

Radiologist Assistant Advisory Committee

Minutes

The Radiologist Assistant Advisory Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision met on March 25, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. at the office of the Board at 101 NE 51st Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. This meeting was held consistent with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. Advance notice of this meeting was transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on December 1, 2023, and posted on the Board's website on March 20, 2024, at 9:08 a.m. in accordance with Title 25 O. S. § 311(A)(9).

Members present:

Ross Vanhooser, MD – Acting Chair
Chelsey Gilbertson, DO
Keri Conner, DO
Sharon D'Souza, MD
Devon McFarland, RA

Not Present:

Robert Mixon, RA
James Webb, MD

Others Present:

Lyle Kelsey, Executive Director
Sandra Harrison, Deputy Director
Barbara Smith, Executive Secretary
Lisa Cullen, Director of Licensing

Ross Vanhooser, MD, Acting Chair, having noted a quorum, called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Barbara Smith called roll to establish a quorum for purposes of the record.

Ms. Smith then presented a brief overview of the Open Meeting Act which governs this committee's meetings. She also provided detail regarding duties of the committee as set in statute. The committee thanked her for the information.

Nominations for Committee Chair and Vice-Chair were considered. Dr. Gilbertson nominated Dr. Vanhooser to serve as Committee Chair. Dr. Vanhooser accepted the nomination. Dr. Conner seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Dr. Vanhooser nominated Dr. Gilbertson to serve as Committee Vice-Chair. Dr. Gilbertson accepted the nomination. Dr. Conner seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Following the election, Dr. Conner opened a discussion regarding what can sometimes be a confusing situation with patients regarding Informed Consent. The law and rules state that RAs "shall not...obtain informed consent." 59 O.S. § 541.D. This becomes awkward when a physician has to step in and obtain informed consent from a patient for a procedure that the RA is actually performing. The rules also state at Okla. Admin. Code 435:60-7-3(a)(3) that RAs may "Explain procedure to patient, significant others, and/or other health care providers including a description

of risks, benefits, alternatives, and follow-up” which, essentially, is the same as obtaining informed consent and is contrary to law. Next steps for moving forward were discussed and the committee was in agreement that the law will need to be changed in order for RAs to legally obtain informed consent. Currently, there are ten RAs licensed in Oklahoma and nine are practicing. The Medical Board does not become involved in legislative matters, but will follow the amended laws once they become effective. Ms. Harrison provided a brief legislative timeline and advised that the deadline for getting a law change completed this session has passed.

In closing, Barbara Smith advised that because the law requires the committee hold two meetings annually, she will set a special meeting for sometime in the fall and be in touch with the date.

There being no further business, Dr. Conner moved to adjourn the meeting. The time was 3:36 p.m.