

**TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
JUNE 26, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Board President, Roberta Kalafut, D.O. Committee members present were Michael Arambula, M.D.; Larry Price, D.O.; and Tim Turner. Other Board members present were Julie Attebury; Jose M. Benavides, M.D.; Patricia Blackwell; Melinda Fredricks; Melinda McMichael, M.D.; Margaret McNeese, M.D.; Charles Oswalt, M.D.; Annette Raggette; Allan N. Shulkin, M.D.; Paulette Southard; and Tim Webb. Staff members present were Donald W. Patrick, M.D., J.D., Executive Director; Robert Simpson, J.D., General Counsel; Jane McFarland, Chief of Staff; Mari Robinson, Director of Enforcement; Jaime Garanflo, Director of Customer Affairs; and various staff.

Agenda item #2, Report, discussion, and recommendations from the Executive Management Team. Ms. Garanflo reported on the meeting she and Dr. Patrick had with the Commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services. After discussion, the committee directed staff to draft language for a proposed rule regarding physicians prescribing to partners of patients with sexual transmitted diseases.

Ms. Robinson gave a report on the increased number of complaints received by Enforcement and the ramifications to the board and staff. After discussion, Dr. Kalafut appointed Dr. Price, Dr. Arambula, Ms. Fredricks, Dr. McNeese, and Ms. Southard to an Ad Hoc Disciplinary Process Committee to discuss options for new processes and procedures to help streamline the Enforcement process.

Ms. Robinson gave a report on the possibility and benefits of taping Informal Settlement Conferences. After discussion, the committee directed staff to research and draft a proposal for procedures for the taping of Informal Settlement Conferences.

Ms. McFarland gave a report of the proposed internal audit and risk assessment for fiscal year 2008. Ms. McFarland reported that the Internal Audit would be presented at a future board meeting.

Agenda item #3, Report and discussion regarding personnel matters. Ms. McFarland gave a report on staff training.

Dr. Kalafut gave a report on the progress of the committees ongoing search for the Executive Directors position. Committee members presented survey information on the role of executive directors with other independent state boards.

Committee members discussed two future meetings with the DEA and DPS regarding pill mills and oversight of prescription activities. Ms. Robinson reported that the legislature directed staff to facilitate a workgroup for Pain Treatment Review as required by SB1879.

There being no further items the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.