

TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

August 23, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 a.m. by Board President, Roberta Kalafut, D.O. Committee members present were Lawrence Anderson, M.D.; Keith E. Miller, M.D.; Larry Price, D.O.; and Timothy Turner. Board members present were Julie Attebury; Jose M. Benavides, M.D.; Michael Arambula, M.D.; Irvin Zeitler, D.O.; Patricia Blackwell; Melinda McMichael, M.D.; Manuel Guajardo, M.D.; Amanullah Khan, M.D.; Charles Oswalt, M.D.; and Paulette Southard. Staff members present were Donald W. Patrick, M.D., J.D., Executive Director; Robert Simpson, J.D., General Counsel; and various staff.

Agenda item #2, Report and recommendations from the Executive

Management Team. Jane McFarland provided an update concerning the agency's current staffing situation. Ms. McFarland informed the board members that eight positions were filled have been since the June meeting. Ms. McFarland said there are currently nine job vacancies at the board, primarily due to the recent turnover in the Licensure Division.

Robert Simpson discussed the proposed rule changes that will be up for public comment during this meeting. Mr. Simpson said there are no substantive changes contained in the proposed rule changes. Mr. Simpson said he would like to have rules up for review during each board meeting until next spring.

Jaime Garanflo informed the board that the Texas Hospital Association (THA) is considering making a \$60,000 grant to the board through the Texas Health Institute (THI) for the Licensure Division. Ms. Garanflo asked the THA if the grant money could be used towards improving the licensure process through software and other computer enhancements and that she is in the process of developing a proposal to present to them indicating what the Licensure Division could accomplish with the grant money.

Ms. Garanflo next requested direction from the board in order to implement the \$80 physician licensure application increase to be collected through Texas Online in September, based on Texas Onlines rollout date under Chapter 175. The board directed staff to begin implementation of the \$80 fee increase beginning September 18th. Mr. Simpson indicated the proposed rule change would be published in the register in time for public comment and consideration during the October meeting.

Agenda Item # 3, Report and discussion regarding personnel matters.

Discussed during Agenda Item # 2.

Agenda item #4, Executive Directors performance evaluation. The annual Executive Directors performance evaluation was conducted.

Dr. Price moved, Dr. Anderson seconded and the motion passed to go in to executive session at 8:45a.m. for private consultation and advice of counsel with respect to legal matters under the authority under the Open Meetings Act, Government Code

555.071. Open session resumed at 9:15 a.m. and it was announced that no action was taken during Executive Session. A certified agenda was made.

There being no further items the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 a.m

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