



Texas Medical Board

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 4:11 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 Stephen “Brint” Carlton, J.D., Executive Director; Scott Freshour, J.D., General Counsel; and various other staff.

Agenda item #2, Executive Director Report.

a. COVID-19 Update

- i. **Latest press releases.** Mr. Carlton reported that TMB has issued press releases to address legislative inquiries.
- ii. **Recent legislative inquiries.** Mr. Carlton discussed recent legislative inquiries.
- iii. **Statistics on Emergency Licenses Issued.** Mr. Carlton reported 3,620 licenses issued since March 13. About 2,104 physicians 160 RCP and about 60 Pas and 9 MRTs, about 52 retired licenses reinstated. Emergency licenses issued prior to taking exam.

- b. **Budget Update.** Legislature requesting a 5% decrease over biennium. Budget is higher than anticipated at this time in the FY.

Dr. Zaafran moved, Mr. Cokinos seconded, and the motion passed to move open meeting into Executive Session at 4:28 p.m. for the purpose of 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.

Meeting called back to order at 5:38 p.m.

Agenda Item #3, Report and staff update of COVID-19 related complaints and investigation statistics. After discussion, the committee directed that staff expedite cases to the extent possible while adhering to standard investigative processes.

Agenda Item #4, Public Comment. No one presented any public comments.

Agenda item #5, Adjourn. There being no further agenda items, **Dr. Quinones moved,**
Dr. Farmer seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 p.m.