



Arizona Medical Board

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FINAL MINUTES FOR SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Held on Friday, June 23, 2017

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Board Members

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

R. Screven Farmer, M.D., Vice-Chair

Jodi A. Bain, Esq., Secretary

Marc D. Berg, M.D.

Bruce A. Bethancourt, M.D., F.A.C.P.

Teresa L. Connolly, D.N.P., R.N., N.E.A.-B.C.

Gary R. Figge, M.D.

Pamela E. Jones

Lois E. Krahn, M.D.

Edward G. Paul, M.D.

Wanda J. Salter, R.N.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Gillard called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

The following Board members participated telephonically: Dr. Gillard, Dr. Farmer, Dr. Berg, Dr. Bethancourt, Dr Connolly, Dr Figge, Ms. Jones, Dr. Krahn, Dr. Paul and Ms. Salter.

The following Board member was absent: Ms. Bain

ALSO PRESENT

Present among Board staff include: Carrie Smith, Assistant Attorney General ("AAG"); Patricia E. McSorley, Executive Director; Kristina Fredericksen, Deputy Director, Mary Bober, Board Operations Manager; and, Rachel Fornaro, Investigator, James Gentile, Chief Information Officer ("CIO"), Heather Foster, Public Records Coordinator, Sean Charles, Systems Administrator.

C. PUBLIC STATEMENTS REGARDING MATTERS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No individuals addressed the Board during the Public Statements portion of the meeting.

LEGAL MATTERS

D. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SUMMARY ACTION

1. MD-17-0198A, PHILIP J BERENT, M.D., LIC. #45421

Dr. Gillard summarized that this case involved overprescribing, poor records and no examinations to justify prescriptions written. The Illinois medical board summarily suspended the physician and Board statute requires reciprocal action. Ms. Smith clarified to Board members that an Interim Consent Agreement for a Practice Restriction was offered to the physician and his out of state attorney who respectfully declined the offer.

MOTION: Dr. Paul moved to summarily suspend Dr. Berent's Arizona medical license based on A.R.S. § 38-1451.02(B) and the finding that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action by the Board for the reasons as stated in the Investigation Report.

SECOND: Dr. Bethancourt.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Roll call vote was taken and the following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Gillard, Dr. Farmer, Dr. Berg, Dr. Bethancourt, Dr. Connolly, Dr. Figge, Ms. Jones, Dr. Krahn, Dr. Paul and Ms. Salter. The following Board member was absent: Ms. Bain.
VOTE: 10-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.
MOTION PASSED

E. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION UPDATE ON PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND SUNSET REVIEW

Ms. McSorley reported that the Board has received the Auditor's confidential preliminary report and Board members have been provided with a draft response letter for review. She further stated that if Board members need to discuss the report and material, she would recommend moving into executive session.

MOTION: Dr. Farmer moved to adopt the draft letter by Executive Director to the Performance Audit.

SECOND: Dr. Paul

VOTE: 10-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

F. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON NEW TEMPORARY LICENSE FEES

Dr. Gillard summarized to the Board that the only action is for the Board to approve the temporary license application fees as recommended by the Joint Legislative Rules Committee at their May 23, 2017 Teleconference in order to start rulemaking and implementation.

MOTION: Dr. Paul moved to adopt the recommendation for temporary license fee of \$250.00 which is good for up to 250 days as stated in the documents before the Board.

SECOND: Dr. Bethancourt

VOTE: 10-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dr. Krahn moved to adjourn the meeting.

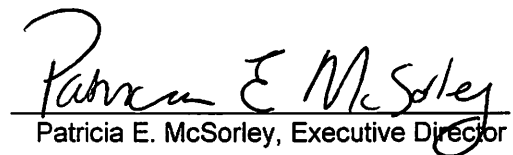
SECOND: Dr. Farmer

VOTE: 10-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.




Patricia E. McSorley, Executive Director