

MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology
and Radiologist Assistance Advisory Committee
Wednesday, September 16, 2020
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland Room 100

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT VIA

ZOOM:

Michael R. Vogel, BS, CNMT, RT(N), (CT), Chair, Philipose G. Mulugeta, M.D., Chika I. Logie, M.D., Sabir M. Taj, M.D., Kamau J. Nkenge, RRA, RT(R), Jason K. Lee, RRA (RT)(R)(CT)), Ruth Bell, MBA, R.T. (T), Theresa Lewis, Consumer Member

ABSENT:

Geoffrey Neuner, M.D.

STAFF PRESENT:

Ellen DouglasSmith, Deputy Director, Felicia Wright, Allied Health Supervisor, Noreen Rubin, Board Counsel, Sandi Van Horn, Hlth. Pol. Analyst, Dierdra Rufus, Senior Licensure Analyst, Margaret Jury, Allied Health Analyst Associate

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Vogel called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Dr. Logie and seconded by Dr. Mulugeta, the Committee unanimously approved the July 15, 2020, Open and Closed Meeting minutes and the July 21, 2020, Open and Closed Meeting minutes.

LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS, AND POLICY UPDATES

Review of COMAR 10.32.10

Ms. Van Horn reviewed an updated draft of changes for Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 10.32.10. The draft now includes amended language related to the 2020 sunset bill, plus additional editing or rewriting of certain provisions. The committee confirmed that the term "supervising physician" should remain in three places in COMAR 10.32.10.09 and that the term "ordering provider" should replace "referring physician" under COMAR 10.32.10.10A. Board staff will research a question about criminal history records checks and license renewal.

Ms. Wright informed the Committee that the Board has seen a rise in the number of applicants applying for initial radiographer licensure who have not graduated from accredited radiography

program and are therefore, challenged with attempting to obtain licensure via the alternative pathway specified in COMAR 10.32.10.04(A)(6)(b). Following a lengthy discussion concerning this issue, Michael Vogel, Chair, expressed the necessity for the Committee to consider amending the regulation to get rid of the requirement to graduate from "an accredited" radiographer program and the alternative pathway to licensure and instead require graduation from "a radiographer program" and current certification by the certifying body instead. The Committee agreed to revisit the discussion at a future meeting.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT - Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mr. Nkenge, and seconded by Mr. Lee, the committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:42p.m.

Submitted by:

Signature on File at Board

Dierdra Rufus
Senior Allied Health Analyst