



## Arizona Medical Board

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### FINAL MINUTES FOR SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Held on Tuesday, September 23, 2014

9535 E. Doubletree Ranch Road • Scottsdale, Arizona

#### *Board Members*

Gordi S. Khera, M.D., F.A.C.C., Chair

Richard T. Perry, M.D., Vice-Chair

Ram R. Krishna, M.D., Secretary

Jodi A. Bain, Esq.

Marc D. Berg, M.D.

Donna S. Brister

R. Screven Farmer, M.D.

Robert Fromm, M.D.

Paul S. Gerding, Esq.

James M. Gillard, M.S., M.D., F.A.C.E.P., F.A.A.E.M.

Edward Paul, M.D.

Wanda J. Salter, RN

### GENERAL BUSINESS

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Khera called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

#### B. ROLL CALL

The following Board members participated telephonically: Ms. Bain, Dr. Farmer, Dr. Fromm, Mr. Gerding, Dr. Gillard, Dr. Khera, Dr. Krishna, Dr. Paul, Dr. Perry, and Ms. Salter. The following Board members were absent: Ms. Brister and Dr. Berg.

#### ALSO PRESENT

Marc Harris, Assistant Attorney General (AAG); Carrie Smith, AAG; Patricia E. McSorley, Interim Acting Executive Director; William Wolf, M.D., Chief Medical Consultant; Kathleen Coffey, M.D., Medical Consultant; Celina Shepherd, Licensing Office Manager; James Gentile, Chief Information Officer; Marlene Young, Investigator; Mary Bober, Board Operations Manager; Amanda Schwabe, Public Records/Board Coordinator; and Andrea Cisneros, SIRC Coordinator.

#### C. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF FINGERPRINTING REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §§ 32-1422(A)(12) AND 32-1430(E).

Ms. McSorley reported to the Board the number of pending initial license applications that are deficient. She stated that there are currently 27 initial license applications that are administratively complete, but are still pending the criminal background check. She stated that there are an additional 23 initial licensure applications that have not yet been processed, the earliest dating back to September 2, 2014. Ms. McSorley further reported that there are currently 705 renewal applications pending, 120 of which are pending deficiency status. She stated that there are 14 of the 705 that are administratively complete, but are awaiting the fingerprinting process for the criminal background check. Ms. Young also reported statistics to the Board regarding the fingerprinting process that has been initiated at the State level via the Department of Public

Safety (DPS). Ms. Young stated that the Board has received approximately 660 fingerprint cards, 570 were forwarded to DPS to run a backgrounds check at the state level, 90 of which were returned for fees or corrections. Ms. Young further stated that 3 of the 55 reports received from DPS included information that will need to be further reviewed by Board staff.

Dr. Khera commented that there has been tremendous pressure on the Board from its stakeholders to move the licensing process along as expeditiously as possible.

**MOTION: Dr. Khera moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).**

**SECOND: Dr. Krishna**

**VOTE: 9-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 3-absent.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:08 p.m.

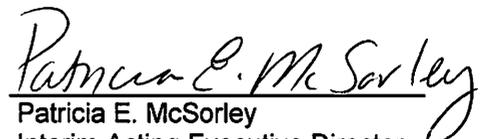
The Board returned to Open Session at 6:50 p.m.

No legal action was taken by the Board during Executive Session.

Following Board's return to Open Session, a roll call was taken to identify which Board members remained on the line. The following Board members were participating telephonically: Ms. Bain, Dr. Farmer, Dr. Fromm, Mr. Gerding, Dr. Gillard, Dr. Khera, Dr. Krishna, Dr. Paul, Dr. Perry, and Ms. Salter. The following Board members remained absent from the meeting: Ms. Brister and Dr. Berg.

Dr. Khera instructed Board staff to hold a meeting for interested stakeholders to comment regarding the current fingerprinting licensing requirements and concerns that have been raised. Dr. Khera requested that the Board's legal counsel be present at the meeting to answer any questions that arise from stakeholders regarding this issue. Dr. Khera further instructed Board staff to schedule the meeting prior to the Board's regular meeting scheduled for October 1, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

  
Patricia E. McSorley  
Interim Acting Executive Director