



Arizona Medical Board

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FINAL MINUTES FOR EMERGENCY TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Held on June, 23, 2009

9545 E. Doubletree Ranch Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85258

Board Members

Douglas D. Lee, M.D., Chair
Paul M. Petelin Sr., M.D., Vice Chair
Amy J. Schneider, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., Secretary
Patricia R. J. Griffen, Member-at-Large
Andrea E. Ibáñez
Ram R. Krishna, M.D.
Todd A. Lefkowitz, M.D.
Lorraine L. Mackstaller, M.D.
William R. Martin III, M.D.
Dona Pardo, Ph.D., R.N.
Germaine Proulx

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following Board members participated telephonically: Ms. Griffen, Ms. Ibáñez, Dr. Lee, Dr. Petelin, Dr. Martin, Dr. Pardo, and Ms. Proulx. The following Board members were absent: Drs. Krishna, Lefkowitz, Mackstaller, and Schneider.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no individuals present to speak during the call to the public.

NO.	CASE NO.	PHYSICIAN	LIC. #	RESOLUTION
1.	MD-08-1469A MD-09-0522A MD-09-0528A MD-09-0782A	ROBERT C. TEAGUE, M.D.	3925	Summary Suspension.

Dr. Teague was not present and did not participate telephonically during the Board's consideration of this matter. Erin Downey, Case Manager, summarized that on May 8, 2009, Dr. Teague entered into an Interim Consent Agreement for Practice Limitation prohibiting him from practicing any form of medicine. Ms. Downey reported that Board staff received a complaint from Costco Pharmacy that alleged inappropriate prescribing by Dr. Teague. Board staff reviewed prescriptions submitted with the complaint and determined that four of the prescriptions were written and signed by Dr. Teague after the effective date of his Practice Limitation. Board staff subsequently conducted a pharmacy survey that revealed Dr. Teague had written over 350 prescriptions from May 8, 2009 through June 19, 2009. Ms. Downey reported that Dr. Teague admitted to Board staff that he had been seeing patients in his practice, and that he denied ever signing anything that would prevent him from practicing medicine. Ms. Downey informed the Board that Dr. Teague has an extensive prior Board history that dated back to 1992 and reported that he currently has open investigations involving quality of care violations that have not yet been forwarded to the Board for final adjudication. She stated that in light of Dr. Teague's unprofessional conduct, he is not able to be regulated by the Board and presents a danger to the public health and safety that imperatively requires emergency summary action. Dr. Martin reaffirmed that Dr. Teague wrote over 350 prescriptions for narcotics while under a Practice Limitation that prohibited him from practicing any form of medicine. Dr. Martin expressed serious concern for Dr. Teague's egregious conduct and found that he poses an imminent threat to the public health and safety that requires immediate emergency action.

MOTION: Dr. Martin moved to summarily suspend Dr. Teague's license based on an imminent threat to public health and safety.

SECONDED: Ms. Griffen

ROLL CALL VOTE: Roll call vote was taken and the following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Ms. Griffen, Ms. Ibáñez, Dr. Lee, Dr. Petelin, Dr. Martin, Dr. Pardo, and Ms. Proulx. The following Board members were absent: Drs. Krishna, Lefkowitz, Mackstaller, and Schneider.

VOTE: 7-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 4-absent.

MOTION PASSED.



The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Lisa S. Wynn, Executive Director