

THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK / ALBANY, NY 12234

TO:

The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Report of the Committee on the Professions Regarding **Licensing Petitions**

DATE:

April 11, 2016

AUTHORIZATION(S):

Issue for Consent Agenda

Should the Regents approve the recommendations of the Committee on the Professions pertaining to licensing petitions 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 April 19, 2016 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 1 licensing petition and there are 7 requests for the conferral of the degree Doctor of Medicine for review and approval.

Recommendation

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

Timetable for Implementation

Approval of the Committee on the Professions' recommendations will be effective April 19, 2016.

Cases Presented to Board of Regents on April 19, 2016		SUMMARY REPORT						
	EDUCATION			EXAMINATION				
PROFESSION	Pre- Professional	Professional	Post- Graduate	Proficiency	Licensing	- Experience	Confer Degree Doctor of Medicine	Three-Year Limited License
Dentistry	16-10-50	16-10-50						
Medicine							16-27-60C to 16-33-60C	
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DENTISTRY

<u>16-10-50</u> Aymee Almaguer Bezanilla Rochester, NY

(Instituto Superior de Ciencias Medicas, Facultad de Ciencias Medicas "Mariana Grajales Coello," Santiago de Cuba, Cuba, Doctora en Estomatologia, July 2004)

Petition for: Acceptance of education.

<u>Statement of Problem</u>: Regulations of the Commissioner require an applicant for licensure in dentistry to complete an acceptable preprofessional education program of at least two years in length (including courses in general chemistry, organic chemistry, biology or zoology, and physics) and an acceptable professional dental education program of at least four years in length, for a total of six years of preprofessional and professional education.

Dr. Almaguer Bezanilla completed a five-year combined preprofessional and professional dental education program at Instituto Superior de Ciencias in Santiago de Cuba, Cuba. Therefore, she lacks one year of education which is in the preprofessional area.

However, Dr. Almaguer Bezanilla also completed two years of advanced study and residency in General Dentistry from December 2004 to December 2006 at Instituto Superior de Ciencias Medicas in Santiago de Cuba, Cuba. The Executive Secretary for the State Board for Dentistry recommends that these studies be considered to fulfill the one year of required preprofessional education.

Additionally, an applicant who completed a program of dental education in an unregistered or unaccredited dental school must complete the required two academic years of study in an accredited dental school program, culminating in certification that the applicant has achieved the level of knowledge and clinical proficiency expected of a graduate of that school. Dr. Almaguer Bezanilla enrolled in the two-year Advanced Education in General Dentistry at the Eastman Institute for Oral Health of the University of Rochester and completed the program in December 2014. This program is acknowledged by the State Board for Dentistry as the substantial equivalent of the two-year program required in Regulation.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
Section 61 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education and §24.3(a)(2) of the Rules of the Board of Regents	
(1) Not less than 60 semester hours of preprofessional education including courses in general chemistry, organic chemistry, biology or zoology, and physics.	(1)(a) Two years of advanced study and residency in General Dentistry from December 2004 to December 2006 at Instituto Superior de Ciencias Medicas in Santiago de Cuba, Cuba.
	(1)(b) Additional year included in professional education listed below.

(2) Four academic years of dental education culminating in a degree in an acceptable dental school.	(2) Five years of combined acceptable preprofesional and professional dental education culminating in a Doctora en Estomatologia, Instituto Superior de Ciencias Medicas, Santiago de Cuba, Cuba, December 2006.
(3) Two academic years of study in an accredited dental school program culminating in certification that the applicant has achieved the level of knowledge and clinical proficiency expected of a graduate of that school.	(3) Two-year Advanced Education in General Dentistry at the University of Rochester, Eastman Institute for Oral Health, Rochester, New York, December 2012 to December 2014.
(4) Satisfactory scores on Parts I and II of the National Dental Board Examinations.	(4)
(5) Acceptable clinically-based dental residency program of at least one year's duration.	(5)
(6) United States citizen or alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States.	(6)
(7) Evidence of the required course in the identification and reporting of child abuse and maltreatment.	(7)

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

MEDICINE

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

<u>Summary Statement</u>: 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>16-27-60C</u>	 (1) University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Nigeria,
Adebukola Abiola	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of
Getzville, NY 14068	Surgery, 06/05/87 (2) License# 225100, Issued 06/13/02
<u>16-28-60C</u>	 Rajasthan University, Jodhpur, India,
Raman Bhasin	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of
Melville, NY 11747	Surgery 09/19/81 License# 178470, Issued 06/26/89
<u>16-29-60C</u>	 University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Nigeria,
Benjamin Chukwuocha	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of
New City, NY 10956	Surgery, 11/12/82 License #218263, Issued on 07/03/00
<u>16-30-60C</u> Mary Hu Flushing, NY 11354	 Xian Medical University, Shaanxi, China, Bachelor of Medicine, 08/06/83 License #225802, Issued on 07/29/02
<u>16-31-60C</u>	 (1) Kurnool Medical College, Andhra
Subramanya Gajaraju Venkata	Pradesh, India, Bachelor of Medicine,
Brooklyn, NY 11235	Bachelor of Surgery, 12/29/04 (2) License # 280467, Issued on 06/16/15
<u>16-32-60C</u>	 Hemwati Nandan Bahugna, Uttarakhand,
Kshamta Joshi	India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of
Forest Hills, NY 11375	Surgery, 11/24/09 License # 281256, issued on 07/31/15
<u>16-33-60C</u>	 (1) Nilratan Sircar Medical College and
Vinay Tak	Hospital, Calcutta, India, Bachelor of
Melville, NY 11747	Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery 02/07/85 (2) License #238034 issued 10/12/05

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: 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.