

**STATE OF ALASKA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS, AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING**

**STATE MEDICAL BOARD**

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL  
TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

**October 30, 2014**

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, a special teleconference meeting of the Alaska State Medical Board was held on Thursday, October 30, 2014

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by David A. Miller, MD, Chair, at 4:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Board members present:

David A. Miller, MD, Chair  
Cam Carlson, Public Member  
Sai-Ling Liu, DO  
Kevin Luppen, PA-C

Kathleen Millar, Public Member  
David J. Powers, MD  
Grant T. Roderer, MD

Board staff present:

Debora Stovern, Executive Administrator  
Susan Winton, Senior Investigator  
Angela Birt, Chief Investigator

**In the Matter of Case No. 2014-002041**

The Board reviewed a proposed license surrender agreement with a licensee who was indicted on charges of sexual abuse of a minor.

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Powers, seconded by Mrs. Carlson, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**

**RESOLVED to enter into executive session in accordance with  
AS 44.62.310(c) for the purpose of discussing case no. 2014-002041.**

The Board entered executive session at 4:02 p.m.; Board staff and investigators remained for the session. The Board went back on the record at 4:09 p.m.

Based on the grand jury indictment, dated October 23, 2014, the Board found that Dr. Clifford R. Merchant, MD poses a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety if he continues to practice medicine.

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Millar, and approved by roll call vote, it was:**

**RESOLVED to adopt the voluntary surrender of license, Case No. 2014-002016, signed by Clifford R. Merchant, M.D., in lieu of potential revocation of licensure for grand jury indictment on 15 counts of sexual abuse of a minor.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

- Dr. Roderer – Yea
- Mrs. Carlson – Yea
- Dr. Liu – Yea
- Mr. Luppen – Yea
- Ms. Millar – Yea
- Dr. Powers – Yea
- Dr. Miller – Yea

The Board Chair designated Dr. Roderer to sign the adoption order on his behalf.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

s/  
Debora Stovern, Executive Administrator  
Alaska State Medical Board

s/  
David A. Miller, President  
Alaska State Medical Board

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