

NEW MEXICO BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
Special Call Meeting
491 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico
September 18, 2002

MINUTES

Members Present:

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

Also Present:

Charlotte Kinney, Executive Director
G.T.S Khalsa, Administrative Prosecutor
Corliss Thalley, AAG
Angela Martinez, Administrator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the New Mexico Board of Medical Examiners convened at 4:10 p.m., Wednesday, September 18, 2002, in the Executive Director's Office, Lamy Building, 491 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico, *Marvin Call, M.D.* presiding. Dr. La Farge called the roll and a quorum was declared with all members present, except Dr. Pai.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Kellahin **MOVED** the agenda be amended to Consider Action on Dr. Easter first, and then approved as amended. Dr. La Farge **SECONDED** the motion, which **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

3. CONSIDER ACTION Thomas Easter, M.D.

Ms. Thalley explained the Board's options, which are to modify, reject or accept the Hearing Officer's Findings of Fact. Dr. La Farge **MOVED** to amend the Hearing Officer Report as follows: in paragraph 34, line 1, to change the word "licensee" to "licensing." Ms. Kellahin **SECONDED** the motion. **YES:** La Farge, Call, Gutierrez, Kankanala, Kellahin, and Glidden. **MOTION CARRIED.** Dr. Romine was **RECUSED** and had not yet joined the meeting.

Ms. Kellahin **MOVED** to adopt the Hearing Officer's Findings of Fact with the correction noted above. Dr. La Farge **SECONDED** the motion, **YES:** La Farge, Call, Gutierrez, Kankanala, Kellahin and Glidden. **MOTION CARRIED.** Dr. Romine was **RECUSED** and had not yet joined the meeting.

Ms. Kellahin **MOVED** that Dr. Easter's license to practice medicine in New Mexico should be **REVOKED**, that Dr. Easter be responsible for the costs of the proceeding, that Dr. Easter may reapply for licensure after two years, and having shown current competency and rehabilitation. Dr. La Farge **SECONDED** the motion, **YES:** La Farge, Call, Gutierrez, Kankanala, Kellahin and Glidden. **MOTION CARRIED.** Dr. Romine was **RECUSED** and had not yet joined the meeting.

Dr. Call designated Dr. La Farge to sign the Decision and Order.

Dr. Romine joined the meeting at 4:50 p.m. following the discussion of Case #2002-D-064.

4. LICENSING ISSUES

Dr. La Farge **MOVED** to approve a license for **Joseph DiTuro, MD**, with the recalculation of the FLEX weighted average score. Ms. Kellahin **SECONDED** the motion. **YES:** Romine, La Farge, Call, Gutierrez, Kankanala, Kellahin and Glidden. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Dr. La Farge **MOVED** to extend the deferral period for Continuing Medical Education credits for **Adrian Groenendyk, MD**, until December 31, 2002. Ms. Kellahin **SECONDED** the motion. **YES:** Romine, La Farge, Call, Gutierrez, Kankanala, Kellahin and Glidden. **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. La Farge **MOVED** to issue a Notice of Contemplated Action to the physician in case **#2002-D-064, (Pamela L Johnson, MD)** for fraud or misrepresentation on an application for licensure. Also to file a complaint to the North Carolina Board on the physician who wrote a reference letter to the board. No second was required. **YES:** Romine, Call, Gutierrez, Kankanala, Kellahin and Glidden. **RECUSED:** La Farge.

6. EMERGENCY BUSINESS None

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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

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

APPROVED: _____ **Date:** _____
C. Grant La Farge, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer