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SPECIAL FACULTY PERMIT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Medical Board of California
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1200
Sacramento, CA 95815

September 3, 2025 10:00 AM

Via WebEx

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

Anni Chung

Vice Chair

Glenn Ault, M.D.

Bruce Gewertz, M.D.

Daniel Giang, M.D.

Rajesh Gulati, M.D.

Jennifer Gullo, M.D.

Susan Guralnick, M.D.

Mohammad Helmy, M.D.

Emily Lukacz, M.D.

Javed Siddiqi, M.D.

Pedro Paulo Tanaka, M.D.

Robert Whittington, M.D.

Members Absent:

Irving Ayala-Rodriguez, M.D.

Chair

Staff Present:

Jolithia Alexander, Staff Services Manager I

Sean Eichelkraut, Information Technology Manager II

Neal Funston, Associate Governmental Program Analyst

Douglas Hock, Chief of Licensing

Kerrie Webb, Staff Counsel

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, September 3, 2025, at 10:08 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 July 30, 2025, Special Faculty Permit Review Committee meeting

No edits were requested for the July 30, 2025, meeting minutes.

Dr. Gewertz made a motion to approve the July 30, 2025, meeting minutes; S:/Dr. Ault. Motion carried (11-0-0; Dr. Ayala-Rodriguez absent, Dr. Helmy joined after the vote).

Agenda Item 4 Application Presentation and Discussion

A. Farzad Pakel, M.D.

Dr. Ault presented Dr. Farzad Pakdel's application for a Special Faculty Permit (SFP) at the University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine (USC) pursuant to Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 2168.1.

There were no questions from the members or public comments.

B. Antonio Amodeo, M.D.

Dr. Tanaka presented Dr. Antonio Amodeo's application for an SFP at Stanford University School of Medicine (Stanford) pursuant to BPC section 2168.1.

Dr. Ault commented that USC and Dr. Starnes, who wrote a letter of recommendation on behalf of Dr. Amodeo, are very supportive of this application.
No public comments were provided.

Open Session paused at 10:25 a.m., and the Committee reconvened in the Closed Session, pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c)(2), for deliberations under Agenda Item 5.

CLOSED SESSION

Agenda Item 5 Committee Review and Recommendation

Closed Session ended at 10:33 a.m., and the Committee reconvened in Open Session.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Agenda Item 6 Committee Recommendations

Ms. Chung reported that Dr. Farzad Pakdel's application and qualifications were reviewed and discussed, and the Committee recommended approval for an SFP appointment at USC.

Ms. Chung also reported that Dr. Antonio Amodeo's application and qualifications were reviewed and discussed, and the Committee recommended approval for an SFP appointment at Stanford.

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

Agenda Item 7 Adjournment

Ms. Chung adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.