



TO: The Honorable Members of the Board of Regents

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

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

DATE: June 1, 2023

AUTHORIZATION(S): *[Signature]*

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 issue will come before the Full Board for action at its June 2023 meeting.

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 licensing petitions and eleven 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 petitions and degree conferrals.

Timetable for Implementation

Approval of the Committee on the Professions' recommendations will be effective, June 13, 2023.

Cases Presented to Board of Regents on June 13, 2023

SUMMARY REPORT

PROFESSION	EDUCATION			EXAMINATION		Experience	Confer Doctor of Medicine	Degree of Medicine
	Pre-Professional	Professional	Post-Graduate	Proficiency	Licensing			
Optometry					23-01-56 To 23-02-56			
Medicine					23-40-60		23-37-60C To 23-47-60C	
OTHER:						Total for fiscal year to date: 38 Total for calendar year to date: 54		

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OPTOMETRY

23-01-56

Bradley Cross

Soldotna, AK

(Pennsylvania College of Optometry, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, O.D., 1993)

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

Statement of Problem: Dr. Cross 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. Cross was licensed in Georgia in 1993.

Dr. Cross has documented over sixteen years of licensed practice in Alaska and Georgia. He additionally documents passing the Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease (TMOD) exam and, as verified through communication with the office of the Georgia Secretary of State, a state clinical exam required for licensure in Georgia in 1993.

Based on Dr. Cross'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) Pennsylvania College of Optometry, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Doctor of Optometry, May 1993.
(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) Basic Science, April 1991, and Clinical Sciences, April 1992; [also passed Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease (TMOD), April 1993.] (2)(b) Licensed in Georgia, December 1993; over 16 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.

OPTOMETRY

23-02-56

Alan Soll
Boca Raton, FL

(New England College of Optometry, Boston, Massachusetts, O.D., 1983)

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

Statement of Problem: Dr. Soll 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. Soll was licensed in Maryland in 1990.

Dr. Soll has documented over 32 years of licensed practice in Maryland. Additionally, at the time of Dr. Soll's licensure in 1990, Maryland's State Board of Examiners in Optometry required licensees to successfully complete its own practical-clinical examination.

Based on Dr. Soll'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) New England College of Optometry, Boston, Massachusetts, Doctor of Optometry, May 1983.
(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, August 1981, Part IIA, April 1982 and Part IIB, August 1982; [also passed Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease (TMOD), December 1995.] (2)(b) Licensed in Maryland, July 1990; over 32 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

23-40-60

Oscar Enrique Martinez Silva
Dublin, Ohio

(Universidad Centro Occidental Lisandro Alvarado, Lara, Venezuela, Physician and Surgeon, February 1994)

Petition for: Endorsement of his 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.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine has reviewed the documentation submitted in support of Dr. Martinez Silva’s application. He recommends that Dr. Martinez Silva’s training from Venezuela 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. Martinez Silva obtained his medical license in Venezuela in 1993. His Venezuelan license is active and in good standing. Additionally, Dr. Martinez Silva passed USMLE Step 1, holds a specialist certification in General Surgery and Urology and is a member of the American Confederation of Urology.

The Executive Secretary of the State Board for Medicine recommends that Dr. Martinez Silva’s Venezuelan license be endorsed, and USMLE Step 1, his Specialist certifications and Membership be accepted to fulfill the proficiency examination and the clinical competency requirements for endorsement.

APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS:	QUALIFICATIONS:
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) Universidad Centro Occidental Lisandro Alvarado, Lara, Venezuela, Physician and Surgeon, February 1994
(2) Proficiency examination.	(2) (a) USMLE Step 1, December 2021 (b) Member of the American Confederation of Urology, 2006

<p>(3) Three years of approved postgraduate hospital training.</p>	<p>(3) (a) General Surgery Residency at General Hospital of Lidice in Caracas, Venezuela from January 1998 through December 2001. (b) Residency in Urology at Hospital General del Este in Caracas, Venezuela from December 2001 to December 2004. (c) Urodynamic and Andrology Fellowship at the Autonomous Institute Hospital Universitario de Caracas in Caracas, Venezuela from January 2005 through December 2005.</p>
<p>(4) Appropriate medical license or certificate.</p>	<p>(4) Venezuelan license, December 1993</p>
<p>(5) Acceptable scores on a clinical competency examination acceptable to the Department.</p>	<p>(5) (a) Specialist in General Surgery, Colegios de Medicos Del Estado Miranda, January 2002 (b) Specialist in Urology, Colegio de Medicos Del Distrito Metropolitano de Caracas, December 2004</p>
<p>(6) Not less than five years of satisfactory professional experience.</p>	<p>(6) Over five years of satisfactory professional experience.</p>
<p>(7) United States citizen or alien lawfully admitted for permanent resident status in the United States.</p>	<p>(7)</p>
<p>(8) Evidence of good moral character.</p>	<p>(8)</p>
<p>(9) Course in the identification of child abuse and maltreatment.</p>	<p>(9)</p>

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.

NAME OF PETITIONER	QUALIFICATIONS
<u>23-37-60C</u> Rakash Abbi Chappaqua, NY 10514	(1) Osmania University, Hyderabad, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 04/19/1979 (2) License # 174026, Issued 03/28/1988
<u>23-38-60C</u> Amit Bansal Rochester, NY 14618	(1) University of Delhi, New Delhi, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 02/22/2003 (2) License # 267936, Issued 12/07/2012
<u>23-39-60C</u> Yam Giri East Meadow, NY 11554	(1) Nepal Medical College, Kathmandu, Nepal, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 10/03/2009 (2) License # 317776, Issued 06/15/2022
<u>23-40-60C</u> Abhishek Nimkar New York, NY 10016	(1) Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 02/26/2011 (2) License # 312353, Issued 07/30/2021
<u>23-41-60C</u> Sutanaya Pal Liverpool, NY 13088	(1) Bankura Sammilani Medical College, Bankura, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 05/02/2013 (2) License # 318981, Issued 08/22/2022
<u>23-42-60C</u> Subhendu Rath Richmond, VA 23227	(1) Manipal Academy Higher Education, Manipal, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 11/07/2013 (2) License # 310501, Issued 05/13/2021
<u>23-43-60C</u> Muhammad Raufi Sylvania, OH 43560	(1) Dow Medical College, Karachi, Pakistan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 01/01/1994 (2) License # 245780, Issued 08/24/2007

<u>23-44-60C</u> Arsalan Rehmani New York, NY 10019	(1) Dow Medical College, Karachi, Pakistan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 08/11/2011 (2) License # 298931, Issued 04/30/2019
<u>23-45-60C</u> Bhanu Siva Kumar Reddy Sabbula New Hyde Park, NY 11040	(1) NTR University of Health Sciences, Vijayawada, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 01/12/2013 (2) License # 300613, Issued 08/08/2019
<u>23-46-60C</u> Robin Sharma Warangal, India	(1) NTR University of Health Sciences Kakatiya Medical College, Warangal, India, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 09/26/2014 (2) License # 321147, Issued 01/26/2023
<u>23-47-60C</u> Saad Wasiq Glen Oaks, NY 11004	(1) University of Health Sciences, Wah, Pakistan, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, 09/30/2014 (2) License # 321148, Issued 01/26/2023

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