



Arizona Regulatory Board of Physician Assistants

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DRAFT MINUTES FOR SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING Held on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 9545 E. Doubletree Ranch Road - Scottsdale, Arizona 85258

Board Members

Geoffrey W. Hoffa, M.S., P.A.-C, Chair
Myles A. Whitfield, P.A.-C, Vice Chair
Carole A. Crevier
Sheldon G. Liechty, PA-C
Kit C. McCalla, D.O.
Gary A. Smith, M.D., F.A.A.F.P.
Jacqueline J. Spiegel, M.S., P.A.-C
Patrick J. Van Zanen

CALL TO ORDER

PA Hoffa called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following Board members participated telephonically: Ms. Crevier, Dr. Finch, PA Hoffa, Dr. Kelly, PA Liechty, and PA Whitfield. The following Board members were absent: Dr. McCalla, Dr. Smith, PA Spiegel, and Mr. Van Zanen.

ALSO PRESENT

John Tellier, Assistant Attorney General, Legal Advisor, participated telephonically. Present among Board staff included Patricia E. McSorley, Interim Acting Executive Director, Evangeline Webster, Business Office Manager, James Gentile, Chief Information Officer, Alicia Cauthon, Assistant to the Executive Director, Amanda Schwabe, Board Coordinator, and Andrea Cisneros, SIRC Coordinator.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No individuals were present to address the Board during the Call to the Public.

NON-TIME SPECIFIC ITEM

- I. Legislative Agenda and Update**
 - a. Consideration of Arizona Senate Bill (SB) 1345**

Dr. McCalla provided correspondence to the Board that was read in his absence indicating that the Legislative Committee that he chairs for the Osteopathic Medical Association has reviewed SB 1345 and voted to recommend that their association support the Bill. Board members discussed the statutory changes highlighted in the Bill as well as the proposed amendments to the draft of SB 1345.

Mr. Tellier stated that in reviewing the changes that would occur if SB 1345 were passed, the establishment of the proposed Joint Executive Committee (JEC) pursuant to the addition of A.R.S. §32-1403(G) would need clarification as to what constitutes an administrative or management issue to be addressed by the Committee. Mr. Tellier expressed concern regarding the language that has been added to the paragraph regarding Executive Sessions of the JEC. Mr. Tellier stated that this proposed statutory change conflicts with A.R.S. §38-431.03(B) as it relates to the confidentiality of Executive Session discussions and who can have access to that information.

Board members discussed the proposed statutory change to A.R.S. §32-2523(A) with the addition that would require an audit of 10% of PAs who do not hold a current national certification to verify CME compliance. PA Hoffa explained that a large number of PAs are certified through the NCCPA, and that because the NCCPA requires 50 CME hours of Category I CME to maintain certification, this also satisfies the Board's requirement for PAs to complete CME to maintain licensure in Arizona. He stated that the change would therefore only require non-certified PAs to be audited by the ARBoPA in order to verify CME compliance.

MOTION: PA Whitfield moved to accept the spirit and language of SB 1345 and endorse it as such from the ARBoPA.

SECONDED: Dr. Finch

Board members discussed adding language to the JEC paragraph that would allow the ARBoPA Chair to appoint designees to the JEC to represent the ARBoPA in the Chair and/or Vice Chair's absence.

MOTION: Ms. Crevier moved to amend the Motion by adding language allowing the Chairman to appoint designees to represent the ARBoPA on the JEC in the Chairman or Vice Chairman's absence.

SECOND: PA Liechty

ROLL CALL VOTE: Roll call vote was taken and the following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Ms. Crevier, Dr. Finch, PA Hoffa, Dr. Kelly, PA Liechty, and PA Whitfield. The following Board members were absent: Dr. McCalla, Dr. Smith, PA Spiegel, and Mr. Van Zanen.

VOTE: 6-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 4-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

Board members were read correspondence on behalf of PA Spiegel in her absence in which she indicated that she supported the ARBoPA's position and agreed with the proposed amendments to SB 1345.

AMENDED MOTION: PA Whitfield moved to accept the spirit and language of SB 1345 and endorse it with the proposed change of adding the allowance of designees appointed by the ARBoPA Chairman to serve in place of the Chair or Vice Chair on the JEC in their absence.

SECOND: Ms. Crevier

ROLL CALL VOTE: Roll call vote was taken and the following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Ms. Crevier, Dr. Finch, PA Hoffa, Dr. Kelly, PA Liechty, and PA Whitfield. The following Board members were absent: Dr. McCalla, Dr. Smith, PA Spiegel, and Mr. Van Zanen.

VOTE: 6-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 4-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

MOTION: PA Whitfield moved to request that there be a language change either in 1345, or a Bill deemed appropriate by the Legislature, to indicate that the Executive Director shall serve at the pleasure of the JEC.

PA Hoffa offered a friendly amendment that the Motion include the statutory citation of A.R.S. §32-1405. PA Whitfield agreed to amend the Motion.

AMENDED MOTION: PA Whitfield moved to request that language be added to SB 1345, or other appropriate Bill, to request a change in the language of A.R.S. §32-1405 to reflect that the Executive Director shall serve at the pleasure of the JEC.

SECOND: PA Hoffa

ROLL CALL VOTE: Roll call vote was taken and the following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Ms. Crevier, Dr. Finch, PA Hoffa, Dr. Kelly, PA Liechty, and PA Whitfield. The following Board members were absent: Dr. McCalla, Dr. Smith, PA Spiegel, and Mr. Van Zanen.

VOTE: 6-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 4-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

PA Hoffa thanked the Board members for their assistance and support. He stated that he would present the ARBoPA's position and input to the Legislature.

MOTION: PA Whitfield moved to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Ms. Crevier

ROLL CALL VOTE: Roll call vote was taken and the following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Ms. Crevier, Dr. Finch, PA Hoffa, Dr. Kelly, PA Liechty, and PA Whitfield. The following Board members were absent: Dr. McCalla, Dr. Smith, PA Spiegel, and Mr. Van Zanen.

VOTE: 6-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 4-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.



Patricia E. McSorley, Interim Acting Executive Director