

TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD SPECIAL AD HOC COMMITTEE March 4, 2021 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m. by Chair, Roberto "Robert" Martinez, M.D. Committee members present were Linda Molina, J.D., Arun Agarwal, George De Loach, D.O., Tomeka Herod (10:05 a.m.), and Jayaram D. Naidu, M.D. Staff members present were Scott Freshour, J.D., General Counsel; Yvette Yarbrough, J.D, Assistant General Counsel; Wendy Pajak, J.D., Assistant General Counsel; and various other staff.

Dr. De Loach moved, Ms. Molina seconded and the motion passed to go into executive session for private consultation and advice of counsel concerning pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, and/or legal matters subject to the attorneyclient privilege under the authority of the Open Meetings Act Section 551.071, Government Code at 9:39 a.m.

Open session resumed at 10:31 a.m.

Agenda Item #2, Discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding complaint related to DPRC process.

After discussion, Ms. Molina moved, Dr. De Loach seconded and the motions passed to recommend to the full Board that there is insufficient evidence of any undue influence on the part of the DPRC chair that impacted the DPRC decision or vote.

The board directed staff to 1) present a training for Board members on recusal and identifying conflicts of interest 2) review appeal process to see if there is a way to give the Board more discretion in extraordinary circumstances to grant another appeal to a Complainant.

Agenda Item #3, Adjourn. There being no further items, Dr. De Loach moved, Dr. Naidu seconded, and the motions passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 a.m.