



Texas Medical Board

MEDICAL PHYSICISTS LICENSURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes MAY 16, 2016

The meeting was called to order May 16, 2016 at 10:03 a.m. by the Chair, Charles W. Beasley, PhD. Committee members present were Dianna D. Cody, PhD; Douglas A. Johnson; and Gregory P. Swanson, M.D. Douglas A. Johnson. Members not present were Nikolaos Papanikolaou, PhD; Alvin L. Schlichtemeier, M.D and Kiran Shah. Board staff present were Mari Robinson, J.D., Executive Director; Robert Bredt, M.D., Medical Director; General Counsel; Rob Blech, Assistant General Counsel; and various other staff.

There were no items for Agenda item #2.

Agenda item #3 Executive Director Report.

Sunset Update. Mr. Freshour gave a brief summary of the overall purposed and process for a Sunset Review. The process will be completed until after referral to the Legislature for review and approval. The Medical Physicist Committee members will be contacted by the Sunset Commission staff for their input.

Email Update. Mr. Freshour presented an update and background on an open records decision 3rd Court of Appeals decision relating to the disclosure of personal email addresses and personal data when transacting government business. Going forward each member will be assigned a personal TMB email account to conduct agency business. Staff will not be able to respond or communicate using a committee member's personal email account.

Agenda item #4 Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding proposed adoption of rules and rule review to 22 T.A.C. Chapter 160, §§160.1-5, and 160.7-30. Mr. Freshour reviewed proposed amendments and rule review to 22 T.A.C. Chapter 160, §§160.1-160.3. Mr. Blech gave a brief summary. Written comments were received and reviewed. No one signed in to present oral comments. **Dr. Swanson moved, Mr. Johnson seconded, and the motion passed to refer to the Texas Medical Board for adoption the proposed amendments to 22 T.A.C. Chapter 160, §§160.1-5 and 160.7-30, as written and 160.7, 160.10, and 160.11 with the proposed changes discussed specifically, the removal of reference to the Canadian College of Physicist in medicine examination in General Medical in 160.7 to substitute diagnostic for general physics, the modification of 160.10 to cap the number of training/temporary license renewals at four, and the deletion of 160.11(c) in its entirety and to substitute diagnostic for general physics.**

Agenda item #5, Discussion and possible recommendations regarding multiple renewals of training licenses. Mr. Blech gave a brief summary. Dr. Beasley requested information relating to the possibility of an alternate exam path for licensure. Ms. Robinson reviewed some of the issues involved with developing and implementing a State exam, such as validating with the experts and certifications. Licensing fees may need to be increased in order to implement an exam. The consideration of drafting an exam would be ranked among the needs of the agency and brought back to the committee at a later date.

Agenda item #6, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding DSHS data files imported to TMB. Mr. Freshour reported working with DSHS to resolve any issues involved in the transfer of data files from DSHS. The board directed staff to check if any licensees have returned mail.

Agenda item #7, Consideration and approval of the January 11, 2016 Medical Physicist Licensure Advisory Committee meeting minutes. Dr. Swanson moved, Mr. Johnson seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Medical Physicists Licensure Advisory minutes and action items of committees meeting.

Agenda item #8, Adjourn. There being no additional agenda items the meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.