

TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
April 6, 2006

Jose M. Benavides, M.D., committee chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:50 A.M. Committee members present were Patricia S. Blackwell, Roberta Kalafut D.O., John Pate, Jr. M.D., Annette P. Ragette and Timothy J. Turner. Also present were Donald Patrick, MD, JD, Executive Director, Jerry Walker, Deputy Executive Director, Michele Shackelford, General Counsel, Laurie Perez, Director of Finance and various staff members.

Agenda item #2 regarding the financial status of the agency was presented by Ms. Perez. Ms. Perez distributed to the committee and the Board members the Agency's financial status report for period ending February 28, 2006. Ms. Perez pointed out the percentage of budget spent for General Revenue P Dedicated Appropriations and Regular Appropriations. Ms. Perez informed the committee that the Agency's budget is on target for fiscal year 2006. Ms. Perez reported to the committee that large expenditures regarding Information Technology are projected. Discussion followed regarding the Agency's cost savings in becoming paperless, the return on investment, and the departments that have started the paperless process by scanning documents.

Agenda item #3 regarding report on upcoming planning and budgeting deadlines for the 80th Legislative Session was presented by Ms. Perez. Ms. Perez discussed important upcoming deadlines for the 80th Legislative Session. Ms. Perez informed the committee of key financial reporting dates during this calendar year.

Agenda item #4 regarding discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding proposed changes to Chapter 175, Fees, to include amendments to Section 175.2, Registration and Renewal Fees, regarding Texas Online fees for office-based anesthesia, and new Section 175.5, Payment of Fees or Penalties regarding the form of payment accepted for fees and penalties. Ms. Shackelford presented to the committee the proposed changes to Chapter 175, Fees, to include amendments to Section 175.2, Registration and Renewal Fees, regarding Texas Online fees for office-based anesthesia, and new Section 175.5, Payment of Fees or Penalties regarding the form of payment accepted for fees and penalties. Following discussion, **Mr. Turner moved, Ms. Blackwell seconded and the motion passed** to approve that the Finance Committee recommend to the full Board that the notice be filed with the Secretary of State for publication in the Texas Register of the proposed amendment to Chapter 175, Fees, to include amendments to Section 175.2, Registration and Renewal Fees, regarding Texas Online fees for office-based anesthesia, and new Section 175.5, Payment of Fees or Penalties regarding form of payment accepted for fees and penalties, as soon as the chapter is able to be opened for a rule change.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:56 A.M.

