



Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners Declaratory Order Hearing Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

The declaratory order hearing meeting of the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners was called to order at 12:30 a.m. virtually via Microsoft Teams by the Honorable Claudia Padfield, Administrative Law Judge for the Department of Health.

Declaratory Order Hearing – Microsoft Teams

Ibukunoluwa Adedugbe, MD v. State of Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners Microsoft Teams

Administrative Law Judge: Claudia Padfield

Panelists: John Hale, MD, Stephen Loyd, MD, and Keith Anderson, MD

Counsel for State: Michael Varnell, Associate General Counsel

Counsel for Petitioner: Kimberly Silvus

A panel of the Board, chaired by Dr. John Hale, heard the position of the Petitioner and the State and reviewed any evidence presented. After discussion and consideration, the panel motioned and seconded, which was followed by an approval of the following Final Order with all findings of fact and conclusions of law considered and agreed upon.

The Petitioner, Ibukunoluwa (“Ibukun”) Adedugbe, MBBS, BSc, FRCA, FCAI, attended University of London Imperial College School of Medicine a/k/a Imperial College London Faculty of Medicine in London, England, and graduated with a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) and Bachelor of Science (BSc) in 2006. A MBBS is the medical degree in England for the independent practice of physicians. Imperial College London Faculty of Medicine’s MBBS program is accredited by the General Medical Council in the United Kingdom. Imperial College London Faculty of Medicine is recognized by the Medical Board of California. From August 2006 through July 2008, Dr. Adedugbe completed a two-year internship, also known as “Foundation Training” through NHS Health Education England at Chelsea & Westminster Hospital and Colchester General Hospital. From August 2008 through August 2011, Dr. Adedugbe completed three years of core anesthesia residency training at multiple hospitals throughout London, England through the North Central School of Anesthesia and SE Thames London Deaneer. From February 2012 through August 2015, Dr. Adedugbe completed higher and advanced anesthesia residency placements at various hospitals throughout London, England. Dr. Adedugbe became certified as a Fellow of the Royal College of Anaesthetists (“FRCA”) in 2014. Dr. Adedugbe became certified as a Fellow of the College of Anesthesiology Ireland (“FCAI”) in 2014. In 2015, Dr. Adedugbe served as an air ambulance physician for Airmed UK Ltd. From August 2015 through June 2016, Dr. Adedugbe completed a neuro-anesthesia fellowship at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery Hospital in London, England. From July 2016 through June 2017, Dr. Adedugbe completed a fellowship in obstetric anesthesiology at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto, Canada. From July 2017 through February 2018, Dr. Adedugbe returned to London, England and

completed residency training in pediatric anesthesia at Evelina London Children’s Hospital. From February 2018 through July 2018, Dr. Adedugbe completed residency training at King’s College Hospital in London, England. In September 2018, Dr. Adedugbe began her independent practice as a Consultant Anesthetist at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery in London, England. From 2019 through 2024, she served as a locum Consultant Anesthetist at University College London. From 2022 through 2024, she served as a locum Consultant Anesthetist at Cleveland Clinic London, which is affiliated with Ohio’s Cleveland Clinic. In April 2024, Dr. Adedugbe began working as a clinical Assistant Professor in Anesthesiology at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, where she still practices. Dr. Adedugbe obtained a medical license as a Specialist from the General Medical Council in 2007. She maintains an active, full license and registration in the United Kingdom. Dr. Adedugbe obtained an academic medical license in Canada in 2024. She maintains an active academic license in Canada. The Petitioner has made valuable academic contributions to the field, having participated in authoring five journal articles, engaged in various audits and quality improvement projects, and served as an article reviewer for multiple journals. Additionally, she has presented at various international conferences, most recently at the American Neurological Association’s 146th Virtual Meeting and the Society for Neuroscience in Anesthesiology and Critical Care’s Annual Meeting in Colorado. The Petitioner has been offered a position at Vanderbilt University Medical Center as an Assistant Professor in Vanderbilt’s Department of Anesthesiology, Divisions of Neuroanesthesiology and Obstetrical Anesthesiology. She has accepted this role contingent on the approval of her license to practice medicine in Tennessee. Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee, has an immediate need for qualified anesthesiologists, including those specializing in neuro- and obstetrical anesthesiology, and will continue to have this need for the foreseeable future. The Petitioner will bring her invaluable skillset to Vanderbilt to make a positive impact on patients in the State of Tennessee. The Petitioner completed six years of medical school at a California-list-approved school in London, England; completed twelve years of postgraduate training, which includes ten years of anesthesia training, at hospitals in England and Canada; and passed the examinations required to achieve Board certification as both a Fellow of the Royal College of Anaesthetists (“FRCA”) and a Fellow of the College of Anesthesiology Ireland (“FCAI”). Although the Petitioner did not complete a three-year residency in the United States pursuant to Rule 0880-02-.04(5) and Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-6-207(a)(2)(F) or take the USMLE pursuant to Rules 0880-02-.04(4) and 0880-02-.4(10), her education, training, experience, FRCA and FCAI certifications, and skillset meet or exceed any competency requirement for physicians in the State of Tennessee. Given the Petitioner’s skillset and the need for her exceptional expertise in neuro- and obstetrical anesthesiology, the citizens of the State of Tennessee would benefit by her having a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine. The petition for Declaratory Order, for this Petitioner, and the relief requested therein was approved.

Declaratory Order Hearing – Microsoft Teams

Pedro Ibarra, MD v. State of Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners

Microsoft Teams

Administrative Law Judge: Claudia Padfield

Panelists: John Hale, MD, Michael Bittel, Consumer Member, and Keith Anderson, MD

Counsel for State: Michael Varnell, Associate General Counsel

Counsel for Petitioner: Kimberly Silvus

A panel of the Board, chaired by Dr. John Hale, heard the position of the Petitioner and the State and reviewed any evidence presented. After discussion and consideration, the panel motioned and seconded, which was followed by an approval of the following Final Order with all findings of fact and conclusions of law considered and agreed upon.

The Petitioner, Pedro Ibarra, MD, MSc, attended Pontifical Javerian University Faculty of Medicine in Bogota, Colombia, and he completed the program in December 1985 and graduated in January 1986. Pontifical Javerian University Faculty of Medicine is recognized by the Medical Board of California and is listed in the World Directory of Medical Schools. From February 1986 through June 2007, Dr. Ibarra served as a Medical Physiology Instructor at his medical school alma matter, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana. From February 1987 through January 1990, Dr. Ibarra completed a three-year anesthesiology training program through Pontifical Javerian Faculty of Medicine. In 1990, Dr. Ibarra successfully completed the Foreign Medical Graduate Examination in the Medical Sciences (FMGEMS) and ECFMG English test, which are the predecessor examinations to the USMLE. Dr. Ibarra holds an ECFMG certificate with indefinite validity. In February 1990, Dr. Ibarra began his independent practice as an anesthesiologist at Clinica Fray Bartolome in Bogota, Colombia. In December 1991, Dr. Ibarra began practicing as an anesthesiologist at Clinica Reina Sofia, which is where he currently practices. From July 1995 through June 1996, Dr. Ibarra completed a fellowship in trauma and critical care anesthesiology through New York University at Bellevue Medical Center in New York, New York. From October 2008 through February 2023, Dr. Ibarra served as the Director of the Anesthesia Residency Program at Unisanitas University. In 2012, Dr. Ibarra obtained a Master's in Healthcare Informatics from Bath University in the United Kingdom, where he received the honor of a dissertation with distinction. In 2024, Dr. Ibarra was elected to serve as Director of Partnerships for the current 2024-26 Board of the World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiologists. Dr. Ibarra has maintained an active, full Colombian medical license with a specialization in anesthesiology since 1987. The Petitioner has made significant academic contributions to the field, having led the development of the National Minimal Standards of the Colombian Society of Anesthesiologists, authored over thirty peer-reviewed articles, authored eleven book chapters, and delivered over 430 invited lectures at local and international meetings. The Petitioner has been offered a position at Vanderbilt University Medical Center as an Associate Professor on the clinical educator track in Vanderbilt's Department of Anesthesiology, Multispecialty and Trauma Anesthesiology Division. He has accepted this role contingent on the approval of his license to practice medicine in Tennessee. Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee, has an immediate need for qualified anesthesiologists, including those specializing in multispecialty and trauma anesthesiology, and will continue to have this need for the foreseeable future. The Petitioner will bring his invaluable skillset to Vanderbilt to make a positive impact on patients in the State of Tennessee. The Petitioner completed six years of medical school at a California-list-approved school in Bogota, Colombia; obtained a master's degree in healthcare informatics in the United Kingdom; and completed four years of postgraduate training in anesthesiology, including trauma and critical care anesthesiology. Although the Petitioner did not complete a three-year residency in the United States pursuant to Rule 0880-02-.04(5) and Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-6-207(a)(2)(F) or take the USMLE pursuant to Rules 0880-02-.04(4) and 0880-02-.4(10), his education, training, experience, ECFMG certificate, and skillset meet or exceed any competency requirement for physicians in the State of Tennessee. Given the Petitioner's skillset and the need for his exceptional expertise in multispecialty and trauma anesthesiology, the citizens of the State of Tennessee would benefit by him having a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine. The petition for Declaratory Order, for this Petitioner, and the relief requested therein was approved.

Declaratory Order Hearing – Microsoft Teams

**Alice Whyte, MD v. State of Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners
Microsoft Teams**

Administrative Law Judge: Claudia Padfield

Panelists: John Hale, MD, Michael Bittel, Consumer Member, and Keith Anderson, MD

Counsel for State: Michael Varnell, Associate General Counsel

Counsel for Petitioner: Kimberly Silvas

A panel of the Board, chaired by Dr. John Hale, heard the position of the Petitioner and the State and reviewed any evidence presented. After discussion and consideration, the panel motioned and seconded, which was followed by an approval of the following Final Order with all findings of fact and conclusions of law considered and agreed upon.

The Petitioner, Alice Whyte, MBBS, BSc, FANZCA, attended the University of New South Wales Faculty of Medicine in Sydney, Australia, and graduated with Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (“MBBS”) and a Bachelor of Medical Sciences (“BSc”) degrees with honors in 2007. A MBBS is the medical degree in Australia for the independent practice of physicians. The University of New South Wales Faculty of Medicine is accredited by the Australian Medical Council. The University of New South Wales Faculty of Medicine is recognized by the Medical Board of California and listed in the World Directory of Medical Schools. From February 2008 through January 2010, Dr. Whyte completed her internship and first-year House Medical Officer years at Wollongong Hospital in Wollongong, New South Wales, Australia. From February 2010 through January 2013, Dr. Whyte completed residency training in critical care at St. Vincent’s Hospital in Sydney, Australia. From February 2013 through January 2014, Dr. Whyte completed her first year as an anesthesiology Registrar at Liverpool Hospital in Sydney, Australia. From February 2014 through January 2016, Dr. Whyte completed her Years 2-4 as an anesthesiology Registrar at the Prince of Wales Hospital in Sydney, Australia. From February 2016 through January 2017, Dr. Whyte completed training in pre-hospital medicine as a Medical Retrieval Registrar for Careflight in Sydney, Australia. Dr. Whyte became certified as a Fellow of the Australia and New Zealand College of Anesthetists (“FANZCA”) in 2017. From February 2017 through January 2018, Dr. Whyte completed a fellowship in cardiothoracic anesthesiology at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney, Australia. From February 2018 through August 2018, Dr. Whyte completed a second fellowship in adult cardiothoracic anesthesiology at St. Vincent’s Hospital in Sydney, Australia. In 2018, Dr. Whyte began her independent practice as a Staff Anesthesiologist in the Division of Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology at two hospitals in Sydney, Australia, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and Prince of Wales Hospital. Dr. Whyte relocated to the United States in 2021, when she joined the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine (“UPMC”) as a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine and a Staff Anesthesiologist at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, where she currently practices. In 2021, Dr. Whyte became certified as a Diplomate in Advanced Perioperative Transesophageal Echocardiography through the National Board of Echocardiography. Since 2022, Dr. Whyte has maintained an active full, unrestricted medical license from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s State Board of Medicine. Dr. Whyte completed all three steps of the USMLE, passing the final step in September 2022. Dr. Whyte obtained ECFMG certificate status through the Pathways program on July 18, 2022. Dr. Whyte obtained her medical license from the Medical Board of Australia in 2008, and she is registered as a Specialist in anesthesia. She maintains an active license to practice in Australia. The Petitioner currently serves as the Associate Program Director for the Adult Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology Fellowship at University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine (“UPMC”). She also serves in the roles of Anesthesia Lead for UPMC Heart and Vascular Institute’s Pulmonary Endarterectomy Program and Adult Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology Fellowship Rotation Director for UPMC Presbyterian. The Petitioner has made valuable academic contributions to the field, having co-authored multiple articles, reviews, and case reports in various peer-reviewed publications and presented at national and international meetings, such as the 2024 Mid-State Society for the Advancement of Transplant Anesthesia (“SATA”) meeting and Society of Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists Annual Meeting in Montreal, Canada. The Petitioner has been offered a position at Vanderbilt University Medical Center as an Assistant Professor in Vanderbilt’s Department of Anesthesiology, Division of Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology. She has accepted this role contingent on the approval of her license to practice medicine in Tennessee. Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee, has an immediate need for qualified anesthesiologists specializing in cardiac anesthesiology and will continue to have this need for the foreseeable future. The Petitioner will bring her invaluable skillset to Vanderbilt to make a positive impact on patients in the State of Tennessee. The Petitioner completed seven years of medical

school at a California-list-approved school in Sydney, Australia; completed ten years of postgraduate training, five of which was in anesthesia and critical care, at hospitals in Australia; passed the examinations required to achieve Board certification as a Fellow of the Australia and New Zealand College of Anesthetists; and successfully completed all three steps of the USMLE. Although the Petitioner did not complete a three-year residency in the United States pursuant to Rule 0880-02-.04(5) and Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-6-207(a)(2)(F), her education, training, experience, FANZCA certification, and skillset meet or exceed any competency requirement for physicians in the State of Tennessee. Given the Petitioner's skillset and the need for her exceptional expertise in cardiac anesthesiology, the citizens of the State of Tennessee would benefit by her having a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine. The petition for Declaratory Order, for this Petitioner, and the relief requested therein was approved.

Declaratory Order Hearing – Microsoft Teams

Yishay Orr, MD v. State of Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners

Microsoft Teams

Administrative Law Judge: Claudia Padfield

Panelists: John Hale, MD, Michael Bittel, Consumer Member, and Keith Anderson, MD

Counsel for State: Michael Varnell, Associate General Counsel

Counsel for Petitioner: Kimberly Silvus

A panel of the Board, chaired by Dr. John Hale, heard the position of the Petitioner and the State and reviewed any evidence presented. After discussion and consideration, the panel motioned and seconded, which was followed by an approval of the following Final Order with all findings of fact and conclusions of law considered and agreed upon.

The Petitioner, Yishay Orr, M.D., attended the University of New South Wales School of Medical Sciences in Sydney, Australia for six years and graduated with a medical degree in 1999. The Medical Board of California recognizes the University of New South Wales. The University of New South Wales is listed in the World Directory of Medical Schools. From February 1999 to February 2001, Dr. Orr completed an internship at Liverpool Hospital, Sydney in New South Wales, Australia. From February 2001 to July 2002, Dr. Orr obtained additional clinical training and experience before beginning a formal residency program. During this time she focused on cardiothoracic and general surgery at Liverpool Hospital, Sydney in New South Wales, Australia. From July 2002 to February 2003, Dr. Orr obtained additional clinical training and experience before beginning a formal residency program. During this time she focused on cardiothoracic surgery at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney in New South Wales, Australia. In February 2003, Dr. Orr began her Ph.D. program at University of New South Wales School of Medical Sciences in Sydney, Australia. In February 2006, Dr. Orr began her formal residency training, which started with a General Surgery residency at Liverpool Hospital, Sydney from February 2006 to July 2006. From July 2006 to February 2007, Dr. Orr completed a Vascular Surgery Residency at Wollongong Hospital, Wollongong in New South Wales, Australia. From February 2007 to February 2009, Dr. Orr completed a Cardiothoracic Surgery Residency at Royal Perth Hospital in Perth Western, Australia. While working in her formal residency training, Dr. Orr completed her Ph.D. in June 2008. From February 2009 to January 2011, Dr. Orr completed a Cardiothoracic Surgery Residency at St. Vincent's Hospital, Sydney. Having completed the residency training requirements of the Royal College of Surgeons from February 2006 to January 2011 and having successfully passed her Board exams, Dr. Orr became a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Board of Cardiothoracic Surgery in January 2011. From January 2011 to December 2012, Dr. Orr completed a two-year Postgraduate Fellowship in Paediatric Cardiac Surgery at The Children's Hospital at Westmead, Sydney. Dr. Orr worked as a Cardiothoracic Transplant Surgeon at St. Vincent's Hospital in Sydney from January 2011 to December 2012 while completing her Postgraduate Fellowship. From January 2013 to January 2014, Dr. Orr was a Faculty Instructor in Congenital Heart Surgery at Texas

Children's Hospital in Houston, Texas. Dr. Orr returned to Australia in 2014 and worked there in various positions until 2023. In August 2023, Dr. Orr returned to Texas as an Associate Professor in Congenital Heart Surgery at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. In 2024, Dr. Orr became the Surgical Director of the Coronary Artery Anomalies Program at Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital. Dr. Orr has maintained an active medical license in Australia since 1999. Dr. Orr has taken and passed all steps of the USMLE. In December 2011, Dr. Orr obtained her ECFMG Certification. Dr. Orr has been offered a position at Vanderbilt as an Associate Professor of Cardiac Surgery in the Department of Cardiac Surgery, Division of Pediatric Cardiac Surgery, and as the Surgical Director of the Coronary Anomalies Program. Dr. Orr worked as a Paediatric Cardiac Surgeon for nine and a half years from March 2014 to July 2023 at The Children's Hospital at Westmead, Sydney Children's Hospital Network in New South Wales, Australia. Dr. Orr worked as a Cardiothoracic Surgeon and Adult and Congenital Cardiothoracic Surgeon for nine and a half years from February 2014 to July 2023 at Westmead Private Hospital, Sydney in New South Wales, Australia. From July 2020 to July 2023, Dr. Orr was the Deputy Head of Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery at The Children's Hospital at Westmead, Sydney in New South Wales, Australia. Dr. Orr has six years of medical education, two years of clinical training and experience before a formal residency, five years of form residency training, and two years of Fellowship training. Dr. Orr has a Faculty Temporary License to practice medicine in Texas. This license has never been disciplined. Dr. Orr is a member of six professional societies, including the World Society for Pediatric and Congenital Heart Surgery, the International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation, and the Society of Thoracic Surgeons. Dr. Orr has made significant academic contributions to the medical literature, having authored more than 40 articles in refereed surgical journals. Dr. Orr has been an Ad Hoc Reviewer for significant scientific journals in the field of cardiac and cardiothoracic surgery including the Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, the Journal of Cardiac Surgery, and the European Journal of Cardiothoracic Surgery. Dr. Orr has received numerous honors and awards for her work, including the Junio Medical Officer Clinical Teaching Aware and the New South Wales Doctor-in-Training of the Year Award. Dr. Orr has participated in multiple Humanitarian Cardiac Surgery mission trips. Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, in Nashville, Tennessee, has an immediate need for qualified pediatric heart surgeons and will continue to have this need for the foreseeable future. Dr. Orr will bring her invaluable skillset to Vanderbilt and make a positive impact on children in the State of Tennessee. Dr. Orr will have significant responsibility for training cardiothoracic fellows and surgical residents. She is also expected to be an integral part of establishing new training programs for fellows and residents at Vanderbilt. Dr. Orr completed six years of medical school in Australia, two years of non-residency training/experience, five years of residency, two years of Fellowship training, and has practiced independently in Australia and the United States. Although the Petitioner did not complete a three-year residency in the United States pursuant to Rule 0880-02-.04(5) and Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-6-207(a)(2)(F), her education, training, experience, and skillset meet or exceed any competency requirement for physicians in the State of Tennessee. Given the Petitioner's skillset and the need for her exceptional expertise in congenital heart surgery, the citizens of the State of Tennessee would benefit from her having a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in Tennessee. The petition for Declaratory Order, for this Petitioner, and the relief requested therein was approved.

This concludes the Declaratory Order Hearings.