

WEST VIRGINIA MEDICAL IMAGING & RADIATION THERAPY TECHNOLOGY BOARD OF EXAMINERS

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EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING

February 20, 2014 Conference Call

Members Present

Eva Hallis, Board Secretary Alice Belmont Tuanya Layton **Members Excused**

Nancy Oughton, Board Chair

Office Staff

Nancy Godby, Executive Director Sharon Bleau, Office Secretary Katherine Campbell, Attorney

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:09pm by Eva Hallis, Board Secretary in the absence of the Board Chair who was unable to attend due to a work schedule conflict. The meeting is being held via Conference Call through (**Simple Toll Free**) with public access to attend at the Board Office, 1715 Flat Top Road, Cool Ridge, WV. The conference call was opened by the Executive Director at 11:56:28am as noted on the conference call detail report and statement from the Simple Toll Free Statement.

II. RECOGNIZE GUESTS

The Board recognized Jason Frame, Director of the Radiation Toxics and Indoor Air Division, Radiological Health Program as a guest attending at the Board Office.

III. ESTABLISH QUORUM

Ms. Hallis established that a quorum was present for the Conference Call.

IV. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Alice Belmont to accept the Agenda as presented, Tuanya Layton seconded, and the motion was approved by the Board.

V. REVIEW SENATE BILL 617

Board members in attendance reviewed the proposal introduced by Senator Ron Stollings on February 17, 2014 that would eliminate the West Virginia Medical Imaging & Radiation Therapy Technology Board of Examiners (<u>Board</u>) and move oversight to the Board of Medicine, (<u>BOM</u>). Nancy Godby stated that she had met with Robert Knittle, Executive Director of the BOM on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at the BOM office in Charleston to discuss the proposed legislation. During that meeting Mr. Knittle stated that he was completely surprised by the introduction of this legislation, that he had not been contacted or consulted prior to the introduction, and that the BOM had no interest in overseeing any professional practices other than that of medicine. Mr. Knittle recommended that the Board send a letter of opposition to the Chair and Vice Chair of the Government Organization Committee from the Board Chair. Mr. Knittle also advised to continue to monitor for additional activity. Board Members discussed that there is only



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one person signing the proposed bill (Senator Stollings), and it was noted that according to the WV Legislature website there has been no activity on this proposal since it was introduced on February 18, 2014.

After discussion, it was determined that letters would be emailed and mailed to the Chair and Vice Chair of Government Organization Committee in opposition to the proposed legislation.

VI. *APPROVE LETTER

Ms. Godby began the discussion of a draft letter that she had prepared and distributed in advance of the meeting. Revisions were made to the draft with input from all attendees. A motion was made by Ms. Layton to accept the letter with the revisions discussed and send to the Chair and Vice Chair of the Government Organization Committee by email and mail. Discussion was held as to whether or not Nancy Oughton would be acceptable to the modifications to the draft letter. Ms. Godby indicated that she had received an email from Ms. Oughton indicating that she would accept any modifications and would not object to having the letter distributed in her absence at this meeting. The email will be sent from Ms. Godby's wv.gov email address on Ms. Oughton's behalf with "cc" to Ms. Oughton. After discussion, Ms. Belmont seconded the motion made by Ms. Layton to accept the letter, and the motion was approved by the Board.

Board members discussed how best to address any questions that may come to them from the public. It was decided that Board members could answer any factual questions without speaking for the Board itself. Board members could also direct any questions to the Board Office.

Additional discussion was held regarding how best to get information to licensees. Ms. Godby was directed to place a notice on the Board's website alerting licensees of pending legislation. Ms. Godby was also directed to send an email to the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (<u>ARRT</u>) and the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (<u>ASRT</u>) alerting these two organizations to the pending legislation.

VII. *ADJORN

Ms. Hallis called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Layton made the motion to adjourn, Ms. Belmont seconded, and the motion was approved by the Board. The Executive Director ended the meeting via conference call at 1:11:30pm as detailed on the conference call detail report and statement from the Simple Toll Free Statement.

Minutes prepared and submitted for consideration by Nancy Godby, Executive Director. Minutes approved without modifications, March 13, 2014 Board Meeting.



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