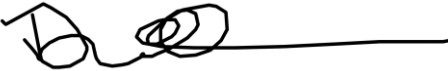





**THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE  
OF NEW YORK / ALBANY, NY 12234**

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

**FROM:** Douglas E. Lentivech 

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

**DATE:** May 31, 2018

**AUTHORIZATION(S):** 

**SUMMARY**

**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 June 12, 2018 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

**Procedural History**

Section 6506(5) of the Education Law and §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 licensing petitions and twenty-one 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 licensing petitions and degree conferrals.

### **Timetable for Implementation**

Approval of the Committee on the Professions' recommendations will be effective June 12, 2018.

Cases Presented to Board of Regents on June 12, 2018

SUMMARY REPORT

PROFESSION	EDUCATION			EXAMINATION		Experience	Confer Degree Doctor of Medicine	Three-Year Limited License
	Pre- Professional	Professional	Post- Graduate	Proficiency	Licensing			
Certified Public Accountancy					18-16-07			
Dentistry	18-06-50	18-06-50						
Optometry					18-01-56			
Medicine							18-78-60C to 18-99-60C	
OTHER :						Total for fiscal year to date: 161 Total for calendar year to date: 221		

**Board of Regents: June 12, 2018**

**CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY**

18-07-17

Xin Zhang  
Scarsdale, NY

(Pace University, New York, New York, Master of Science in Public Accounting, December 2013)

Petition for: Acceptance of passing grades on the Uniform Certified Public Accountancy Examination.

Statement of Problem: Commissioner's Regulations require that Ms. Zhang pass all parts of the Uniform CPA examination within 18 months. She passed the four parts of the Uniform CPA Examination as a New Hampshire candidate, but was impacted by the Quarter Two (Q2) delay in the release of Examination scores in 2017. Due to the various changes of the U. S. Uniform CPA Examination by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the scores were delayed and were not released until the latter half of August 2017. The late release was to ensure that proper scoring of the new Examination material was accurate.

To accommodate applicants impacted by the delay of Examination scores, New York allowed its candidates who had a Section of the Examination expire in Quarter Three (Q3), to have until Quarter 4 (Q4), or one window outside their conditioning period, to pass all four Sections of the Examination.

Ms. Zhang was a New Hampshire candidate when she sat the Examination and New Hampshire provided an automatic extension to all candidates that had a Section expiring in Q2, Q3 or Q4 of 2017. Further, New Hampshire's calculation of the 18-month window is different than New York's calculation. Ms. Zhang passed all four Sections under the extension provided by New Hampshire by February 24, 2018.

Ms. Zhang has now filed as an applicant for New York State and her sitting history and score delay extensions for the Examination in New Hampshire are different and unique compared to similarly situated candidates who sat the Examination as New York candidates. However, an undue burden would be placed upon the candidate to re-test for an expired section of the Examination under the New York State timelines for these scenarios.

Based on these unique circumstances, the Executive Secretary for the State Board for Public Accountancy supports Ms. Zhang's request to waive the 18-month requirement to pass all four parts of the Uniform CPA Examination.

<b>APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:</b>	<b>QUALIFICATIONS:</b>
Section 7404 of Education Law and Part 70 of the Commissioner's Regulations require:	
(1) A bachelor's or higher degree based on a program in accountancy.	(1) Pace University, New York, New York, Master of Science in Public Accounting, December 21, 2013.
(2) Passing scores on the Uniform CPA Examination.	(2) (a) February 2016: Auditing and Attestation (passing score). (b) June 2016: Business Environment and Concepts (passing score).

	(c) March 2017: Financial Accounting and Reporting (passing score). (d) May 2017: Regulation (failing score); February 2018 (passing score).
(3) One year of satisfactory experience.	(3)

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Committee on the Professions, in concurrence with the Executive Secretary of the State Board for Public Accountancy, recommends that the applicant's petition for acceptance of passing grades on the Uniform CPA Examination be accepted.

**DENTISTRY**

18-06-50

Edith Gonzalez Jaimes

Glen Allen, VA

(Central University of Venezuela, Caracas, Venezuela, Titulo de Odontologo, December 2001)

Petition for: Acceptance of education.

Statement of Problem: Regulations of the Commissioner require an applicant for licensure in dentistry to complete an acceptable pre-professional 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 pre-professional and professional education.

Dr. Gonzalez Jaimes completed a five-year dental program at Central University of Venezuela in Caracas, Venezuela. Therefore, she lacks one year of education which is in the preprofessional area.

However, Dr. Gonzalez Jaimes also completed four years of coursework from January 2009 to December 2012, culminating in a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish at Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia, December 2012.

In addition, an applicant for licensure in dentistry who has completed a program of dental education in an unregistered or unaccredited dental school is required to complete 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. Edith Gonzalez Jaimes 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 2017. 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) Four years of college coursework from January 2009 to December 2012, culminating in a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia, December 2012. (1)(b) Additional year included in professional education below
(2) Four academic years of dental education culminating in a degree in an acceptable dental school.	(2) Five years of acceptable professional dental education culminating in a Titulo de Odontologo at Central University of Venezuela in Caracas, Venezuela, December 2001.

(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 2015 through December 2017.
(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)

**RECOMMENDATION:** 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.

**OPTOMETRY**

18-01-56

Ralph Gordon Witchey Jr.  
Lakewood, New York

(Pennsylvania College of Optometry, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, O.D., 1982)

Petition for: Waiver of New York State practical examination requirement, pursuant to §6506(5) of Education Law and part 59.6 of the Regulations of the Commissioner.

Statement of Problem: Dr. Witchey has not passed 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 required when Dr. Witchey was first licensed in Pennsylvania in 1982.

Section 6056(5) grants the Board of Regents the authority to waive education, experience and examination requirements for a professional license provided the board of regents shall be satisfied that the requirements of such article have been substantially met. Part 59.6(c) specifies that applicants for licensure by endorsement cannot have unsuccessfully attempted a licensing exam without subsequently passing a comparable exam. Dr. Witchey has not taken or failed NBEO Part III. Additionally, Dr. Witchey has documented over 35 years of licensed practice in Pennsylvania.

Based on Dr. Witchey’s demonstration of clinical skills through his years of hands-on licensed practice and his success on other professional examinations, 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) Pennsylvania College of Optometry, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Doctor of Optometry, May 1982.
(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 1980; Part IIA, April 1981; and Part IIB, August 1981 [and also passed Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease (TMOD), December 2000]. (2)(b) Initial licensure in Pennsylvania in July 1982; 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>18-60-60C</u> Madhu Bajaj Saint Louis, MO 63141	(1) University of Pune, Mumbai, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 03/25/79 (2) License# 28671, Issued 09/21/16
<u>18-61-60C</u> Charles Fasanya Edison, NJ 08817	(1) University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 09/08/92 (2) License# 254698, Issued 09/01/09
<u>18-62-60C</u> Shipra Gandhi Buffalo, NY 14215	(1) University of Delhi, New Delhi, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery 02/26/11 (2) License# 280590, Issued 06/22/15
<u>18-63-60C</u> Tianhua Guo New York, NY 10065	(1) Harbin University, Harbin, People's Republic of China, Bachelor of Medicine, 06/20/93 (2) License# 292239, Issued 01/19/18
<u>18-64-60C</u> Manju Harshan New York, NY 10028	(1) TD Medical College, Kerala, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 01/13/98 (2) License #244697, Issued on 06/19/07
<u>18-65-60C</u> Rubina Heptulla Rye, NY 10580	(1) Maulana Azad Medical College, Delhi, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 05/12/91 (2) License # 255858, Issued on 01/07/10
<u>18-66-60C</u> Hafiz Hussain West Hempstead, NY 11552	(1) King Edward Medical College, Punjab, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 08/28/08 (2) License # 277912, issued on 12/12/14
<u>18-67-60C</u> Ming Jiang	(1) Shanghai Medical College, Shanghai, People's Republic of China, Bachelor of

Great Neck, NY 11023	Medicine, 08/01/83 (2) License # 226469, issued on 09/24/02
<u>18-68-60C</u> Saakshi Khattri New York, NY 10128	(1) Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi, India Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 02/25/06 (2) License # 277924, issued on 12/17/14
<u>18-69-60C</u> Prakash Krishnan Ryebrook, NY 10573	(1) Rajah Muthiah Medical College and Hospital, Tamil Nadu, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 01/31/97 (2) License # 229131, issued on 07/05/03
<u>18-70-60C</u> Deepthi Kunduru East Amherst, NY 14051	(1) Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bengaluru, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 05/18/03 (2) License # 282640 issued on 12/31/15
<u>18-71-60C</u> Rajasekhar Mulyala Central Islip, NY 11722	(1) Osmania Medical College, Vijayawada, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 01/19/06 (2) License # 288749, issued on 04/24/17
<u>18-72-60C</u> Bhavi Pandya Walnut, CA 91789	(1) Gujarat University, Gujarat, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 07/10/10 (2) License # 291785, issued on 11/22/17
<u>18-73-60C</u> Rajshree Patel Metairie, LA 70001	(1) Government Medical College, Gujarat, India, Doctor of Medicine and Surgery, 03/08/07 (2) License # 292501, issued on 02/06/18
<u>18-74-60C</u> Pushpa Patil Stormville, NY 12582	(1) Gandhi Memorial Hospital, Bhopal, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 05/28/81 (2) License # 165406, issued on 02/06/86
<u>18-75-60C</u> Neeraj Shah New York, NY 10128	(1) Gujarat University, Gujarat, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 07/10/10 (2) License # 287425, issued on 01/18/17
<u>18-76-60C</u> Vedant Vaksha Saint Louis, MO 63132	(1) Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Karnataka, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 02/01/01 (2) License # 274458, issued on 04/03/14
<u>18-77-60C</u> Irfan Zeb Bronx, NY 10457	(1) University of Health Sciences, Punjab, Pakistan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 04/08/08 (2) License # 281700, issued on 09/03/15

**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.

