

JANE DOE,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JOSEPH LADAPO,

Defendant.

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1 Thereupon,

2 **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** -- be given outside
3 of those -- of those environments that we're
4 used to. And so as that happens, I think
5 there's lots of potential for inappropriate
6 care to be given. And so I certainly think it
7 would be appropriate for us to put a working
8 group together, a rules group together to look
9 at creating guidelines so that care is given in
10 an appropriate -- an appropriate manner.

11 **MR. CHAIR:** Any other members of the Board
12 have points of discussion? If not, I'd like to
13 call the question.

14 **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Move to enter rule
15 making.

16 **MR. CHAIR:** I'm sorry, Dr. Hunter.

17 **DR. HUNTER:** I'm gonna vote that we go
18 into rule making because I think this is a
19 very, very important issue. I do not like the
20 way the rule was written. I don't think it's
21 nuanced enough. It sends a message that these
22 kids don't need care and they do. The question
23 is what is the best care.

24 I agree with Mike that this was more of a
25 political rather than a medical discussion.

1 There's a sense of confidence that we know what
2 we're doing. I was trained by a physician who
3 wanted his physician -- this was while he was
4 dying in the hospital. He wanted his
5 physicians to have a lot of self doubt, to
6 question what they were doing, and to not
7 always be certain. And there's a lot of
8 certainty that may not be warranted in this
9 field of medicine.

10 I heard that there's only one route to
11 trans identity, and that's being born that way.
12 This morning, I met with Louise Freeson. She
13 runs the gender clinic in Stockholm, Sweden, at
14 the Karolinska Institute. They won the Nobel
15 Prize in medicine. I asked her what her
16 experience was and I asked her about the
17 numbers and why the numbers have been
18 skyrocketing. And her answer to me was we do
19 not know. Everybody's asking.

20 And she gave me four possible reasons.
21 One, these kids have always been here. She
22 said she thinks with some places, 50 percent of
23 the kids are autistic and she said it's some
24 genetic-- she's a trained geneticist. She
25 said there's some genetic data that it might be

1 due to autism. And then she's concerned about
2 autism for a second reason, that social
3 influences on autistic kids who think black and
4 white, that that might be why in some places
5 50 percent of the kids are autistic. And
6 lastly, she's concerned about what they called,
7 and I'm going to quote, she called "cultural
8 desires," those hard with -- and I said -- she
9 was so scared to talk to me, because her
10 English was excellent. She kept on saying it
11 was terrible. But she said -- I said, social
12 contagion? And she goes, yes, that's -- I
13 wasn't sure if that was your word in English.

14 So there's -- we don't know. And I think
15 we need to be humble enough to say we don't
16 know. She shared with me that in Sweden, they
17 do not do top surgery or mastectomy until 18 or
18 genital surgery until 23. They don't do cross
19 sex hormones until 16. And they only almost
20 exclusively transition kids who show signs of
21 gender dysphoria very, very early. Very, very
22 early. They have a lot of self doubt, that's
23 why they hold back.

24 There's a lot of confidence in this
25 country. There's a lot of confidence in this

1 country about opioids. I think this Board --
2 experience and has unbelievable concern about
3 the Brazilian butt lifts and what's been
4 happening to people there.

5 I think we have a duty as physicians,
6 whether on this board or not, to be concerned
7 about our profession and what's happening to
8 our patients. I just think we need to be --
9 I'm going to vote to go into rule making just
10 to learn more and to hear from everybody.

11 **MR. CHAIR:** All right. I'd like to call
12 the question.

13 No. No. Out. Out. We're not doing
14 this. We're not doing this. Turn the mic off.
15 It's very disappointing.

16 **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Mr. Chair --

17 **MR. CHAIR:** That was very disappointing.
18 This Board has worked -- that was very
19 disappointing. We've tried to conduct this
20 meeting with the utmost decorum,
21 professionalism throughout this time.

22 Any further discussion from the Board?

23 I'd like to call the question.

24 All in favor of the State's petition,
25 please say aye.

1 (Members reply aye.)

2 **MR. CHAIR:** Anyone say nay?

3 **DR. CAIRNS:** Nay.

4 **MR. CHAIR:** One nay, Dr. Cairns.

5 Anyone else?

6 Motion carries.

7 **MR. CHAIR:** Next is -- next is the Board
8 director's remark, tab 35.

9 **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Welcome to the
10 Board.

11 **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Mr. Chair, you got
12 to get in control or we'll just adjourn.

13 **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Can we continue --

14 **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** The committee
15 reports. I suggest we start with the committee
16 reports.

17 Mr. Chair, I think you should start the
18 committee reports.

19 **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Let's do committee
20 reports. Let's go.

21 **MR. CHAIR:** Board director's report, Paul?

22 **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** He's busy.

23 **MR. CHAIR:** Council Physician Assistants,
24 Dr. Chandra.

25 **DR. CHANDRA:** There were two applicants.

1 One of them was approved, other one was denied
2 in their privileges. And they also had a
3 discussion about the licensure fee that was
4 reduced from 150 to \$10, and that was
5 unanimously approved.

6 That's it.

7 **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Move to accept.

8 **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Second.

9 **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Second.

10 **MR. CHAIR:** All in favor?

11 (Members reply aye.)

12 **MR. CHAIR:** Credentials committee,
13 Dr. Ackerman.

14 **DR. ACKERMAN:** Oh, my gosh. We had the
15 best credentials committee yesterday, let me
16 tell you, Dr. Diamond. I have a full report
17 for you, sir.

18 We began bright and early, 8:00 a.m. We
19 had nearly 50 cases to review. We welcomed our
20 newest member, Ms. Nicole Justice, to my left.
21 We had Dr. Wasylik, Dr. Chandra there. Sadly
22 we were missing our vice-chair, Dr. Pimentel,
23 but thank God you're here with us today. And
24 we had a very wonderful meeting.

25 We approved nine applicants for licensure.

1 We granted licensure with conditions for 19
2 applicants. We tabled six. We allowed ten to
3 withdraw. We granted to two people an
4 extension of time. We granted one person
5 additional practice location. We modified a
6 condition on one person. And we accepted a
7 withdrawal request for the extension of time on
8 one person.

9 In addition to that, we approved
10 ratification to supervisor practice plan and
11 area of practice. And we had a very nice rules
12 discussion, which is summarized in the minutes.
13 And so I put that forth to you all for your
14 approval and ratification.

15 **MR. CHAIR:** Motion to accept?

16 **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Motion to accept.

17 **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Move to accept.

18 **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** So moved.

19 **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Second.

20 **UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:** Second.

21 **MR. CHAIR:** All in favor.

22 (Members reply aye.)

23 **DR. ACKERMAN:** I think Mr. -- I'm sorry,
24 is this about my motion?

25 Yes, there was. Help me -- yes. We had

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one petition for exemption for
disqualification, it was an AHCA exemption.
It's not in -- it must be in the minutes but
not in my summary. So please forgive me for
not including that.

MR. CHAIR: Thank you.

Next, Dr. Cairns, tab 37. Board of
Medicine and Osteopathic --

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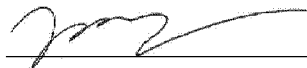
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