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SPECIAL FACULTY PERMIT REVIEW COMMITTEE
Medical Board of California
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1200
Sacramento, CA 95815
July 30, 2025 11:00 AM
Via WebEx

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:
Anni Chung
Vice Chair
Bruce Gewertz, M.D.
Rajesh Gulati, M.D.
Jennifer Gullo, M.D.
Mohammad Helmy, M.D.
Emily Lukacz, M.D.
Pedro Paulo Tanaka, M.D.
Robert Whittington, M.D.

Members Absent:
Glenn Ault, M.D.
Daniel Giang, M.D.
Susan Guralnick, M.D.
Javed Siddiqui, M.D.

Staff Present:
Sean Eichelkraut, Information Technology Manager II
Neal Funston, Associate Governmental Program Analyst
Douglas Hock, Chief of Licensing
Marina O'Connor, Deputy Director
Reji Varghese, Executive Director
Kerrie Webb, Staff Counsel

Members of the Audience:
Reginald Low, M.D.
Shalini Gunawardana
Amanda Ritchey

Agenda Item 1 Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of a Quorum

Ms. Chung called the meeting of the Special Faculty Permit Review Committee (Committee) of the Medical Board of California (Board) to order on Wednesday, July 30, 2025, at 11:17 a.m. A quorum was present, and due notice was provided to all interested parties.

Agenda Item 2 Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

No public comments were provided.

Agenda Item 3 Approval of Minutes from the June 11, 2025, Special Faculty Permit Review Committee meeting

No edits were requested for the June 11, 2025, meeting minutes.

Dr. Gulati made a motion to approve the June 11, 2025, meeting minutes; S:/Dr. Gullo. Motion carried (8-0-0; Dr. Ault, Dr. Giang, Dr. Guralnick, Dr. Siddiqi absent).

Agenda Item 4 Application Presentation and Discussion

A. Kanishka Thiran Jayasundera, M.D.

Dr. Low presented Kanishka Thiran Jayasundera's application for a Special Faculty Permit (SFP) at the University of California, Davis School of Medicine (UC Davis) pursuant to Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 2168.1, and approval to appoint him as the chair of the Department of Ophthalmology and Vision Sciences.

There were no questions from the members nor public comments .

Agenda Item 5 Request for Approval to Appoint Holder of a Special Faculty Permit to a Position as Division Chief

A. Hatice Kader Karli Oğuz, M.D.

Dr. Low presented UC Davis's request to appoint SPF holder, Hatice Kader Karli Oğuz, to the position of division chief of neuroradiology in the Department of Radiology at UC Davis pursuant to BPC Section 2168(c).

Dr. Gulati inquired about the number of faculty members in the neuroradiology section at UC Davis. Dr. Low responded that they have five to six full-time faculty members and a large number of part-time faculty. He added that it has been challenging to provide timely 24-hour service; therefore, the department has increased its use of teleradiology, supported by part-time and volunteer faculty.

No public comments were provided.

Open session ended at 11:30 a.m., and the Committee reconvened in the Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c)(2), for deliberations under Agenda Item 6.

CLOSED SESSION

Agenda Item 6 Committee Review and Recommendation

Closed session ended at 11:41 a.m., and the Committee reconvened in Open Session.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Agenda Item 7 Committee Recommendations

Ms. Chung reported that the Kanishka Thiran Jaysundera's application and qualifications were reviewed and discussed, and the Committee recommended approval for an SFP appointment and approval to appoint him as the chair of the Department of Ophthalmology and Vision Sciences.

Ms. Chung also reported that Hatice Kader Karli Oğuz's qualifications and proposed appointment were reviewed, and the Committee recommended approval of her appointment to division chief of neuroradiology in the Department of Radiology at UC Davis.

The Committee recommendations will be provided to the Board at the August 2025 quarterly Board meeting.

Agenda Item 8 Adjournment

Ms. Chung adjourned the meeting at 11:51 a.m.