



Texas Board of Medical Radiologic Technology
BOARD MEETING
February 10, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by Anthony “Tony” Jaso, Presiding Officer. Board members Faraz A. Khan, M.D., Assistant Presiding Officer; Nicholas M. Beckman, M.D.; Jennifer C. Flanagan, MRT, Secretary/Treasurer; Regan R. Landreth; Melanie “Shannon” Lutz, MRT; Scott A. Morren, MRT, and Carol Waddell, MRT, were present. Staff members present were Scott Freshour, Interim Executive Director; Megan Goode, Governmental Affairs and Communication Manager; Monique Johnston, Licensure Manager; Sonja Aurelius, Enforcement Support Manager, and various other staff.

Agenda item #2, Board Member Report. Mr. Jaso informed the members that Mr. Chow resigned from the board.

Agenda item #3, Executive Director’s Report.

Legislative Update. Ms. Goode gave an update on Legislative dates which will run from Jan 10, 2017 to May 29, 2017. The major filing deadline is March 13, 2017. Senate Committees have been appointed. Senate Finance Committee will have a budget hearing on Feb 14, 2017. Ms. Goode reviewed the final Sunset recommendations and management action. Ms. Goode also gave an update on requesting restoration of the cuts, plus two additional exceptional item requests – additional funding for two IT projects and funding for four additional staff for the agency’s call center. Direction was given to board staff to bring statistics of hardship exemptions to the next board meeting.

Audit Update. Ms. Goode reported that the internal audit is currently in process. Final recommendations will be taken to the Medical Board for feedback and direction.

Licensure Process Update. Ms. Johnston gave an update on current Licensure process. In FY 17 staff has licensed 1,034 MRT and sub-licenses. Students should start their application prior to graduating. For applicants with no criminal history, applications are being process in less than 90 days. Applicants with a criminal background may take longer. There is currently no backlog on applications.

Budget Report. Ms. Corrales reported the budget remains stable and on track.

Interim Executive Director. Mr. Freshour reported the same processes and procedures are still in place and he will continue to serve as Interim Executive Director. Mr. Freshour also reported that Medical Board has six new Board members and a new President. Mr. Freshour reported on the hiring freezing that was issued by Governor Abbott.

Email. Mr. Freshour requested the members to continue to use the agency email system for any board business.

Agenda item #4, Medical Director Report. Dr. Bredt requested the members send him suggestions for additional expert panelists.

Agenda item #5, Consideration and possible action regarding pending litigation. Mr. Freshour gave an update of pending litigation.

There were no items for Agenda items #6-9.

Agenda item #10, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding Agreed Orders. After discussion, **Mr. Morren moved, Dr. Beckman seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Agreed Board Orders for Gustavo Garcia, MRT, and Julie Mansis, MRT, as presented.**

There were no items for Agenda item #11.

Agenda item #12, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding the adoption of proposed amendments to 22 T.A.C. Chapter 194. Non-Certified Radiologic Technicians. Ms. Tuthill went over proposed amendments and rule review to 22 T.A.C. Chapter 194. Non-Certified Radiologic Technicians. Two written comments were received and reviewed. No one signed-in to present oral comments. After discussion, **Dr. Beckman moved, Ms. Waddell seconded, and the motion passed to adopt the proposed amendments to 22 T.A.C. Chapter 194. Non-Certified Radiologic Technicians with non-substantive changes to sub section 194.2 subchapter A by adding the definition for Chiropractors and JRCCVT, and in subchapter B by substituting Department of State Health Services to Medical Radiologic Technology Board and publish in the Texas Register.**

Agenda item #13 at 11:30 a.m., Open Forum for Public Comments. No one signed in and no one presented public comments.

Agenda item #14, Consideration and Approval of the November 15, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes. Ms. Flanagan moved, Ms. Landreth seconded, and the motion passed to approve the November 15, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes and action items.

Agenda item #15, Committee reports and the consideration and approval of minutes and action items of committees meeting during the board meeting.

Mr. Morren gave a report of Discipline and Ethics Committee. **Ms. Landreth moved, Dr. Khan seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Discipline and Ethics Committee Meeting Minutes and Action Items.**

Ms. Flanagan gave a report of the Licensure Committee. **Ms. Flanagan moved, Ms. Waddell seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Licensure Committee Meeting Minutes and Action Items.**

Agenda item #16, Adjourn. There being no further agenda items, the meeting adjourned at 12:47 p.m.