

Texas Medical Board

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EMEGENCY TELEPHONIC MEETING MINUTES MARCH 13, 2020

The emergency meeting was called pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code, Section 551.045, and was required due to a reasonably unforeseen situation and the imminent threat to public health and safety, and in light of the on-going COVID-19 disaster declaration and related Executive Orders.

On this day, March 13, 2020, the Governor of Texas certified COVID-19 as posing an imminent threat of disaster to the public health and safety and declared a state of disaster in all counties of Texas. Therefore, an emergency or public necessity exists within the meaning of Texas Government Code Section 551.045. Further, travel limitations necessary to mitigate the risk of exposure to COVID-19 render the convening at one location of a quorum of the Executive Committee of the Texas Medical Board difficult or impossible. Therefore, this meeting was held telephonically, as allowed under Texas Government Code, Sec. 551.125(b).

The meeting was called to order at 3:38 p.m. by the chair, Sherif Z. Zaafran, M.D. Committee members present were Kandace Farmer, D.O.; Michael Cokinos; Manuel "Manny" Quinones, Jr., M.D. and Linda Molina, J.D. Staff members Brint Carlton, Executive Director; and Scott Freshour, J.D., General Counsel; and various other staff.

Agenda item #2, Discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding COVID-19.

After staff updates to the Executive Committee members about the changes due to COVID19, no action was taken during this time.

Agenda item #3, Adjourn. There being no further agenda items, Dr. Quinones moved, Dr. Farmer seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn at 4:05 p.m.