

TEXAS BOARD OF MEDICAL RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY BOARD MEETING MINUTES February 7, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Nicholas M. Beckmann, M.D. Assistant Presiding Officer. Board members present were Faraz A. Khan, M.D., Presiding Officer; Jennifer Brandt, MRT; Regan R. Landreth; Melanie "Shannon" Lutz, MRT; Scott A. Morren, MRT; Shaila D. Parker; and Lucy Sisniega. Carol Waddell, MRT did not attend. Staff members present were Brint Carlton, Executive Director; Chris Palazola, J.D., Deputy Director of Operations; Scott Freshour, J.D., General Counsel; and various board staff.

Agenda item #2, Board Member Report. There was nothing to report.

Agenda item #3, Executive Director Report.

Budget Update. Mr. Joey Estrada, CFO, gave an update on the budget and the Legislative Appropriations Request.

Internal Audit Update. Nothing to report

Legislative Update. Mr. Carlton gave an update on the current Legislative Session.

Rules Update. Mr. Carlton gave an update on the rules that went into effect in January.

Agenda item #4, Medical Director Report. There was nothing to report.

Agenda item #5, Consideration and possible action regarding pending litigation. Mr. Freshour gave an update on pending litigation. No action was taken.

Agenda item #6, Texas Physician Health Program (TXPHP):

- A. Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding referrals. After discussion, Ms. Parker moved, Ms. Sisniega seconded, and the motion passed to accept the recommendation and return cases TXPHP 23-0608, TXPHP 23-0609, TXPHP 23-0715 and TXPHP 23-0808 back to the TXPHP.
- B. Report on Emergent Referrals. There were none.
- C. Program Activity Report. A Program Activity report was presented.
- **D. Drug Screening Quarterly Report.** A Drug Screening Quarterly Report was presented.

Agenda item #7, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding applicants appearing concerning eligibility.

Applicant #2618 - appeared on referral by the Executive Director due to active practice. The applicant presented a brief summary, and the Board members asked questions. Following discussion, **Dr. Beckmann moved to grant licensure after a supervision period (20 hours per week for 20 weeks during a 6 month period) with the applicant's application being extended for 9 months. Ms. Landreth seconded, and the motion passed.**

Applicant #2617 – appeared on referral by the Executive Director due to criminal history, disciplinary history, and active practice. The applicant presented a brief summary, and the Board members asked questions. Following discussion, Ms. Brandt moved, and Ms. Landreth seconded to grant licensure with an Agreed Order for 12-months of supervision, restriction on mammography, MRI, or CT unless he receives proper training and certification. The motion failed due to no majority vote.

Dr. Khan moved and Mr. Morren seconded to deny licensure. The motion failed due to no majority vote.

Dr. Beckman moved and Ms. Brandt seconded to grant licensure with an Agreed Order for 12-months of supervision and restriction on mammography, MRI, or CT unless he receives proper training and certification. The motion failed due to no majority vote.

The application was tabled until the next board meeting.

Agenda item #8, Discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding proposed orders offered by the Executive Director. Ms. Grace Unterborn reported on one Remedial Plan offered by the Executive Director and accepted by the applicants. After discussion, Ms. Parker moved that the Remedial Plan be approved. Ms. Lutz seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Agenda item #9, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding approval, rescinding or denial of program or instructor. There were none.

Agenda item #10, Report on Program Approvals/Renewals. Ms. Unterborn reported on 1 NCT and 1 LMRT approval.

Agenda item #11, Reports and discussion regarding the Investigation, Litigation and Compliance Departments.

- A. Enforcement Activity Report. Mr. Palazola presented the Enforcement Activity Report.
- **B.** Warning Letters Report Mr. Palazola presented the Warning Letters Report.
- C. Criminal Case Review Report Mr. Palazola presented the Enforcement Activity Report.
- **D. Reports Regarding Cases Over One Year Old** Mr. Palazola presented the Reports Regarding Cases Over One Year Old.
- **E. Report on Temporary Suspensions** Mr. Palazola presented the Report on Temporary Suspensions.
- F. Report on Rehearing Requests There were none.

Agenda item #12, Consideration and Approval of Membership of the Expert Physician Panel. There were none.

Agenda item #13, Discussion and possible action regarding review of Probationers' Appearances. There were none.

Agenda item #14, Follow up files. There were none.

Agenda item #15 Cases for Dismissal.

After consideration, Ms. Landreth moved, Ms. Parker seconded, and the motion passed to dismiss the Non-Standard of Care cases assigned to Ms. Landreth.

After consideration, Dr. Beckmann moved, Ms. Lutz seconded, and the motion passed to dismiss the Standard of Care cases assigned to Dr. Beckmann.

After consideration, Ms. Lutz moved, Ms. Landreth seconded, and the motion passed to dismiss the Standard of Care cases assigned to Ms. Lutz.

After consideration, Mr. Morren moved, Ms. Sisniega seconded, and the motion passed to dismiss the Standard of Care cases assigned to Mr. Morren.

Agenda item #16, Appeals. There were none.

Agenda item#17, Consideration and approval of Determination or Default. There were none.

Agenda item #18, Consideration and approval of Proposal for Decision. There were none.

Agenda item #19, Consideration and approval of Modification Request/Termination Request Orders. There were none.

Agenda item #20, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding Agreed Orders. After discussion, Mr. Morren moved, Ms. Lutz seconded, and the motion passed to accept the Agreed Orders for Gary Chandler, MRT; Devang Rana, MRT; Audriann Trevino, NCT; and Manu Varghese, MRT.

Agenda item #21, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding Remedial Plans. There were none.

Agenda item #22, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding Mediated Settlement Orders. After discussion, Ms. Sisniega moved, Ms. Parker seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Mediated Settlement Orders for Javier Bocanegra, NCT; Steve Hernandez, MRT; and Christopher Patrick, MRT

There were no Agenda Items for #23-25.

Agenda item #26, Consideration and approval of Consent Orders. After consideration, Ms. Parker moved, Dr. Beckman seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Consent Order for David Reyes, MRT.

Agenda item #27, Report on Cease and Desist Orders approved by Executive Director. A report on Cease and Desist Orders approved by Executive Director was provided.

Agenda item #28, Report on Automatic Orders/Actions. A report on Automatic Orders/Actions was provided.

There were no Agenda Items for #29-30.

Agenda item #31, Open forum for public comments. No one was present to make public comments.

Agenda item #32, Consideration and approval of the September 20, 2024, Board Meeting minutes and action items. After consideration, Ms. Parker moved, Ms. Landreth seconded, and the motion passed to approve the September 20, 2024, Board Meeting minutes and action items.

Agenda item #33, Adjourn. There being no further agenda items, Ms. Sisniega moved, Ms. Parker seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 A.M.