

**NEW MEXICO MEDICAL BOARD**  
**Special Call Meeting**  
**September 20, 2005**

**MINUTES**

Members Present:

Paul J Kovnat, M.D., Chairman  
Prakash Ranka, M.D., Vice Chairman – by teleconference  
Steve Weiner, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer – by teleconference  
Vivian Giudice, M.D. – by teleconference  
Allan Haynes, M.D. - by teleconference  
Reza Ghadimi, P.A. - by teleconference  
Richard Heim, Public Member – by teleconference

Member Absent:

Alfredo Vigil, M.D.  
Becky Cochran, Public Member

Also Present:

Charlotte Kinney, Executive Director  
Grant LaFarge, Medical Director  
Corliss Thalley, A.A.G.  
Jenny Felmley, PIO  
Lynn Tipton, Adm Asst

**CALL TO ORDER:** The special meeting of the New Mexico Medical Board convened at 4:36 p.m., Tuesday, September 20, 2005, in the conference room, 2055 S Pacheco, #400, Santa Fe, New Mexico, *Paul J. Kovnat, M.D.* presiding, for the purpose of adopting Emergency Rules. Dr Kovnat called the roll and a quorum was declared with seven members present.

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Hearing no objection Dr Kovnat **APPROVED** the agenda as presented


**2. DISCUSS AND ADOPT EMERGENCY RULES FOR LICENSING PHYSICIANS BY ENDORSEMENT AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SUPERVISION DURING AN EMERGENCY OR DISASTER**


Ms. Kinney explained that in response to the recent Hurricane Katrina disaster in Louisiana and Texas the Board has received several inquiries about provisions for licensing when work or education records may not be readily available. She has worked with the Governor's office and others to develop rules to facilitate licensing in response to an emergency or disaster and to clarify physician assistant supervision when they are working in response to a disaster. Proposed changes to Rule 16 10.2, Physicians: Licensure Requirements and Rule 16 10.15, Physician Assistants: Licensure and Practice Requirements were discussed. Dr Haynes **MOVED** to approve the Rules as written with a few grammatical corrections. Mr Ghadimi **SECONDED** the motion, **YES:** Kovnat, Weiner, Ranka, Giudice, Haynes, Ghadimi and Heim. **EXCUSED:** Cochran and Vigil. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ms. Thalley reviewed the process for Emergency Rules. They become effective upon filing but only extend for ninety days unless the formal rulemaking process is started by the Board.

3. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

SUBMITTED:  Date: 11/10/05  
Charlotte Kinney, Executive Director

APPROVED:  Date: Nov. 10, 2005  
Steven Weiner, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer

APPROVED:  Date: 11 10 5  
Paul J. Kovnat, M.D., Chair