

MINUTES

Perfusionist Advisory Committee
of the North Carolina Medical Board

August 05, 2010

**1203 Front Street
Raleigh, North Carolina**

Minutes of the Open Session of the Perfusionist Advisory Committee August 05, 2010.

The August 05, 2010 meeting of the Perfusionist Advisory Committee was held at the North Carolina Medical Board's (NCMB) Office, 1203 Front Street, Raleigh, NC 27609. The meeting was called to order at 4:37 p.m. by Ian Shearer, CCP, LP. Members in attendance were: Michael Hines, MD; Betsy Gaskins-McClaine, RN, BSN, MSN-C; William Hodges, CCP, LP; Shikha Sinha, MSPH; and Rick Gannotta, NP, MBA.

Staff members present were: Mr. Marcus Jimison, JD, Board Attorney; Ms. Joy Cooke, Director of Licensing; and Ms. Quanta C. Williams, 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 May meeting have been reviewed by the PAC members.

Motion: A motion was made to accept the minutes from the May meeting. **Passed.**

Licenses Issued/Converted

Ms. Williams reported that five provisional licenses and two full licenses had been issued since the last meeting.

Board Actions

The Committee reviewed the actions regarding perfusionists from the May and July NCMB meetings.

Rule Changes

Mr. Jimison explained the immigration status requirement rule. This rule will require applicants to provide proof of US citizenship. If proof of US citizenship cannot be provided, the applicant must provide information about their immigration and work status. The Board will then use that information to verify the applicant's ability to work in the US.

This rule change will bring the perfusionists into conformity with the physicians and physician assistants as far as having their immigration status checked. The rule change was preemptively approved by the Medical Board at the July meeting.

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

Renewal

A notice is mailed to perfusionists 30 days prior to their renewal date. The notice advises that if the renewal fee is not paid by the renewal date, their license will expire. There have been instances where perfusionists attempting to renew on the renewal date shown on the notice were not able to because the license had already been made inactive.

Mr. Jimison proposed changes to the wording on the renewal notice to say that the license will expire at 12:00 am on the renewal date and that a late fee of \$100 will be charged in order to reactive the license. Committee members suggested changing the card to show an expiration date or renew before date instead of a renewal date.

Staff will work up a draft renewal letter and draft rule change clarifying the late fee and process for handling licenses not renewed within 90 days. This will be presented at the next meeting.

Update on PAC Vacancy

Two letters of interest were received. They were distributed to the PAC for review. The Committee feels that both are strong candidates. The candidates' letters and references will be given to the Allied Health Committee. They will be contacted and asked to appear at the AHC meeting in September for interviews.

Motion: A motion was made to go into closed session to discuss to discuss applications and other nonpublic matters. **Passed.**

Please see the closed session minutes for more information.

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

Future Meetings

The PAC's next meeting will be on September 2 via conference call. If a licensing interview is required, a panel of members will come to the Board for the meeting, the rest may call in.

Motion: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. **Passed.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm