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**IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE
TELECONFERENCE MEETING TO CONSIDER
RESPONDENT’S APPLICATION FOR REHEARING
AND FOR STAY OF RESTRICTIONS
FIRAS A. RABI, M.D. 02-2010-337
7:32 a.m. Thursday, March 26, 2015**

This meeting is being held by teleconference because an in-person meeting is impractical due to the timely nature of the agenda item and the anticipated brevity of this meeting.

OPEN MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Hamed Tewfik, M.D., Chair
Michael Thompson, D.O., Vice Chair
Allison Schoenfelder, M.D., Secretary
Frank Bognanno
Julie Carmody, M.D.
Ronald Cheney, D.O.
Diane Cortese
Julie Perkins, M.D.**

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Diane Clark

STAFF PRESENT:

**Mark Bowden, Executive Director
Kent Nebel, Director of Legal Affairs**

At 7:33 a.m., Hamed Tewfik, M.D., chair, called the meeting to order. A roll call was taken to establish a presence of a quorum.

At 7:34 a.m., on a motion by Hamed Tewfik, M.D., and a second by Allison Schoenfelder, M.D., the Board voted to meet in a closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(f) to consider an application for rehearing and for stay of restrictions in the matter of the statement of charges against Firas A. Rabi, M.D., File No. 02-2010-337. Hamed Tewfik, M.D., Michael Thompson, D.O., Allison Schoenfelder, M.D., Frank Bognanno, Julie Carmody, M.D., Ronald Cheney, D.O., Diane Cortese, and Julie Perkins, M.D. all voted “aye” in favor of the motion. (In closed session, the Board met with Assistant Attorney General Julie Bussanmas and Michael Sellers, attorney for Dr. Rabi.)

At 8:20 a.m., on a motion by Allison Schoenfelder, M.D., and a second by Hamed Tewfik, M.D., the Board voted to meet in open session consider an application for rehearing and for stay of restrictions in the matter of the statement of charges against Firas A. Rabi, M.D., File No. 02-2010-337. On a motion by Julie Carmody, M.D., and a second by Hamed Tewfik, M.D. the Board voted to take no action on an application for rehearing and for stay of restrictions in the matter of the statement of charges against Firas A. Rabi, M.D., File No. 02-2010-337. The Board instructed Kent Nebel, Director of Legal Affairs, to advise Dr. Rabi that the Board would entertain a separate motion to de-identify certain witnesses in the Board's findings of fact, conclusions of law, decision and order.

The teleconference was adjourned at 8:22 a.m.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Alicia Hill, Secretary to the Executive Director