



TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: Sarah S. Benson *Sarah A. Benson*

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

DATE: February 1, 2024

AUTHORIZATION(S): *Bellotti*

SUMMARY

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

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 February 2024 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 is one licensing petition and six 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 licensing petition and degree conferrals.

Timetable for Implementation

Approval of the Committee on the Professions' recommendations will be effective, February 13, 2024

Cases Presented to Board of Regents on February 13, 2024

SUMMARY REPORT

PROFESSION	EDUCATION			EXAMINATION		Experience	Confer Degree Doctor of Medicine
	Pre-Professional	Professional	Post-Graduate	Proficiency	Licensing		
Optometry					24-01-56		
Medicine							24-01-60C To 24-06-60C
OTHER:						Total for fiscal year to date:	124
						Total for calendar year to date:	7

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OPTOMETRY

24-01-56

Douglas Melzer
Portland, OR 97230

(Pacific University, Forest Grove, Oregon, O.D., 1987)

Petition for: Waiver of New York State practical examination requirement.

Statement of Problem: Dr. Melzer has not attempted a satisfactory practical examination as required for licensure either by the endorsement or examination route. New York State accepts a passing score on Part III of the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) examination to satisfy the practical examination requirement. The NBEO practical examination was not available when Dr. Melzer was licensed in Oregon in 1987.

Additionally, Dr. Melzer has documented over 35 years of licensed practice in Oregon, where he is actively licensed in good standing.

Based on Dr. Melzer’s demonstration of clinical skills through his years of hands-on licensed practice, the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Optometry recommends that the requirement for a satisfactory practical examination (NBEO Part III) be considered satisfied.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Section 7104 of the Education Law and Part 66 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education	
(1) Approved Doctor of Optometry degree or the equivalent earned on completion of an acceptable optometry program.	(1) Pacific University, Forest Grove, Oregon, Doctor of Optometry, May 1987.
(2) Acceptable scores on a satisfactory written licensing examination; OR an optometry license issued by another jurisdiction with at least five years of professional practice of optometry following initial licensure and within the 10 years immediately preceding application for licensure by endorsement	(2)(a) Passed National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) Part I, April 1985, Part IIA, April 1986 and Part IIB, August 1986 (2)(b) Licensed in Oregon in July 1987; over 35 years of professional practice.
(3) Acceptable scores on a satisfactory practical examination.	(3) See Statement of Problem.
(4) Evidence of good moral character.	(4) Evidence of good moral character.

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Optometry, recommends that the Part III practical examination be considered satisfied.

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.

NAME OF PETITIONER	QUALIFICATIONS
<u>24-01-60C</u> William Byrne Saratoga Springs, NY 12866	(1) National University of Ireland, Dublin, Ireland, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery & Bachelor of Obstetrics, 06/25/1987 (2) License # 247785, Issued 02/28/2008
<u>24-02-60C</u> Kushani Gajjar Rochester, NY 14625	(1) NHL Municipal Medical College, Ahmedabad, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 06/28/2014 (2) License # 324639, Issued 06/29/2023
<u>24-03-60C</u> Sidney Inkelis Northport, NY 11768	(1) University Autónoma de Guadalajara, Guadalajara, Mexico, Physician & Surgeon, 12/01/1976 (2) License # 141670, Issued 04/04/1980
<u>24-04-60C</u> Suhirad Khokhar Hicksville, NY 11801	(1) Government Medical College, Patiala, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 07/15/2014 (2) License # 326234, Issued 10/04/2023
<u>24-05-60C</u> Amara Nasir Purchase, NY 10577	(1) Shifa College of Medicine, Islamabad, Pakistan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 12/15/2016 (2) License # 326298, Issued 10/10/2023
<u>24-06-60C</u> Karishma Rupani New York, NY 10016	(1) Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, Ireland, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery & Bachelor of Obstetrics, 06/04/2015 (2) License # 324508, Issued 06/28/2023

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.