





**TO:** The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

**FROM:** David H. Hamilton 

**SUBJECT:** Report of the Committee on the Professions Regarding  
Licensing Petitions and Degree Conferrals

**DATE:** December 31, 2025

**AUTHORIZATION(S):** 

**SUMMARY**

**Issue for Decision (Consent)**

Should the Regents approve the recommendations of the Committee on the Professions pertaining to licensing petitions and degree conferrals as listed on the attachment?

**Reason(s) for Consideration**

Required by State Statute.

**Proposed Handling**

This question will come before the Full Board at its January 2026 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

**Procedural History**

Section 6506(5) of the Education Law and Section 24.7 of the Rules of the Board of Regents authorize the Regents to waive education, experience and examination requirements for a professional license as well as to confer the degree Doctor of Medicine.

**Background Information**

There are three licensure petitions and 22 requests for the conferral of the degree of Doctor of Medicine for review and determination.

**Related Regents Items**

Not Applicable.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Regents approve the recommendations of the Committee on the Professions regarding the licensure petitions and degree conferrals.

### **Timetable for Implementation**

Approval of the Committee on the Professions' recommendations will be effective January 13, 2026.

| Cases Presented to Board of Regents on January 13, 2026 |                  |              |  |             |                              |
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| SUMMARY REPORT  |                  |              |  |             |                              |
| PROFESSION  | EDUCATION        |              |  | EXAMINATION |                              |
|   | Pre-Professional | Professional | Post-Graduate  | Proficiency | Licensing                    |
| Restricted Dental Faculty                               |                  | 25-02-79     |  |             |                              |
| Medicine  |                  |              |  |             | 25-197-60<br>To<br>25-198-60 |
| EXPERIENCE:   |                  |              |  |             |                              |
| Confer Degree Doctor of Medicine:                       |                  |              | 25-193-60C<br>To<br>25-214-60C   |             |                              |
| OTHER:  |                  |              | Total for fiscal year to date: 211<br><br>Total for calendar year to date: 238 |             |                              |

## Board of Regents, January 13, 2026

### **RESTRICTED DENTAL FACULTY**

25-02-79

Renato Correa Viana Casarin

Williamsville, New York

(Universidade Estadual de Campinas, Piracicaba, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Titulo de Cirurgiao Dentista, February 2004)

Petition for: Acceptance of education.

Statement of Problem: Section 6604-b of Article 133 of the Education Law requires an applicant for restricted dental faculty license to have completed a total of no less than six academic years of pre-professional and professional education, including: courses in general chemistry, organic chemistry, biology or zoology, and physics; and not less than four academic years of professional dental education satisfactory to the department.

Immediately after secondary school, Dr. Correa Viana Casarin completed a four-year professional dental education program at Universidade Estadual de Campinas in Piracicaba, Sao Paulo, Brazil. Following that, he completed both a master's degree and a doctoral degree in Clinical Dentistry at Universidade Estadual de Campinas in Piracicaba, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Although Dr. Correa Viana Casarin has over six years of combined education in dentistry, his education does not exhibit the pattern of two years of preprofessional education followed by a four-year dental program as expected. The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Dentistry recommends that Dr. Correa Viana Casarin's combination of studies be accepted to fulfill the education requirement.

| <b>APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:</b>   | <b>QUALIFICATIONS:</b>  |
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| Section 6604-b of Article 133 of the Education Law requires:  |   |
| (1) The completion of a total of no less than six academic years of pre-professional and professional education, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ courses in general chemistry, organic chemistry, biology or zoology and physics; and</li><li>▪ not less than four academic years of professional dental education</li></ul> | (1)(a) Universidade Estadual de Campinas, Piracicaba, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Titulo de Cirurgiao Dentista, February 2004<br><br>(1)(b) Universidade Estadual de Campinas, Piracicaba, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Mestre em Clinical Odontologica, June 2007 |

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| satisfactory to the department culminating in a degree, diploma or certificate in dentistry recognized by the appropriate civil authorities of the jurisdiction in which the school is located as acceptable for entry into practice in the jurisdiction in which the school is located.  | (1)(c) Universidade Estadual de Campinas, Piracicaba, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Doutore em Clinica Odontologica, July 2009 |
| (2) Within the last five years, have two years of satisfactory practice as a dentist or have satisfactorily completed an advanced education program in general dentistry or in a dental specialty, provided such program is accredited by an organization accepted by the department as a reliable authority for the purpose of accrediting such programs (such as the commission on dental accreditation). | (2)   |
| (3) Evidence of good moral character.   | (3)   |

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Dentistry, recommends that the applicant's education requirements be considered fulfilled.

## **MEDICINE**

**25-197-60**

Tomer Levy  
Bronx, New York

(Sackler School of Medicine, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel, Doctor of Medicine, June 2008)

Petition for: Endorsement of applicant's medical license from Israel.

Statement of Problem: Commissioner's Regulations allow endorsement of an applicant's license from another jurisdiction if appropriate requirements are met, and the applicant has not failed any part of New York State's licensing examination. A license granted in a foreign country can be endorsed if licensure in that country is regulated by an organization designated as responsible for quality assurance and acceptable to the Board of Regents. Additionally, the applicant must satisfactorily demonstrate completion of an acceptable proficiency examination, clinical competency examination, three years of American Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accredited postgraduate training or the equivalent, and five years of satisfactory professional experience.

Dr. Levy lacks three years of accredited postgraduate training. The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine has reviewed the documentation submitted in support of Dr. Levy's application. He recommends that Dr. Levy's training be accepted as the equivalent of the three years of ACGME-accredited postgraduate training required for licensure.

Commissioner's Regulations allow the Board of Regents to accept appropriate foreign medical licenses and diplomate certificates to fulfill the license, proficiency, and clinical competency requirements for New York State licensure by endorsement. Dr. Levy obtained his medical license in Israel in 2008. His Israeli license is active and in good standing. Additionally, Dr. Levy holds Specialty Certifications in Psychiatry and Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that Dr. Levy's Israeli license be endorsed, and his Specialty Certifications be accepted to fulfill the proficiency and clinical competency examination requirements for endorsement.

| <b>APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:</b>  | <b>QUALIFICATIONS:</b>  |
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| Sections 60.1, 60.3, and 60.5 of the Commissioner's Regulations require:                     |   |
| (1) Six years of postsecondary education, including at least 32 months of medical education. | (1) Sackler School of Medicine, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel, Doctor of Medicine, June 2008. |

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| (2) Proficiency examination.   | (2) (a) Phase A written MCQ examination on June 2011 and Phase B oral and practical examination on April 2012. Certification as Specialist in Psychiatry, The Israeli Ministry of Health, January 2013.   |
| (3) Three years of approved postgraduate hospital training.  | (3) (a) Residency in Psychiatry at Shalvata Mental Health Center, Tel Aviv University in Tel Aviv, Israel from June 2008 through December 2012.<br>(b) Fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Shalvata Mental Health Center, Tel Aviv University in Tel Aviv, Israel from January 2013 through June 2015.<br>(c) Clinical and Research Fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at The Hospital of Sick Children in Toronto, Ontario, Canada from September 2017 to July 2019. |
| (4) Appropriate medical license or certificate.  | (4) License Number 1-82395, issued in April 2008, Division of Medical Professions Licensing, Israel Ministry of Health, Jerusalem, Israel.  |
| (5) Acceptable scores on a clinical competency examination acceptable to the Department.                 | (5) Phase B oral and practical examination, November 2014. Certification as a Specialist in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, The Israeli Ministry of Health, July 2015.   |
| (6) Not less than five years of satisfactory professional experience.                                    | (6) Over Five years of satisfactory professional experience.  |
| (7) United States citizen or alien lawfully admitted for permanent resident status in the United States. | (7)   |
| (8) Evidence of good moral character.  | (8)   |
| (9) Course in the identification of child abuse and maltreatment.  | (9)   |

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine, recommends that the applicant's qualifications be accepted to fulfill the requirements for licensure by endorsement.

## **MEDICINE**

**25-198-60**

Franklin Daniel Oviedo Tovar  
Baltimore, Maryland

(Universidad Nacional Experimental de Los Llanos Centrales Romulo Gallegos, San Juan de Los Morros, Venezuela, Physician & Surgeon, November 2001)

Petition for: Endorsement of applicant's medical license from Venezuela.

Statement of Problem: Commissioner's Regulations allow endorsement of an applicant's license from another jurisdiction if appropriate requirements are met, and the applicant has not failed any part of New York State's licensing examination. A license granted in a foreign country can be endorsed if licensure in that country is regulated by an organization designated as responsible for quality assurance and acceptable to the Board of Regents. Additionally, the applicant must satisfactorily demonstrate completion of an acceptable proficiency examination, clinical competency examination, three years of American Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accredited postgraduate training or the equivalent, and five years of satisfactory professional experience.

Dr. Oviedo Tovar lacks three years of accredited postgraduate training. The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine has reviewed the documentation submitted in support of Dr. Oviedo Tovar's application. He recommends that Dr. Oviedo Tovar's training be accepted as the equivalent of the three years of ACGME-accredited postgraduate training required for licensure.

Commissioner's Regulations allow the Board of Regents to accept appropriate foreign medical licenses and diplomate certificates to fulfill the license, proficiency, and clinical competency requirements for New York State licensure by endorsement. Dr. Oviedo Tovar obtained his medical license in Venezuela in 2001. His Venezuelan license is active and in good standing. Additionally, Dr. Oviedo Tovar has Specialty Board Certification in General Surgery issued in December 2006. He also holds Specialty Board Certification in Plastic, Reconstructive, and Aesthetic Surgery, issued in June 2013.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that Dr. Oviedo Tovar's Venezuelan license be endorsed, and his Specialty Board Certifications be accepted to fulfill the proficiency and clinical competency examination requirements for endorsement.

| <b>APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:</b>   | <b>QUALIFICATIONS:</b>   |
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| Sections 60.1, 60.3, and 60.5 of the Commissioner's Regulations require:          |  |
| (1) Six years of postsecondary education, including at least 32 months of medical | (1) Universidad Nacional Experimental de Los Llanos Centrales Romulo Gallegos, |



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| education.   | San Juan de Los Morros, Venezuela, Physician & Surgeon, November 2001.   |
| (2) Proficiency examination.   | (2) (a) Specialty Board Certification, N# DI-00-1417, Specialist in General Surgery, College of Physicians of the Metropolitan District of Caracas, Caracas, Venezuela, December 2006.   |
| (3) Three years of approved postgraduate hospital training.  | (3) (a) Residency in General Surgery at Universidad Central de Venezuela, Hospital Vargas de Caracas in Caracas, Venezuela from January 2003 through December 2005.<br>(b) Residency in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Universidad Central de Venezuela, Hospital Universitario de Caracas in Caracas, Venezuela from January 2008 through December 2010. |
| (4) Appropriate medical license or certificate.  | (4) Registration 62.214, Ministry of Popular Power for Health, Caracas, Venezuela, November 2001.<br>Registration 27.674, The Medical Association of the Metropolitan District of Caracas, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Caracas, Venezuela, February 2008.  |
| (5) Acceptable scores on a clinical competency examination acceptable to the Department.                 | (5) Specialty Board Certification, Venezuelan Society of Plastic, Reconstructive, and Aesthetic Surgery (SVCPREM), The Medical College of the Capital District in Caracas, Venezuela, June 2013.   |
| (6) Not less than five years of satisfactory professional experience.                                    | (6) Over Five years of satisfactory professional experience.   |
| (7) United States citizen or alien lawfully admitted for permanent resident status in the United States. | (7)  |
| (8) Evidence of good moral character.  | (8)  |
| (9) Course in the identification of child abuse and maltreatment.  | (9)  |

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine, recommends that the applicant's qualifications be accepted to fulfill the requirements for licensure by endorsement.

## **MEDICINE**

Petition for: Conferral of the degree Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) pursuant to Section 6529 of the Education Law.

Summary Statement: The petitioners listed below are all graduates of foreign medical schools who have been licensed in New York.

The applicable requirements of Section 3.57 of the Rules of the Board of Regents require completion of a medical education program in a foreign medical school satisfactory to the Department which does not grant the degree Doctor of Medicine (M.D.), and in which the philosophy and curriculum were equivalent, as determined by the Department in accordance with the policy of the Board of Regents, to those in programs leading to the degree Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) at medical schools in the United States satisfactory to, or registered by, the Board of Regents and the Department. Secondly, petitioners must have licensure to practice medicine in New York State in accordance with provisions of Section 6524 or 6528 of the Education Law or their equivalent as determined by the Board of Regents pursuant to their authority under Section 6506 of the Education Law.

| <b>NAME OF PETITIONER</b>  | <b>QUALIFICATIONS</b>   |
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| <u>25-193-60C</u><br>Ahlam Rashed<br>Brewerton, NY 13029         | 1) Jordan University of Science and Technology, Irbid, Jordan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 06/11/2018<br>2) License # 338951, Issued 07/25/2025  |
| <u>25-194-60C</u><br>Anis Hamid<br>New York, NY 10065            | 1) University of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 12/06/2008<br>2) License # 323451, Issued 05/24/2023                |
| <u>25-195-60C</u><br>Insara Jaffer Sathick<br>New York, NY 10028 | 1) Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University, Tamil Nadu, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 03/05/2002<br>2) License # 285738, Issued 07/14/2016 |
| <u>25-196-60C</u><br>Jiajia Zhang<br>New York, NY 10028          | 1) Southern Medical University, Guangdong, China, Bachelor of Medicine, 06/26/2013<br>2) License # 337856, Issued 06/16/2025                                    |
| <u>25-197-60C</u><br>Md Rockyb Hasan                             | 1) University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Bachelor of  |

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| Vestal, NY 13850   | Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery,<br>03/20/2012<br>2) License # 340751, Issued<br>11/07/2025   |
| <u>25-198-60C</u><br>Mini Kamboj<br>New York, NY 10021                     | 1) Government Medical College,<br>Chandigarh, India, Bachelor of<br>Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery,<br>03/10/1999<br>2) License # 244138, Issued<br>05/14/2007 |
| <u>25-199-60C</u><br>Mohamed Kamel Kamel Hussein<br>Rochester, NY 14620    | 1) University of Cairo, Cairo, Egypt,<br>Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of<br>Surgery, 02/27/2008<br>2) License # 301304, Issued<br>09/20/2019                |
| <u>25-200-60C</u><br>Nada Hafez<br>Rochester, NY 14618                     | 1) Alexandria University, Alexandria,<br>Egypt, Bachelor of Medicine,<br>Bachelor of Surgery, 03/30/2013<br>2) License # 332328, Issued<br>08/07/2024         |
| <u>25-201-60C</u><br>Neil Jayendra Shah<br>New York, NY 10075              | 1) Sardar Patel University, Gujarat,<br>India, Bachelor of Medicine,<br>Bachelor of Surgery, 12/15/2010<br>2) License # 299609, Issued<br>06/13/2019          |
| <u>25-202-60C</u><br>Omer Ibrahim Mahdi Al Najafi<br>Stony Brook, NY 11790 | 1) University of Baghdad, Baghdad,<br>Iraq, Bachelor of Medicine,<br>Bachelor of Surgery, 07/15/2013<br>2) License # 338684, Issued<br>07/16/2025             |
| <u>25-203-60C</u><br>Paridhi Anand<br>Roslyn, NY 11576                     | 1) Sikkim Manipal University,<br>Gangtok, India, Bachelor of<br>Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery,<br>12/16/2008<br>2) License # 270002, Issued<br>05/01/2013     |
| <u>25-204-60C</u><br>Patricia Arboleda Ezcurra<br>Glen Ridge, NJ 07028     | 1) Universidad De San Martin De<br>Porres, Lima, Peru, Physician &<br>Surgeon, 02/23/2007<br>2) License # 340445, Issued<br>10/17/2025                        |
| <u>25-205-60C</u><br>Pragya Ranjan<br>Croton-On-Hudson, NY 10520           | 1) Maharashtra University of Health<br>Sciences, Mumbai, India, Bachelor  |

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|   | of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery,<br>04/26/2012<br>2) License # 300215, Issued<br>07/15/2019  |
| <u>25-206-60C</u><br>Prashant Deshmane<br>Fayetteville, NY 13066  | 1) Seth GS Medical College, Mumbai,<br>India, Bachelor of Medicine,<br>Bachelor of Surgery, 12/27/2001<br>2) License # 283294, Issued<br>03/03/2016                           |
| <u>25-207-60C</u><br>Pulok Roy<br>Astoria, NY 11102               | 1) University of Dhaka, Dhaka,<br>Bangladesh, Bachelor of Medicine,<br>Bachelor of Surgery, 03/12/2020<br>2) License # 339368, Issued<br>08/19/2025                           |
| <u>25-208-60C</u><br>Rajkumar Selvanayagam<br>Hyde Park, NY 12538 | 1) Madurai Medical College, Tamil<br>Nadu, India, Bachelor of Medicine,<br>Bachelor of Surgery, 07/10/2010<br>2) License # 325680, Issued<br>08/24/2023                       |
| <u>25-209-60C</u><br>Sham Mailankody<br>New York, NY 10075        | 1) Rajiv Gandhi University of Health<br>Sciences, Mangalore, India,<br>Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of<br>Surgery, 03/29/2008<br>2) License # 279162, Issued<br>04/07/2015  |
| <u>25-210-60C</u><br>Sharmeen Hussaini<br>Pittsford, NY 14534     | 1) Ziauddin Medical College, Karachi,<br>Pakistan, Bachelor of Medicine,<br>Bachelor of Surgery, 12/29/2012<br>2) License # 311529, Issued<br>06/23/2021                      |
| <u>25-211-60C</u><br>Shruthi Sivakumar<br>Manhattan, NY 10128     | 1) Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R Medical<br>University, Tamil, India, Bachelor of<br>Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery,<br>06/29/2019<br>2) License # 332892, Issued<br>09/12/2024         |
| <u>25-212-60C</u><br>Taikhoom Dahodwala<br>Bronx, NY 10463        | 1) Maharashtra University of Health<br>Sciences, Maharashtra, India,<br>Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of<br>Surgery, 10/04/2013<br>2) License # 339182, Issued<br>08/04/2025 |

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| <u>25-213-60C</u><br>Utsav Timalisina<br>Middletown, NY 10940 | 1) Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 12/29/2016<br>2) License # 324314, Issued 06/21/2023                  |
| <u>25-214-60C</u><br>Vibhor Garg<br>Staten Island, NY 10304   | 1) Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Punjab, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 09/21/2020<br>2) License # 339693, Issued 09/04/2025 |

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee on the Professions recommends that the petitioners be awarded the degree Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) in accordance with provisions of Section 6529 of the Education Law.