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During the 84th Texas Legislative Session, SB202 transferred the licensing groups of Perfusionists and the Medical Physicists from the Department of State Health Services to the Texas Medical Board (TMB). These two professions will now be regulated by Advisory Committees overseen by the TMB. To establish these new Committees, TMB is now accepting applications throughout the month of September for potential Advisory Committee members.

The Perfusionist Licensure Advisory Committee to the Medical Board will consist of seven members appointed by the president of the Medical Board. The Committee includes 4 Perfusionists licensed in Texas with at least 5 years of experience as a perfusionist; two physicians licensed in this state who supervise Perfusionists; and one public member who represents the public. The public member may not be employed in the health care field, and neither may their spouse.

The Medical Physicist Licensure Advisory Committee to the Medical Board consists of seven members appointed by the president of the Medical Board. The Committee includes 4 medical physicists licensed in Texas with at least 5 years of experience as a medical physicist; 2 physicians licensed in Texas with at least 5 years of clinical experience related to medical physics; and one public member. The public member may not be employed in the health care field, and neither may their spouse.

Committee membership can be very rewarding, but challenging and time consuming as well. Potential committee members will promote and endorse the board's mission "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." Schedule wise, an appointment to the an Advisory Committee is for a two-year term and includes a commitment of serving on a minimum of three Informal Settlement Conferences and a minimum of three committee meetings each year. Additional committee meetings and hearings may be scheduled as the need arises. The TMB encourages those who can fulfill these requirements to apply for a position as an Advisory Committee member within the next 30 days.

The mission and role of the Medical Board is significant and central to the Texas community. We look forward to receiving your application and the opportunity to discuss the

Advisory Committee process with you, as well as to address any concerns or questions you may have, including a discussion pertaining to the Board's expectations, rules or laws prior to your decision to make application. The deadline for submitting the attached application form is September 30, 2015. Please submit the completed form via email to laura.fleharty@tmb.state.tx.us. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Fleharty at 512-305-7174.

Sincerely,

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