



Texas Medical Board

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EMERGENCY TELEPHONIC MEETING MINUTES APRIL 27, 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 3:03 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 Amy Swanholm, J.D., Assistant General Counsel, and various other staff.

Agenda item #2, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding hiring of Texas Physician Health Program Medical Director. Anand Mehendale, M.D., Presiding Officer of the Texas Physician Health Program, was present and introduced Katherine "Katie" McQueen, as the recommended candidate for the position of the Medical Director for the Texas Physician Health Program. After discussion, **Dr. Quinones moved, Ms. Molina seconded, and the motion passed to approve the hiring of Katherine McQueen, M.D., as the Medical Director for the Texas Physician Health Program effective May 1, 2020.**

Agenda item #3, Adjourn. There being no further agenda items, **Mr. Cokinos moved, Dr. Farmer seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn at 3:17 p.m.**