

BOARD OF ELECTROLYSIS EXAMINERS

DATE: July 24, 2008

TIME: 10:00 a.m. C.D.T.

LOCATION: 227 French Landing Drive
Heritage Place, Metro Center
Ground Floor, Poplar Conference Room
Nashville, TN 37243

MEMBERS PRESENT: Eldon Pippin, Chair, Electrologist
Dorothy Goode, Electrologist
Richard Collier, Educator
John Frist, Jr., Physician

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kara Covington, Secretary

STAFF PRESENT: Marva Swann, Board Director
Bonnie Ferrell, Board Administrator
Mona N. Jean-Baptiste, Board Attorney
Libby Miller, Health Related Boards Director
Karen Robinson, Board Meeting Administrator
Juanita Stone, Investigations Coordinator

With a quorum being present, Mr. Pippin, called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

Consent Of Interest

Ms. Jean-Baptiste presented the Conflict of Interest Policy and instructed the Board members of their responsibilities under the policy.

Office of General Counsel Report

Ms. Jean-Baptiste presented the OGC report to the Board which indicated the following:

Rules

On April 29, 2008, the following rules were filed with the Secretary of State after approval of the Attorney General-Amendments to Rule 0540-1-.06 Fees and Amendments to 0540-3-.06 Fees. These amendments should have become effective July 13, 2008, however on June 18, 2008, the Government Operations Committee voted to stay the effective date of the rules.

The notice of rulemaking for the amendments regarding 0540-1-.04, Qualifications for Licensure and 0540-3-.04, Standards for Licensure has been drafted. A motion was made by Mr. Collier and seconded by Dr. Frist to approve the draft of the amendments. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Litigation

Ms. Jean-Baptiste, stated that there are no pending litigation matters at this time.

Discussion

On June 17, 2008, the Director of Health Related Boards, Elizabeth Miller, and Chief Deputy General Counsel, Alison Cleaves, appeared before the Government Operations Committee (GOC) for a hearing to review the Board's sunset deadline. The Committee decided that, due to the Board's insolvency, the decision on whether to renew the Board's authorization or recommend it for sunset would be postponed. The Committee asked for suggestions from the Department of Health.

Ms. Jean-Baptiste expressed concern that the Board has never been solvent. Mr. Pippin stated that, on the contrary, the Board was solvent for at least five years before the previous administration appropriated surplus fees to help with a shortfall in the state's budget.

The Board discussed alternatives for its continuance. The possibilities of becoming a registry or coming under another Board were explored. Ms. Jean-Baptiste stated that if the Board became a registry, costs would be absorbed by the Department of Health and likewise, if it were to be put under another Board, that Board would absorb some of the operational costs. She will research these ideas further and report her findings to the Board at its next meeting. The Board examined the financial statement of the Registry of Reflexology to see what if any benefits might be derived from their being a registry as opposed to a board and observed that the cost of Electrolysis Board members traveling and meeting twice per year was minimal. The Board will examine more closely the administrative costs at its next meeting.

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Collier and seconded by Dr. Frist to approve the January 17, 2008 minutes. The motion carried.

Disciplinary/Investigative Reports:

Ms. Stone stated that there are no licensees currently being disciplined or monitored at this time.

Ms. Stone presented the investigation report that indicates that one (1) complaint was carried over from December 2007, one (1) currently open complaint is in investigations for January 2008, which carried over to May. One (1) new complaint was received in May. Two (2) currently open complaints are in investigations.

Financial Report

Ms. Ferrell presented the Board's financial report for the projected cumulative carryover at June 30, 2007.

Administrator's Report

Bonnie Ferrell, Administrator for the Board of Electrolysis Examiners presented the status counts from October 1, 2007 thru December 14, 2007.

Statistical Report:

Electrologist	
Active Licenses –	55
Renewals –	07

Inernet:

Currently there are two active Schools of Electrology.

Ms. Ferrell will be retiring on August 18, 2008. The members thanked her for her service to the Board.

Applicant Review

Frances Jo. Fox – Ms. Fox submitted an application to be licensed as an electrologist. Ms. Fox stated on the application that her Registered Nurse's license was placed on probation for two (2) years as of September 5, 2007. On September 12, 2007, Ms. Fox signed a monitoring agreement with the Tennessee Professional Assistance Program (TNPAP) for treatment and therapy. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Collier and seconded by Ms. Goode for Ms. Fox to appear before the Board to explain the charges against her RN license. The motion carried.

Ratifications

Victoria W. Thompson – Ms. Thompson passed the practical exam given on June 19, 2008. A motion was made by Ms. Goode and seconded by Mr. Collier to approve Ms. Thompson for licensure. The motion carried.

JoAnn Johnson – Ms. Johnson passed the practical exam given on June 19, 2008. A motion was made by Ms. Goode and seconded by Dr. Frist, to approve Ms. Johnson for licensure. The motion carried.

Adjournment

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

These minutes were ratified at the January 15, 2009 meeting.