The meeting was called to order on Friday, June 15, 2018 at 8:05 a.m. by Board President, Sherif Z. Zaafran, M.D. Board members present were: Michael E. Cokinos, Secretary/Treasurer, Frank S. Denton, Kandace B. Farmer, D.O., John R. Guerra, D.O., Jeffrey Luna, M.D, Margaret McNeese, M.D., LuAnn Morgan, Surendra Varma, M.D. and Timothy Webb, J.D. J. Scott Holliday, D.O., Vice-President arrived at 8:25 a.m. Julie Attebury, Paulette Southard, Jayaram B. Naidu, M.D. and Karl W. Swann, M.D. were absent. Board staff present were: Scott Freshour, J.D., Executive Director Stephen “Brint” Carlton, General Counsel Scott Freshour, J.D., Robert Bredt, M.D., Medical Director, Megan Goode, Governmental Affairs and Public Information Manager, and the Assistant General Counsels, Amy Swanholm, J.D., Rob Blech, J.D., Sarah Tuthill, J.D., Yvette Yarbrough, J.D. and Wendy Pajak, J.D., and various other staff.

**Agenda item #1, Mission Statement.**

Dr. Zaafran read the board’s mission statement into the minutes. *Our mission is to protect and enhance the public’s health, safety and welfare by establishing and maintaining standards of excellence used in regulating the practice of medicine and ensuring quality health care for the citizens of Texas through licensure, discipline, and education.*

**Agenda item #2, Board Member Report.**

a. **Distinguished Service Award.** Dr. Zaafran announced Dr. Surendra Varma received the Distinguished Service Award for his lifelong work as a physician dedicated to the service of his patients.

b. **Committee Member Appointments.** The two new board members appointed by the Governor on June 14, 2018, Robert David Martinez, M.D. and Linda Molina, J.D., will be placed on the Licensure Committee. Dr. Swann and Dr. Luna have moved from DPRC to Licensure Committee. The Telemedicine Committee and IRB Committee functions are no longer needed and are hereby dissolved. Current active committees are the Innovation Task Force chaired by Ms. Morgan, the Audit Committee which the Executive Committee is recommending be put in place, the Advertising Board Certification Ad Hoc Committee chaired by Mr. Webb, and the Finance Committee chaired by Mr. Cokinos.
c. **Update on TMA annual meeting.** Dr. Zaafran, Mr. Carlton and Mr. Freshour attended the TMA annual meeting and gave a report as to the topics discussed. The application form for licensure was raised, and the format of the questions related to mental and physical impairment was discussed.

d. **Medical Executive Committee.** The Board’s newsletter is intended to open and encourage transparency between the licensees and the Board. Topics have included PMC, PMP, and various other issues.

e. **Innovation Task Force Committee.** Dr. Zaafran discussed the Innovation Task Force and Ms. Morgan gave a brief update. One of the committee’s main focuses will be on customer service.

f. **Email.** Dr. Zaafran reminded the Board to communicate regarding board business through their TMB email addresses.

g. **Service Presentations.** Ms. Julie Attebury and Dr. John Guerra were recognized for their service on the Texas Medical Board.

h. **Dental Anesthesia rules update.** Dr. Zaafran discussed the OBA (Office-based Anesthesia) rules and gave an overview of the collaboration with the Texas Board of Dental Examiners to create a safe environment for patients. The Texas Medical Board will recommend to the Texas Board of Dental Examiners that children under the age of two shall not be in the environment of an OBA.

**Agenda item #3, Executive Director Report.**

Executive Director Brint Carlton introduced himself to the Board and gave a brief discussion regarding his first week at the Board.

a. **Budget Update.** Ms. Brandy Corrales present and reviewed the budget. Ms. Corrales reported projected expenditures and revenue are in good standing.

b. **Legislative Update.** Mr. Carlton discussed the final report and recommendations from the Sunset Committee.

c. **Strategic Plan.** Ms. Megan Goode gave an update on the Board’s Strategic Plan.

**Agenda item #4, Medical Director Report.**

Dr. Robert Bredt gave an update on the Board’s 593 experts, which is the highest number in six years. DPRC appointed twenty new experts. There is still a continuing need for Neurosurgeons, Orthopaedic Spine specialists, Pain Management specialists, and Pediatric Oncology.
Agenda item #5, Public Information Update.

Ms. Goode introduced our Communications Officer, Mr. Jarrett Schneider, to the new Board members. Ms. Goode explained the variety of public information that needs to be on the TMB website. Ms. Goode confirmed that the Strategic Appropriations Request would be completed by the August Board meeting. Dr. Zaafaran instructed the board members to direct media questions to Ms. Goode’s department.

Agenda item #6, Consideration and approval of Mediated Settlement Agreed Orders.

After consideration, Mr. Webb moved, Dr. Varma seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Mediated Settlement Agreed Orders for: Ted Leroy Edwards Jr., M.D.; Manjit S. Randhawa, D.O.; Patricia Salvato, M.D.; Earl M. Stenger, M.D.; Robert Kuhnne C., M.D.; Adeeba Akhtar M.D.; Sulvia Cho De Sola, M.D.; Rajinder S. Shiwach, M.D.; Donald W. Ferguson, II, M.D.; Michelle E. Legall, M.D.; David Russell Williams, M.D.; Charles Henry Fischer, M.D.; Amy Q. Pham, M.D.; and William M. Spurlock, M.D.

Agenda item #7, Consideration and approval of Remedial Plans.

After consideration, Ms. Barnes moved, Ms. Morgan seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Remedial Plan for Christopher W. Ince, M.D.

After further consideration, Dr. Varma moved, Ms. Morgan and Dr. Webb seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Remedial Plan for Kevin J. King, M.D.


After further consideration, Mr. Barnes moved, Dr. Luna seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Remedial Plan for Margaret S. Wehner, M.D.

After further consideration, Mr. Barnes moved, Dr. Luna seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Remedial Plans for: Philip L. Berman, M.D.; Eldridge G. Burns, M.D.; Jan Garcia, Jr., M.D. (Vanderwhite recused); David A. Guerrero M.D.; Nilesh Kotecha, M.D.; Patti Nelson May, M.D. (Varma recused); Maria E. Quevedo M.D.; Eduardo R. Raez,
After consideration, Mr. Webb and Dr. Varma moved, Mr. Cokinos seconded, and the motion to passed to approve the Remedial Plans for: Vincent A. Caldarola, M.D.; Chris Crawford, M.D.; Saleh N. Jaafar, M.D.; Bassem B. Maximos, M.D.; Stephen V. White, M.D. and Ronjay Rakkhit, M.D.

**Agenda Item #8, Consideration and possible action for Agreed Orders.**


After consideration, Ms. Morgan moved, Mr. Webb seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Agreed Orders for: David T. Dun M.D.


After consideration, Mr. Webb moved, Mr. Cokinos seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Agreed Order for: Timothy Anderson, M.D.

After consideration, Mr. Denton moved, Dr. Varma, seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Agreed Order for: Mark W. Schneider, M.D.

After consideration, Dr. Varma moved, Ms. Barnes seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Agreed Orders en masse for: Jerry W. Biddix, M.D.; Robert E. Cantu, M.D.; Carl J. D’Agastino, M.D.; Terry K. Gemas, M.D.; James D. Johnson, M.D.; Charles R. Leach, M.D.; Garrett S. Nelson, M.D.; Reginald Newsome, M.D., and Sadri O. Sozer, M.D.

After consideration, Dr. Varma moved, Ms. Barnes seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Agreed Orders en masse for: Stephen S. Rodrigues, M.D.; Arthur Hernandez,
M.D.; Jelani A. Teamer, M.D.; Rachel M. Brennan, M.D.; Kurt L. Pfieger, M.D., and Eric M. Concors, M.D.

**Agenda Item #9**, Consideration and approval of Modification Request/Termination Request Orders.

After consideration, Mr. Garcia moved, Dr. Nadu seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Modification Request Order Granted for Petros K. Chapanos, M.D.


**Agenda Item #10**, Consideration and approval of Cease and Desist Agreed Orders.

After consideration, Dr. Varma moved, Dr. Farmer seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Cease and Desist Agreed Order for: Ronald Kemp, DC.

**Agenda Item #11**, Consideration and approval of Nunc Pro Tunc Orders.

After consideration, Dr. Varma moved, Mr. Webb seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Nunc Pro Tunc Order for: David Ian Howie, M.D.

**Agenda Item #12**, at 9:00 a.m., Consideration and approval of Determinations of Default:

a. Ronald A. Charles, M.D., SOAH#503-18-1877.MD. Jerry Bergman, staff attorney, gave a presentation. Ronald A. Charles, M.D. was not present. No one was present to represent Dr. Charles. After discussion, Dr. Varma moved, Mr. Webb seconded, and the motion passed to adopt the Findings of Fact and the Conclusions of Law of the Administrative Law Judge in the Determination of Default for Ronald A. Charles, M.D., and to adopt the staff’s suggested final order for revocation.

b. Albert Deloyd Friday, Jr., M.D., SOAH #503-18-1877.MD. Mr. Palazola, Litigation Manager, gave a brief procedural background. Albert Deloyd Friday, Jr., M.D., was not present. No one was present to represent Dr. Friday, Jr. After discussion, Dr. Varma moved, Ms. Morgan seconded, and the motion passed to adopt the Findings of Fact and the Conclusions of Law of the Administrative Law Judge in the Determination of Default for
Albert Deloyd Friday, Jr., M.D., and to adopt the staff’s suggested final order for revocation.

Agenda item #13, at 9:15 a.m. Consideration and approval of Proposal for Decisions.

a. Leonard G. Kilbert, M.D., SOAH #503-17-5945.MD. Ms. Wendy Pajak, Assistant General Counsel, gave a brief procedural background. Nancy Elmilady, staff attorney, was present and made a presentation. Leonard G. Kilbert, M.D., was not present. No one was present to present to represent Dr. Kilbert. After discussion, Mr. Cokinos moved, Dr. Varma seconded, and the motion passed to adopt the Findings of Fact and the Conclusions of Law of the Administrative Law Judge in the Proposal for Decision for Leonard G. Kilbert, M.D., and to adopt the staff’s suggested final order for revocation.

b. Ronald F. Kahn, M.D., SOAH #503-18-2313.MD. Ms. Wendy Pajak, Assistant General Counsel, gave a brief procedural background. Michelle McFaddin, staff attorney, was present and made a presentation. Ronald F. Kahn, M.D. was not present. Mr. Tony Cobos was present to represent Dr. Kahn and also made a presentation. After discussion, Mr. Varma moved, Mr. Denton seconded, and the motion passed to adopt the Findings of Fact and the Conclusions of Law of the Administrative Law Judge in Proposal for Decision for Ronald F. Kahn, M.D., and to adopt the staff’s suggested final order for revocation. Mr. Webb and Ms. Barnes were opposed.

c. Philip J. Leonard, M.D., SOAH#503-16-6176. M.D. Ms. Yvette Yarbrough, Assistant General Counsel, gave a brief procedural background. Nikki Karr, staff attorney, was present and made a presentation. Philip J. Leonard, M.D., was present. Mr. Rodney Montez was present to represent Dr. Leonard and also made a presentation. After discussion, Dr. Zaafran moved, Mr. Cokinos seconded, and the motion passed to go into Executive Session at 9:55 a.m. for 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, Texas Government Code, Section 551.071. Open session resumed at 10:30 a.m. and it was announced that no action was taken. A certified agenda was made. After discussion, Dr. Luna moved, Mr. Denton seconded, and the motion passed to adopt the Findings of Fact and the Conclusions of Law of the Administrative Law Judge in the Proposal for Decision for Philip J. Leonard, M.D., and to adopt the staff’s suggested final order for revocation.

Agenda Item #14, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action relating to the PHP audit.

Garza and Associates performed the audit. During the audit, they conducted conference calls in March and April of 2018. Then in April and May of 2018, they conducted personnel interviews and interviews with PHP board members. There was full cooperation from TMB and PHP personnel. On June 8, 2018 a draft report was provided to PHP and comments were received from PHP on June 13, 2018, one day prior to this Board meeting. The comments will be
considered and a final audit report will be issued. The Audit Committee will meet prior to the
next Board meeting and consider the results of the final report. No action was taken at this time.

**Agenda Item #15, Report Physician Assistant Liaison.**

Ms. Gotsschalk, PA-C had nothing to report.

**Agenda Item #16, Consideration and possible action regarding pending litigation.**

Mr. Scott Freshour gave a brief overview and update of the current pending cases and completed
cases against the Texas Medical Board.

**Agenda Item #17, Report on Temporary Suspension Hearings.**

None.

**Agenda item #18, Report on Motions for Rehearing Requests.**

None.

**Agenda item #19, Report of Suspension by Operation of Law.**

None.

**Agenda item #20, Report on Cease and Desist Orders approved by Executive
Director.**

None.

**Agenda item #21, Report on Automatic Orders.**

None.

**Agenda item #22, Consideration and approval of Modification Request/Termination
Request of Non-Public Rehabilitation Orders.**

None.
Agenda item #23, Consideration and approval of Orders of Referral.

None.

Agenda item #24, Consideration and approval of Orders to Show Cause.

None.

Agenda item #25, Consideration and approval of Amended Proposal for Decision.

None.

Agenda item #26, Consideration and approval of Remand of Amended Final Orders.

None.

Agenda item #27, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding proposed rule amendments and rules review to 22 Texas Administrative Code.

A. Chapter 175, Fees and Penalties
   • §175.2 Registration and Renewal Fees

Ms. Wendy Pajak presented a brief summary and review of the publishing the proposed rule amendments and rule for publication in the Texas Register for public comment. Dr. Varma moved, Dr. McNeese seconded, and the motion passed to publish the proposed rule amendments to the Texas Register.

Agenda item #28, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding adoption of proposed rule amendments and rule review to 22 Texas Administrative Code.

A. Chapter 170 Pain Management
   • §170.4 Purpose
   • §170.5 Definitions
   • §170.6 Opioid Antagonist Prescription Guidelines
   • §170.7 Liability for Act or Omission with Respect to Prescribing an Opioid Antagonist
   • §170.8 Documentation

B. Chapter 172 Temporary and Limited License
   • §172.19 Sports Team Physician Limited License
C. Chapter 187 Procedural rules
   • §187.78 Written Response

D. Chapter 190, Disciplinary Guidelines
   • §190.8(6)(B) Violation Guidelines
   • §190.14 Disciplinary Sanction Guidelines

E. Chapter 198, Standards for Use of Investigational Agents
   • §198.1 Purpose
   • §198.2 Definitions
   • §198.3 Practice Guidelines for the Use of Investigational Agents
   • §198.4 Use of Investigational Agents for Patients with Terminal Illnesses
   • §198.5 Use of Investigational Stem Cell Treatments with Certain Severe Chronic Diseases or Terminal Illnesses
   • §198.6 Process and Procedures for IRBs Engaged in the Use of Investigational Stem Cell Treatments for Patients with Certain Severe Chronic Diseases or Terminal Illnesses

Chapter 170, Pain Management, §170.4 Purpose §170.5 Definitions, §170.6 Opioid Antagonist Prescription Guidelines, §170.7 Liability for Act or Omission with Respect to Prescribing an Opioid Antagonist, §170.8 Documentation. Mr. Rob Blech, Assistant General Counsel, presented a brief summary and review of the proposed rules for adoption. No one signed in to present oral comments. After discussion, Ms. Barnes moved, Dr. Farmer seconded, and the motion passed to adopt the proposed amendments to 22 T.A.C. §170.4 Purpose, §170.5 Definitions, §170.6 Opioid Antagonist Prescription Guidelines, §170.7 Liability for Act or Omission with Respect to Prescribing an Opioid Antagonist, §170.8 Documentation and approved the publication in the Texas Register.

Chapter 172, Temporary and Limited License, §172.19 Sports Team Physician Limited License. Ms. Sarah Tuthill, Assistant General Counsel, presented a brief summary and review of the proposed rules for adoption. A written comment was received from Texas Orthopedic Association in support of the changes. Bobby Hiller, Executive Director of Texas Orthopedic Association, made a public comment. After discussion, Mr. Webb moved, Mr. Cokinos seconded, and the motion passed to adopt the proposed amendments to 22 T.A.C. §172.19 Sports Team Physician Limited License and approved the publication in the Texas Register.

Chapter 187, Procedural Rules, §187.78 Written Responses. Ms. Wendy Pajak, Assistant General Counsel, presented a brief summary and review of the proposed rules for adoption. No written comment was received. No one signed in to present an oral comment. After discussion, Dr. Varma moved, Dr. Farmer seconded, and the motion passed to adopt the proposed amendments to 22 T.A.C. §187.78 Written Responses and approved the publication in the Texas Register.

Chapter 190, Disciplinary Guidelines, §190.8(6)(B) Violation Guidelines and §190.14 Disciplinary Sanction Guidelines. Mr. Rob Blech, Assistant General Counsel, presented a brief summary and review of the proposed rules for adoption. A comment was received from the Texas
Medical Association. No one signed in to present an oral comment. After discussion, Mr. Webb moved, Ms. Morgan and Dr. Varma seconded, and the motion passed to adopt the proposed amendments to 22 T.A.C. §190.8(6)(B) Violation Guidelines and to approve publication in the Texas Register. Dr. Varma moved, Ms. Morgan seconded, and the motion passed to adopt the proposed amendments to 22 T.A.C §190.14 Disciplinary Sanction Guidelines, and to approve publication in the Texas Register.

Chapter 198 Practice Guidelines for the Use of Investigational Agents, §198.1 Purpose, §198.2 Definitions, §198.3 Practice Guidelines for the Use of Investigational Agents, §198.4 Use of Investigational Agents for Patients with Terminal Illnesses, §198.5 Use of Investigational Stem Cell Treatments with Certain Severe Chronic Diseases or Terminal Illnesses, §198.6 Process and Procedures for IRBs Engaged in the Use of Investigational Stem Cell Treatments for Patients with Certain Severe Chronic Diseases or Terminal Illnesses. Ms. Amy Swanholm, Assistant General Counsel, presented a brief summary and review of the proposed rules for adoption. Comments were received from Texans for Cures, Texas Hospital Association, Right to Try, and an anonymous comment. No one signed in to present an oral comment. After discussion, Dr. Varma moved, Mr. Cokinos and Ms. Barnes seconded, and the motion passed to adopt the proposed amendments to 22 T.A.C. §198.1 Purpose, §198.2 Definitions, §198.3 Practice Guidelines for the Use of Investigational Agents, §198.4 Use of Investigational Agents for Patients with Terminal Illnesses, §198.5 Use of Investigational Stem Cell Treatments with Certain Severe Chronic Diseases or Terminal Illnesses, §198.6 Process and Procedures for IRBs Engaged in the Use of Investigational Stem Cell Treatments for Patients with Certain Severe Chronic Diseases or Terminal and to approve publication in the Texas Register.

**Agenda item #29.** Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding adoption of proposed rule amendments and rule review to 22 T.A.C. Chapter 183, Acupuncture.

None.

**Agenda item #30.** Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding adoption of proposed rule amendments and rule review to 22 T.A.C. Chapter 185, Physician Assistants.

A. Chapter 185 Physician Assistant
- §185.4, Procedural Rules for Licensure Applicants
- §185.6, Annual Renewal of License
- §185.8, Inactive License
- §185.14, Physician Supervision
- §185.17, Grounds for Denial of Licensure and for Disciplinary Action
- §185.31, Prescriptive Authority Agreements: Minimum Requirements
Chapter 185 Physician Assistant, §185.4, Procedural Rules for Licensure Applicants, §185.6, Annual Renewal of License, §185.8, Inactive License, §185.14, Physician Supervision, §185.17, Grounds for Denial of Licensure and for Disciplinary Action, §185.31, Prescriptive Authority Agreements: Minimum Requirements. Ms. Amy Swanholm, Assistant General Counsel, presented a brief summary and review of the proposed rules for adoption. No written comment was received. No one signed in to present an oral comment. After discussion, Ms. Morgan moved, Ms. Barnes seconded and the motion passed to adopt the proposed amendments to 22 T.A.C. §185.4, Procedural Rules for Licensure Applicants, §185.6, Annual Renewal of License, §185.8, Inactive License, §185.14, Physician Supervision, §185.17, Grounds for Denial of Licensure and for Disciplinary Action, §185.31, Prescriptive Authority Agreements: Minimum Requirements and to approve publication in the Texas Register.

Agenda item #31, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding adoption of proposed rule repeal and rule review to 22 T.A.C. Chapter 194, Medical Radiologic Technology.

None.

Agenda item #32, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding adoption of propose rule amendments and rule review to 22 T.A.C. Chapter 186, Respiratory Care.

None.

Agenda item #33, Open forum for public comments.

Mr. Lee Bukstein and Ms. Rama Baradon and signed in and made a public comment. Elizabeth from Cloud 9 signed in, but did not make a public comment.

Consent Agenda, Discussion/Action Items to be considered at any time the full board is in session.

1. Consideration and approval of the March 2, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes and action items. Mr. Webb moved, Ms. Morgan seconded, and the motion passed to approve the March 2, 2018, Board Meeting Minutes.

2. Consideration and approval of April 13, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes and action items. Dr. Varma moved, Dr. McNeese seconded, and the motion passed to approve the April 13, 2018, Board Meeting Minutes with the clarification of the Strategic Plan.
3. Committee reports and the consideration and approval of minutes and action items of committees meeting during the board. **Dr. Varma moved, Mr. Webb seconded, and the motion passed to approve the committee meeting minutes and action items.** Mr. Webb thanked Ms. Sarah Tuthill, Assistant General Counsel, for her hard work on the Licensure Committee.

   **Agenda item #34, Adjourn.**

   Mr. Cokinos moved, Dr. McNeese seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 1:08 p.m.