

MINUTES

**Perfusionist Advisory Committee
of the North Carolina Medical Board**

October 01, 2007

**1203 Front Street
Raleigh, North Carolina**

Minutes of the Open Sessions of the Perfusionist Advisory Committee October 01, 2007.

The October 01, 2007 meeting of the Perfusionist Advisory Committee was held via conference call at the North Carolina Medical Board's Office, 1203 Front Street, Raleigh, NC 27609. The meeting was called to order at 4:40 pm, Monday, October 01, 2007, by D. Scott Lawson, CCP, LP. Committee members in attendance were: Michael Hines, MD; Ian Shearer, CCP, LP; William Hodges, CCP, LP; Shikha Sinha, MSPH; Betsy Gaskins-McClaine, RN, MSN-C; and Rick Gannotta, RN, NP-C.

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

Opening Comments

Mr. Lawson thanked everyone for their participation in the meeting & reminded PAC members of the rules regarding ethics & conflicts of interest.

Conversation Regarding Licensure Process

David Christaldi, CCP, LP spoke to the Committee regarding concerns he has about the licensure process & the amount of time it has taken for some perfusionists to be approved. Mr. Christaldi is a NC perfusionist who has practiced in NC for 18 years and states that he employs 10% of NC's perfusionists. He is concerned that because of the lengthy licensure process the price of perfusion (hiring of practitioners) is rising.

The Committee responded to Mr. Christaldi by explaining to him that the process has been expedited as much as possible. The PAC meeting dates have been changed to accommodate the licensing time. Members also informed him that most delays have been on the part of the applicant or the SBI. Mr. Jimison reminded Mr. Christaldi that the statute gives the PAC authority to investigate false information, criminal charges, and alcohol/substance abuse problems.

Mr. Christaldi thanked the Committee for their time and comments.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: A motion was made to approve the minutes from the meeting held on September 05, 2007 as presented. **Passed.**

Motion: A motion was made to approve the minutes from the special meeting held on September 18, 2007 as presented. **Passed.**

Seal/Letterhead Project

Mr. Shearer reported that he spoke with Carol Nix last week and expects to have something from her by next week to submit to staff.

Medical Board Actions

Ms. Williams reported the Medical Board actions from its September meeting.

Perfusionist FAQs

Ms. Williams is compiling a list of Frequently Asked Questions to go on the website. PAC members are encouraged to send her any questions that they come across.

Vote List

An oral report was presented for the Committee's review. The specifics of this report are not included because these actions are not public information.

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

Future Meetings

PAC members were reminded of the schedule of upcoming meetings.

- November 07, 2007
- December 03, 2007

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.