



TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD
Public Information/Profile Committee Minutes
April 6, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 2:50 p.m. by the chair, Ms. Paulette Southard. Committee members present were Michael Arambula, M.D.; Mr. John D. Ellis, Jr.; Melinda McMichael, M.D.; and Mr. Timothy Webb. Also present were Leigh Hopper, Public Information Officer; Suzanne Mitchell, Assistant General Counsel; Megan Goode, Special Projects Manager; Mari Robinson, Executive Director, and other board members and staff.

Agenda item #2, Update on use of licensee contact information for non-emergency purposes. Ms. Hopper briefed the board on changes to language on the physician biennial registration form that enables licensees to let their contact information be used for non-emergency communication from TMB, in particular, news releases and newsletters.

Agenda item #3, Update relating to website changes. Ms. Hopper briefed the board on the new layout of the board's homepage and blog.

Agenda item #4, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action relating to proposed amendments to Texas Administrative Code, Title 22:

- a. **Chapter 173, Physician Profiles: §173.1 Profile Contents.** Ms. Kaufman explained the proposed changes, and Mr. Webb moved, and Dr. McMichael seconded motion, to approve the rules for publication in the Texas Register for public comment.
- b. **Chapter 199, Public Information: §199.4 Charges for Copies of Public Records.** Ms. Kaufman explained the proposed changes, and Dr. Zeitler moved, and Ms. Southard seconded motion, to approve the rules for publication in the Texas Register for public comment.

Agenda item #5, Update Relating to Open Records Requests. Ms. Mitchell provided data regarding open records requests from September 2010 through March 2011, and compared it to data previously presented pertaining to FY 2010. She also updated the committee on the status of a pending appeal of an Open Records Decision from the Office of Attorney General pertaining to disclosure of certain confidential information pertaining to holders of physician-in-training and visiting physician permits.

Agenda item #6, the meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.