



# Texas Medical Board

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EMERGENCY TELEPHONIC MEETING MINUTES APRIL 30, 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 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 3:04 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. Various staff members were present, including Brint Carlton, Executive Director; Scott Freshour, J.D., General Counsel; and various other staff.

**Agenda item #2, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding adoption of *emergency* rule to 22 T.A.C. Chapter 190.8, Subchapter B, Violation Guidelines: 22 TAC §190.8(2)(U), "Failing to Post Notice Concerning COVID-19 Safety Measures.**

Dr. Zaafran presented the agenda item for adoption of emergency rule 22 TAC §190.8(2)(U), "Failing to Post Notice Concerning COVID-19 Safety Measures. After discussion, **Mr. Cokinos and Dr. Quinones moved, Dr. Farmer seconded, and the motion passed to approve the adoption of emergency rule 22 TAC §190.8(2)(U), "Failing to Post Notice Concerning COVID-19 Safety Measures, effective from 12:00 a.m., May 1, 2020 until the expiration of Executive Order GA-19.**

**Agenda item #3, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding withdraw of *emergency* rules to 22 T.A.C. Chapters 22 T.A.C. Chapter 190.8, Subchapter B, Violation Guidelines: 22 TAC §190.8(2)(U), "Unprofessional Conduct"**

After discussion, **Dr. Farmer moved, Ms. Molina seconded, and the motion passed to approve the withdrawal of emergency rules, effective when the Executive Order GA-15 expires at 12:00 a.m., May 1, 2020, to 22 TAC §190.8(2)(U), "Unprofessional Conduct" and to be effective 12:00 a.m., May 1, 2020.**

**Agenda item #4, Adjourn.** There being no further agenda items, **Mr. Cokinos moved, Ms. Molina seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn at 3:13 p.m.**