviewed and considered all of the records and files of Dr. Myers' application and information received from him as well as from other organizations.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Egami, seconded by Dr. Bintliff, and unanimously carried to have Dr. Myers submit a signed and notarized attestation regarding his employment with IHS New Mexico. The Board also determined that its Executive Officer shall make a direct inquiry with IHS New Mexico regarding Dr. Myers' status with that organization. Upon receipt of the attestation from Dr. Myers and information from IHS New Mexico, the Board determined that its Executive Officer shall approve Dr. Myers' application provided it does not require any discretion on her part.

Thinh X. Ho, M.D.

After due consideration of the information received, it was moved by Dr. Holt, seconded by Dr. Kosasa, and unanimously carried to defer Dr. Ho's application for medical licensure pending additional information and further review.

Old Business:

a. Legislation

S.B. 2675, SD1, HD2 / ACT 038, Relating to Licensing

The Board was provided Act 038 for informational purposes only.

Executive Officer Quiogue informed members that on April 29, 2016, S.B. 2675, SD1, HD2, was signed into law by the Governor, and became Act 038.

H.B. No. 2233, HD 2, SD1, CD1, Relating to Health Care Professionals

The Board was provided with the newest version of this bill for informational purposes only.

Executive Officer Quiogue informed the Board that the above bill went to conference but has not been enacted. Executive Officer Quiogue informed members further that if it does become a law, any applications accepted on/or after July 1, 2016, will be required to provide an email address.

Advisory
Committees:

- a. Physician Assistants
- b. Emergency Medical Service Personnel

c. Podiatrists

Chairperson's
Report:

Dr. Geimer-Flanders informed members that she attended the FSMB's Annual Meeting held April 27 – April 30, 2016, in San Diego, California.

Dr. Geimer-Flanders shared with members her experiences and announced that she was elected as a member of the FSMB's Nominating Committee.

She relayed further that during the FSMB Annual Meeting, she was also able to meet with and discuss matters regarding reentry to practice. One of the groups she met with was UC San Diego's Physician Assessment and Clinical Education Program ("PACE"). She went on to say that if the Board were inclined, PACE would be willing to appear before it, and present information regarding its program.

Dr. Geimer-Flanders informed members that during the Annual Meeting, there was a lengthy discussion on the FSMB Interstate Medical Licensure Compact which she will be presenting at its July 14, 2016 meeting.

Executive Officer's
Report:

None.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, June 9, 2016
King Kalakaua Conference Room, First Floor
335 Merchant Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Adjournment:

It was moved by Dr. Bintliff, seconded by Dr. Akaka, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

Taken and recorded by:

/s/Ahlani K. Quiogue

/s/Wilma Balon

(Ms.) Ahlani K. Quiogue
Executive Officer

Wilma Balon
Secretary

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(X) Minutes approved as is.

() Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of _____.

HAWAII MEDICAL BOARD (05/12/2016-RATIFICATION LIST)

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MD 18574 VANIA <CASTILLO<
MD 18575 MARIO <SILVA<
MD 18576 CONNIE A <INNIS<
MD 18577 JOHN L <MORRIS<
MD 18578 CARY T <GRAYSON < III
MD 18579 HAGOP Y <SARKISSIAN<
MD 18580 MICHAEL J <FITCH<
MD 18581 PAUL F <NIELSON<
MD 18582 BRADFORD J <WILLIAMS<
MD 18583 KERIC C <MENES<
MD 18584 IRINA K <DIMITROVA<
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MD 18586 JUSTIN C <LIU<
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MD 18589 INDIA <RICHARDS<
MD 18590 SARA K <CHRISTENSEN<
MD 18591 ALLY <HA<
MD 18592 NANI L <MORGAN<
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MD 18594 THERESA L R <FLAMENT<
MD 18595 MICHELLE X <DELNEO<
MD 18596 ANNA-LENA <LUEKER<
MD 18597 RAYMOND B <RAVEN< III
MD 18598 IRENE <CHIN<
MD 18599 GINA C <BADESCU<
MD 18600 RACHEL A <JONES<
MD 18601 ANDREW M <SUMMERSGILL<
MD 18602 BRIANA J <LAU<
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MD 18611 KATHERINE A <WILLIAMS<
MD 18612 BENJAMIN P <FALIT<
MD 18613 WON WOO C <LEE<
MD 18614 DANIEL A N <SILVERMAN<

MD 18615 HEATHER M <BRADFORD<
MD 18616 CHRISTOPHER K <GIBU<
MD 18617 LAURA M <PEZZUTO<
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MD 18621 DAVID M <MCMULLAN< JR
MD 18622 BRENT E <WHITEHEAD<

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MDR 7024 NATALIYA Y <HOLMES<
MDR 7025 JASON <DEVGUN<
MDR 7026 STEPHANIE J <KIM<
MDR 7027 CHRISTOPHER R <AMICK<
MDR 7028 KEVIN <WICKENHEISER<
MDR 7029 SAMUEL R <DODSON<
MDR 7030 MICHAEL <TRAN<

AMD 680 ELVIRA <BELENKY<
AMD 681 TIMOTHY O <BERKLEY<
AMD 682 ANNA K <PRUETT<
AMD 683 LINH M <QUAN<
AMD 684 KAREN R <HAUDE<
AMD 685 DANIEL J <BEQUILLARD<
AMD 686 THOMAS H <GREENE<
AMD 687 MARK A <BURKOWSKI<

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DOS 1725 SEAN W <CARLSON<

PO 218 BYRON <CARRASCO<

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EMTB 2701 ASHLEY D <MOREHEAD<
EMTB 2702 ROCHELLE J <POTTER<

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