

## **TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**APRIL 10, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 a.m. by Board President, Roberta Kalafut, D.O. Committee members present were Michael Arambula, M.D.; Larry Price, D.O.; and Tim Turner. Other Board members present were Julie Attebury; Jose M. Benavides, M.D.; Patricia Blackwell; Melinda Fredricks; Manuel Guajardo, M.D.; Amanullah Khan, M.D.; Melinda McMichael, M.D.; Margaret McNeese, M.D.; Annette Raggette; Allan N. Shulkin, M.D.; Paulette Southard; Tim Webb; Irvin Zeitler, D.O. Staff present were Donald W. Patrick, M.D., J.D., Executive Director; Robert Simpson, J.D., General Counsel; Jane McFarland, Chief of Staff; and various staff.

**Agenda item #3, Report, discussion, and recommendations regarding Board President authorization of agency internal audit plan and contract.** Jane McFarland discussed the internal audit scheduled to take place later this year. Ms. McFarland indicated the agency is in the process of selecting an outside contractor to perform the internal audit.

**Agenda item #4, Report and discussion regarding personnel matters.** Jane McFarland informed the board members that fifteen staff positions have been filled since the last board meeting. Ms. McFarland also indicated ten staff members either resigned from the board or were asked to submit their resignation since February meeting.

**Agenda item #5, Discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding the rule review and proposed amendments to Chapter 22 TAC 161, General Provisions.** Robert Simpson discussed the rule review and proposed amendments to Chapter 22 TAC 161, General Provisions. After discussion, **Mr. Turner moved, Dr. Price seconded and the motion passed to authorize the publishing of the suggested rule changes in the Texas Register for public comment.**

**Dr. Price moved, Mr. Turner seconded and the motion passed to go in to executive session at 8:27 a.m. for private consultation and advice of counsel with respect to legal matters under the authority under the Open Meetings Act, Government Code 555.071.** Open session resumed at 8:33 a.m. and it was announced that no action was taken during Executive Session. A certified agenda was made.

Dr. Donald Patrick next addressed both board members and staff. Dr. Patrick began his remarks by discussing the initial tasks at hand when he became the executive director in September 2001 and thanked the board members, management and staff for their hard work the past few years. Dr. Patrick announced that he planned to retire from the board in August 2008. Dr. Patrick concluded his remarks as follow, *I have loved this job, this agency, the board, the way we solved problems together, and the way we seriously went about our business while retaining our sense of humor and, especially, our sense of honor.*

There being no further items the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

