

NEW MEXICO BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
Special Call Meeting
491 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico
December 30, 2002

MINUTES

Members Present:

John S. Romine, M.D., President, Physician Member
Marvin Call, M.D., Vice-President, Physician Member – by teleconference
C. Grant La Farge, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer, Physician Member
Sambaiiah Kankanala, M.D., Physician Member – by teleconference
Karl Gutierrez, M.D., Physician Member – by teleconference
Vittal Pai, M.D., Physician Member
Lynda Kellahin, Public Member – by teleconference
Christine Glidden, Public Member

Also Present:

Charlotte Kinney, Executive Director
G.T.S Khalsa, Administrative Prosecutor
Corliss Thalley, A.A.G.
Jay Feierman, M.D.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the New Mexico Board of Medical Examiners convened at 4:04 p.m., Monday, December 30, 2002, in the Executive Director's Office, Lamy Building, 491 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico, **Grant La Farge, M.D.** presiding. Dr. La Farge called the roll and a quorum was declared with all members present, except Dr. Gutierrez who joined the meeting several minutes later.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. La Farge **MOVED** the agenda be approved as amended. Ms. Kellahin **SECONDED** the motion, which **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

3. LICENSING ISSUES

Executive Session: MOTION was made by Dr. Gutierrez and seconded by Dr. La Farge to go into executive session to discuss matters of licensure. **YES:** Romine, Call, La Farge, Gutierrez, Kankanala, Pai, Kellahin and Glidden. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Board returned to open session. Dr. La Farge stated for the record that the matters discussed in closed session were limited to only those specified in the motion for closure.

On behalf of Complaint Committee E, Dr. La Farge **MOVED** to close complaint #2002-E-115, based on the recommendation of the Impaired Committee that interviewed the respondent. Ms. Kellahin **SECONDED** the motion, **YES:** La Farge, Call, Gutierrez, Kankanala, Pai, Glidden, and Kellahin. **RECUSED:** Romine. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Delegate Licensing Authority Until Board Appointed. Ms. Thalley addressed the members and explained her interpretation that even though they have resigned as requested by the new Governor, they will continue to serve until they have been replaced or reappointed. This will keep the Board functioning in the interim and issuing licenses. In response to the discussion it was suggested that each member send a letter to Governor Richardson stating that based on the recommendation of the A.G.

they will continue to serve.

B. Approve Rule Hearing in February on Licensing Changes. Ms. Kinney discussed the need for rule and statute changes to implement the proposed changes to the licensing process: changing the mandatory interviews to discretionary and elimination of in-person orientation. The Rule Hearing will be at the February meeting, with the effective date dependent on changes to the Medical Practice Act. Draft rules will be available 30 days before the hearing as required by law.

4. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

SUBMITTED: _____ **Date:** _____
Charlotte Kinney, Executive Director

APPROVED: _____ **Date:** _____
John Romine, M.D., President