



POLYSOMNOGRAPHY PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE Webex Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

MINUTES

A webex meeting of the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners' Polysomnography Professional Standards Committee was held in the Division of Health Related Boards, 665 Mainstream Drive, Iris Room, Nashville, TN 37243.

Members Present: Stephen Heyman, MD
Mark Spiceland, RPSGT
Penny Sprigs-Smith, RPSGT
Jim O. Donaldson, RPSGT
Charity Worrick, RPSGT
Scott Vogt, RPSGT

Absent Members: Theresa Hill, Consumer Member

Staff Present: Angela Lawrence, Executive Director
Rene Saunders, MD, Medical Consultant
Samuel Moore, Advisory Attorney
Tammy Hulsey, Administrator
Candyce Wilson, Administrative Director

Ms. Angela Lawrence read the electronic meeting requirements script and explained the logistics of how the meeting would proceed.

Mr. Donaldson motioned to begin the meeting. Mr. Spiceland seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was convened at 9:04 a.m.

Mr. Donaldson motioned to meet electronically via Web-Ex. Dr. Heyman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

After review, Ms. Sprigs-Smith made a motion to approve the minutes for the March 13, 2020 Committee meeting. Mr. Spiceland seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ratification of New Licenses and Reinstatements

Mr. Donaldson motioned to ratify the new licenses/reinstatements. Ms. Worrick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Discussion of New Policies

Mr. Moore, Advisory Attorney, presented the policies drafted as a result of the discussion regarding the granting of temporary extensions and reentry requirements at the March 13, 2020 meeting.

After some discussion regarding the policies presented regarding temporary extensions, Mr. Donaldson motioned to adopt the policy presented with some minor grammatical changes. Mr. Vogt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Two reentry policies were presented and discussed. After discussion, Ms. Sprigs-Smith motioned to adopt the policy requiring continuing education and completion of A-Step modules based on the amount of time that an applicant is away from the practice of polysomnography. Ms. Worrick seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Office of General Counsel

Mr. Moore reported that there are currently three open cases for respondents who hold Polysomnographic Licenses. Two of those cases pertain to continuing education hours and one is regarding practice on a lapsed license. All of these cases are in the earlier stages of litigation and none are currently set for trial.

There are no pending appeals from Board action.

Four agreed citations were presented for ratification by the Committee:

Jeanne Schuett (License No. 94) for failure to maintain proper continuing education credits. Mr. Spiceland motioned to ratify the citation. Ms. Sprigs-Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Cheryl Blair (License No. 286) for unlicensed practice. Ms. Spiceland motioned to ratify the citation. Mr. Donaldson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Denise Passios (License No. 954) for unlicensed practiced. Mr. Donaldson motioned to ratify the citation. Mr. Vogt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mark Ferebee (License No. 717) for failure to maintain proper continuing education credits. Mr. Spiceland motioned to ratify the citation. Mr. Donaldson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Reports from the Office of Investigations and Disciplinary Coordinator

Ms. Lori Leonard, Disciplinary Coordinator reported that there are three currently monitored licensees under Board Order. There are no open complaints at this time.

Manager's Report

Ms. Tarr reported that between March 1, 2020 and April 30, 2020, 3 technologists (full license), 10 technicians (temporary permit), 1 Trainee/Student, and 2 reinstatement applications were received in the administrative office and 17 new licenses issued:

Total New Licenses Issued

Technologist (Full)	5
Technicians (Temporary)	12
Trainee	0
Number of Renewals	35
Online Renewals	37
Percentage of renewals on-line	94%

The total number of active licensees as of February 29, 2020 is 540. The total number of temporary permits is 35, and total student/trainee permits is 150.

There being no other Committee business, Ms. Sprigs-Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Spiceland seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.