

**TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD
PUBLIC INFORMATION/PROFILE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 15, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 10:38 a.m. by the chair, Ms. Paulette Southard. Committee members present were Michael Arambula, M.D., Ms. Patricia Blackwell, Mr. Eddie Miles Jr., Keith Miller, M.D., and Irvin E. Zeitler Jr., D.O. Also present were staff members Jill Wiggins, Jane McFarland, Jaime Garanflo, Megan Goode and other board members and staff.

Agenda item #2, media update. Ms. Wiggins updated the committee on media activities since the last board meeting. Especially significant were articles, op-eds and editorials about the board's request for emergency appropriations for licensure.

Agenda item #3, discussion of SB 29 relating to creation of a minimum data set for collection of information on health professionals by the Statewide Health Coordinating Council: Ms. Garanflo and Ms. Goode reported on proposed SB 29, which would require the addition of certain data to our licensure data base. The Legislative Budget Board determined it had no significant financial impact.

Ms. McFarland reported on the impact of biennial registration on consumers and on the board's ability to contact licensees because information can be out of date and inaccurate in two years. Ms. Garanflo said the change back to annual registration wouldn't have much impact on efficiency because most registration is done on line. A change would require legislation.

Agenda item #4, the meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.