

MINUTES

TENNESSEE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

September 11, 2007

Contested Case Hearing

Panel: Dr. Dennis A. Higdon, Dr. Charles White and Ms. Irene Wells

Venkatachalam Ayyagari, MD.-Dr. Ayagari was present and represented by legal counsel, Mr. Dan Warlick of the Nashville Bar. Ms. Andrea Huddleston represented the State. The Honorable Judge James A. Hornsby, Administrative Law Judge presided. The Notice of Charges was handed to the panel for review. Mr. Warlick gave his opening statement followed by Ms. Huddleston. Videotaped depositions were shown to the panel provided by Mr. Warlick and Ms. Huddleston. Dr. Ayyagari testified on his own behalf and answered questions from Mr. Warlick and Ms. Huddleston. After deliberations the panel ordered the following: Dr. Ayyagari's license be placed on probation for six months; that he attend a three-day course on maintaining proper boundaries as soon as it can be arranged; that he have a female chaperone present when performing gynecological examinations including breast examinations; and, that he be assessed court costs of the day's proceedings.

Licensure Denial Appeal

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Robert Burkich, MD – Dr. Burkich was present and represented by Mr. Dan Warlick of the Nashville Bar. Ms. Alexie Whittmore represented the State. The Honorable Judge James A. Hornsby, Administrative Law Judge presided. Testimony in the matter began and is scheduled to continue at the September 18, 2007 meeting.

These minutes were ratified by the Board of Medical Examiners at the September 18, 2007 meeting.