

MINUTES

Perfusionist Advisory Committee
of the North Carolina Medical Board

April 02, 2009

**1203 Front Street
Raleigh, North Carolina**

Minutes of the Open Session of the Perfusionist Advisory Committee April 02, 2009.

The April 02, 2009 meeting of the Perfusionist Advisory Committee was held via conference call at the North Carolina Medical Board's (NCMB) Office, 1203 Front Street, Raleigh, NC 27609. The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Ian Shearer, CCP, LP. Members in attendance were: Michael Hines, MD; Shikha Sinha, MSPH; William Hodges, CCP, LP and Rick Gannotta, NP, MBA. Betsy Gaskins-McClaine, RN, BSN, MSN-C and D. Scott Lawson, CCP, LP were absent.

Staff members present were: Ms. Joy Cooke, Director of Licensing; Mr. Marcus Jimison, JD, Board Attorney; and Ms. Quanta Williams, Physician Extender/Perfusionist Coordinator.

Opening Comments

Mr. Shearer thanked the members for their participation in the meeting and reminded all in attendance of the Conflict of Interest statement.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the March meeting have been reviewed by the PAC members.

Motion: A motion was made to accept the minutes as written from the March meeting.
Passed.

Reporting Certification at LP Renewal

Per NCGS 90-690.1, perfusionists shall maintain certification with the American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion (ABCP) unless they were licensed under the Grandfather pathway. 21 NCAC 32V .0104 states that a perfusionist who indicates that they are not currently certified by the ABCP may be asked to appear before the Committee. This may still be asked of LPs that were licensed via the Grandfather Pathway. Since the questions asked during the renewal process don't encompass voluntarily allowing certification to lapse, a means to obtain this information should be added to the renewal process. Staff recommends adding the question "Do you currently have active certification with the ABCP?" with a drop down box that would allow them to select either "yes" or "no".

Motion: A motion was made to accept the staff recommendation. **Passed.**

Motion: A motion was made to go into closed session. **Passed.**

Closed Session Items

A report was presented for the Committee's review. The specifics of this report are not included because these actions are not public information. Please see the Closed Session minutes.

Motion: A motion was made to return to open session. **Passed.**

PHP Update

Mr. Jimison discussed the progress with PHP providing services to perfusionists. Marcus explained that PHP requested statutory changes to the Medical Practice Act to make certain that once PHP provides services to perfusionists it would have the same immunity and confidentiality protections that it presently has with physicians and physician assistants. Those changes have been discussed with PHP's lawyer and it is hoped that those changes could be enacted during the present legislative session, although whether the legislature could or would enact any changes this session is, of course, not certain.

Future Meetings

- May 04, 2009 (NCMB)
- June 04, 2009 (conference call)

- July 06, 2009 (conference call)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.