

**TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
AUGUST 27, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chair, Roberta Kalafut, D.O. Committee members present were Michael Arambula, M.D.; Larry Price, D.O.; and Tim Turner. Other Board members present were Julie Attebury; Jose M. Benavides, M.D.; Patricia Blackwell; Melinda McMichael, M.D.; Margaret McNeese, M.D.; Charles Oswalt, M.D.; Paulette Southard. Staff members present were Mari Robinson, J.D., Interim Executive Director; Robert Simpson, J.D., General Counsel; Jane McFarland, Chief of Staff; Jaime Garanfio, Director of Customer Affairs; and various staff.

Agenda item #2, Report and discussion regarding pending litigation. Dr. Price moved, Mr. Turner seconded, and the motion was approved to go into executive session at 3:32 p.m. for private consultation and advice of counsel concerning pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, and/or legal matters subject to the attorney-client privilege under the authority of the Open Meetings Act Section 551.071, Government Code and deliberations concerning personnel matters under the authority of the Open Meetings Act Section 551.074, Government Code. During the closed session, the Committee considered **Agenda item #2, Report and discussion regarding pending litigations**, and **Agenda item #3, Report, discussion, and possible action regarding the position of Executive Director**. Open session resumed at 5:18 p.m. and it was announced that no action was taken. A certified agenda was made.

Mr. Turner moved, Dr. Arambula seconded, and the motion passed to direct staff to post a temporary position as soon as possible for a part-time Medical Director. The position will report to the (acting) Executive Director as required by current statute and the board will seek legislative action revising the statute to state that the Medical Director will report to the Board. The position will be posted as temporary for six months and may be extended to permanent, pending hiring of a permanent executive director and any action by the legislature.

Agenda item #4, Presentation to Dr. Lawrence Anderson. Agenda item was deferred until the October board meeting.

There being no further agenda items the meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.