

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
Minutes
February 22, 2007**

The Credentials Committee met on Thursday, February 22, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jane Piness, MD, Chair
Robert Mosby, MD
Karen Ransone, MD
Ellen Shapiro, DPM

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director
Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director of Licensing
Allyson Tysinger, JD
Carolyn McKann, APD
Colanthia Morton, Operations Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Piness called the meeting to order.

Let it be noted for the record that Dr. Piness announced the Emergency Evacuation Instructions prior to each informal conference.

**STATE BOARDS OF MEDICINE/PODIATRIC MEDICINE USING NATIONAL BOARD OF
PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS PART III EXAMINATION**

Ms. Powers asked the Committee to consider the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners' request to allow the NBPME to take responsibility for the registration, eligibility to sit for the examination and score reporting. Dr. Mosby moved to accept the NBPME's request. The motion was seconded and carried.

INFORMAL CONFERENCES

SANGEETHA SHANMUGAM, MD

Sangeetha Shanmugan, MD, appeared before the Committee to respond to its inquiry regarding the possible refusal to issue a license to practice medicine pursuant to Virginia Code Section 54.1-2932, and 18 VAC85-20-140.E(2) of the Regulations Governing the Board of Medicine. Upon conclusion of the discussion, Dr. Piness entertained motions. Dr. Ransone moved to convene a closed meeting pursuant to section 2.2-3711 A. (28) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Dr. Shanmugam. Additionally, she moved that, William Harp, MD, Ola Powers, Allyson Tysinger, and Carolyn McKann, attend the closed meeting because their presence would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried. Upon motion made, seconded and carried, the Committee returned to open session following the procedure for certification of an executive meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3712.

Dr. Mosby moved to issue a full and unrestricted license to Dr. Shanmugam. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

GENE ANDREW GERMANO, MD

Gene Andrew Germano, MD appeared before the Committee to respond to its inquiry regarding the possible refusal to issue a license to practice medicine pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 54.1-2915.A (1), (2), (4) and (16). Upon conclusion of the discussion, Dr. Piness entertained motions. Dr. Ransone moved to convene a closed meeting pursuant to section 2.2-3711 A. (28) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Dr. Germano. Additionally, she moved that, William Harp, MD, Ola Powers, Allyson Tysinger, and Carolyn McKann, attend the closed meeting because their presence would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried. Upon motion made, seconded and carried, the Committee returned to open session following the procedure for certification of an executive meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-37.12.

Dr. Mosby moved to grant a full and unrestricted license to Dr. Germano upon successful completion of the SPEX and a forty-hour board review course in primary care. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

LUTHER LEROY WRIGHT, JR., MD

Luther Leroy Wright, Jr., MD, appeared before the Committee to respond to its inquiry regarding the possible refusal to issue a license to practice medicine pursuant to Virginia Code Section 54.1-2915.A (5) and (10). Upon conclusion of the discussion, Dr. Piness entertained motions. Dr. Ransone moved to convene a closed meeting pursuant to section 2.2-3711 A. (28) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Dr. Wright. Additionally, she moved that, William harp, MD, Ola Powers, Allyson Tysinger, and Carolyn

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McKann, attend the closed meeting because their presence would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried. Upon motion made, seconded and carried, the Committee returned to open session following the procedure for certification of an executive meeting pursuant to Virginia code Section 2.2-3712.

Dr. Mosby moved to issue and full and unrestricted license to Dr. Wright. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

/s/ _____
Jane Piness, MD, Chair

William L. Harp, M.D.
Executive Director

Ola Powers,
Deputy Executive Director, Licensing