

## **Texas Medical Board**

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## DISCIPLINARY PROCESS REVIEW COMMITTEE

August 20, 2020 9:30 AM VIDEO CONFERENCE

On March 13, 2020, the Governor of Texas certified COVID-19 as posing an imminent threat of disaster to the public health and safety and declared a state of disaster in all counties of Texas. Pursuant to the certification, the Governor suspended certain open-meeting provisions that require government officials and members of the public to be physically present at a specified meeting location, in an effort to reduce meetings that assemble large groups of people.

Accordingly, the meetings will proceed by Microsoft Team video conference, as allowed under Texas Government Code, Sec. 551.127 and the Governor's suspension referenced above. The public and members may join the meetings by using the respective internet links specified below . Members of the public will have an opportunity to attend and participate virtually, and may address the Texas Medical Board through public comment.

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- 1. Call to order and roll call.
- 2. Texas Physician Health Program (TXPHP):
  - A. Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding referrals
  - B. Report on Emergent Referrals
  - C. Other discussion items
- 3. Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding renewals involving impaired licensees.
- 4. Reports and discussion regarding the Investigation, Litigation and Compliance Departments.
- 5. Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding Rule Review and proposed changes to the following chapters in Title 22 of the Texas Administrative Code:
- 6. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding review of probationers' appearances.

- 7. Consideration and approval of membership of the Expert Physician Panel.
- 8. Reports and discussion regarding cases over one year old.
- 9. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding appeals of dismissed complaints:
  - A. Jurisdictional Complaints:
  - B. Jurisdictional-Not-Filed Complaints:
  - C. Non-Jurisdictional Complaints None
- 10. Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding routine follow-up on investigative files previously referred from DPRC for follow-up action, specifically including:
- 11. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding selected files and cases.
- 12. Adjourn.

\*Some or all of the discussion on the agenda item may be held in Executive Session under the authority of the Medical Practice Act and the Open Meetings Act, as noted below. Executive Sessions may also be conducted during discussion on other agenda items for one or more of the reasons noted below.

**Executive Sessions:** The Texas Medical Board may close the meeting to the public and continue in executive session for the following reasons:

- a. Deliberations concerning licensure applications and the character and fitness of applicants under the authority of The Medical Practice Act Sections 152.009 and 155.058, Occupations Code.
- b. Deliberations concerning disciplinary action, investigative information, peer review information, and possible rehabilitation orders under the authority of The Medical Practice Act Sections 152.009, 160.006-160.008, and 164.007(c) Occupations Code.
- c. Private consultation and advice of counsel concerning pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, and/or legal matters subject to the attorney-client privilege under the authority of the Open Meetings Act Section 551.071, Government Code.
- d. Deliberations concerning personnel matters under the authority of the Open Meetings Act Section 551.074, Government Code.

While in executive session, the Board will not take any action, make any decision, or vote with regard to any matter that may be considered or discussed. A certified agenda of any executive session will be made.