

**NEW MEXICO MEDICAL BOARD**  
**Special Call Meeting**  
**2055 S. Pacheco Street, Building 4001, Santa Fe, New Mexico**  
**January 13, 2005**

**MINUTES**

Members Present:

John S. Romine, M.D., Chairman, Physician Member – by teleconference  
Paul Kovnat, M.D., Vice-Chair, Physician Member  
C. Grant La Farge, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer, Physician Member  
Vivian Giudice, M.D., Physician Member – by teleconference  
Steve Weiner, M.D., Physician Member  
Richard Heim, Public Member – by teleconference  
Reza Ghadimi, P.A., Physician Assistant

Members Absent:

Prakash Ranka, M.D., Physician Member  
Maureen Boshier, Public Member

Also Present:

Charlotte Kinney, Executive Director  
Corliss Thalley, AGA  
Jenny Felmley, PIO  
Lynn Tipton, Administrative Assistant

The special meeting of the New Mexico Medical Board convened at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, January 13, 2005, in the Small Conference Room, 2055 S. Pacheco, Building 400, Santa Fe, New Mexico, Paul Kovnat, M.D. presiding. Ms. Kinney called the roll and a quorum was declared with members Romine and Heim (teleconference) and Kovnat, La Farge, Weiner and Ghadimi present. Dr. Giudice arrived at 4:05 p.m. (teleconference).

**1. APPROVAL AGENDA**

Dr. La Farge **MOVED** the agenda be approved with the addition of a report from Ms. Thalley. Dr. Kovnat **SECONDED** the motion, which **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Ms. Thalley shared with the Board the recent decision where the Judge denied a Stay filed by Mr. Sanchez in the Bhasker case. This means he needs to go forward with the evaluation while his appeal is pending.

**2. APPROVE PROPOSED RULES FOR HEARING IN FEBRUARY**

Ms. Kinney summarized three proposed rule changes for the Board. These changes will be considered at the February rule hearing.

Proposed changes to 16.10.1, General Provisions, corrects the title of the board officers to be consistent with the law. Proposed changes to 16.10.2, Physician License Requirements, make minor changes to the initial licensing process, changes the initial license expiration policy, and deletes the substitution of 3 years of postgraduate training for specialty board certification. Proposed changes to 16.10.14, Management of Chronic Pain with Controlled Substances, establish guidelines for the treatment of physicians with chronic pain.

Following discussion and changes to the proposed language Dr. La Farge **MOVED** the draft changes be accepted and prepared for a public hearing in February. Dr. Weiner **SECONDED** the motion,

**YES:** Romine, Weiner, Giudice, Ghadimi, Heim, and Kovnat. **MOTION CARRIED.** Dr. Kovnat **ABSTAINED** from the proposed change in 16.10.2.10.A.

**3. REVIEW AND APPROVE LEGISLATIVE CHANGES**

Ms. Kinney reviewed proposed changes to the Medical Practice Act that include: provisions to allow the Board to establish exceptions to the 7-year exam rule, clean-up language on the licensing requirements, authority to delegate approval of temporary licenses to a medical director, minor changes to the definition of sexual contact with a patient, minor changes in the public service license process, and expanded authority to obtain peer review records. Dr. Ghadimi **MOVED** to accept the changes proposed in the Medical Practice Act. Mr. Heim **SECONDED** the motion, which **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

**4. APPROVE CONTRACT FOR MEDICAL DIRECTOR**

Dr. Romine **MOVED** to extend the existing contract for the Secretary-Treasurer to the Medical Director position as advised by the Department of Finance. Dr. Weiner **SECONDED** the motion, **YES:** Romine, Weiner, Giudice, Ghadimi, Heim, and Kovnat. **MOTION CARRIED. ABSTAINED:** La Farge.

**5. DISCUSS PLANS AND COST OF OPEN HOUSE**

The Board approved the proposed invitation list and a budget was established for the Open House to be held February 17, 2005. Each Board member will make a contribution to cover the refreshment expenses.

**6. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

**SUBMITTED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Charlotte Kinney, Executive Director**

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**C. Grant La Farge, M.D., Secretary**

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**John Romine, M.D., President**