

COMPOSITE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS RETREAT
MINUTES
November 17-19, 2000

The Composite State Board of Medical Examiners Retreat was held at Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, Georgia, on November 17-19, 2000.

Board members present on Friday, November 17, 2000 were:

William A. Woolery, PhD, DO
Carl Bedingfield, MD
Grace Davis, MD
Elizabeth Tappan, MD
Linda I. Walden, MD
Rhonda Kunes
Eddie R. Cheeks, MD
Philip G. Wiltz, Jr., MD
Irving T. Staley, MD
Roland S. Summers, MD

Roger E. Hill, DO, Lynette Stewart, MD and William H. Cleveland, II, MD were unable to attend.

Staff members present were:

Karen Mason, Executive Director
Jim McNatt, MD, Medical Director
Jeff Lane, Investigations Director
Gary Cox, Director of Planning
Judy Sprouse, Office Manager
Angel Crossley, Board Secretary

Max Changus represented the Attorney General's Office.

The meeting convened at 4:00 p.m.

Dr. Woolery welcomed everyone in attendance and announced the agenda.

Dr. Cheeks moved to approve the final revision of the Acupuncture rules, Rhonda Kunes seconded and it carried unanimously.

Gary Cox, Director of Planning gave an update on the Board's Technology.

Karen Mason, Executive Director discussed legislative/policy issues for the Board.

Jim McNatt, MD, Medical Director presented to the Board an updated Peer Review Form for discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 18, 2000.

Board members present on Saturday, November 18, 2000 were:

William A. Woolery, PhD, DO

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Max Changus represented the Attorney General's Office.

Lyndon Poitier with NexLevel Design presented laptop computer training for the Board.

Tim King, PA, Ex-Officio Advisor Member with the PA Advisory Committee introduced himself and offered to assist the Board.

Bill Clark and Paul Shanks with the Medical Association of Georgia met with the Board to discuss legislation concerning Office Based Surgery. The Board will review the office based surgery bill proposed by MAG at the next board meeting.

The Board broke for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

Jeff Lane, Investigations Director presented to the Board information regarding Internet Medicine/Prescribing. The Board decided to develop a subcommittee to further research this issue.

Karen Mason, Executive Director advised the Board concerning the history and organization of the Board and information regarding a subpoena request for a copy of the records of Vickie Solomon Duty. Rhonda Kunes moved to not release the records, Dr. Tappan seconded and it carried unanimously.

Dr. Staley and Max Changus, Assistant Attorney General presented to the Board information regarding the consideration of Board Approved Medical Schools. The Board tabled this discussion concerning alternate pathways for licensure in Georgia without doing approved internship or residency.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

The Board reconvened on Sunday, November 19, 2000 at 8:00 a.m.

Board members present on Sunday, November 19, 2000 were:

William A. Woolery, PhD, DO
Carl Bedingfield, MD
Grace Davis, MD
Elizabeth Tappan, MD

Linda I. Walden, MD
Rhonda Kunes
Eddie R. Cheeks, MD
Philip G. Wiltz, Jr., MD
Irving T. Staley, MD
Roland S. Summers, MD
Lynette Stewart, MD

William H. Cleveland, II, MD and Roger E. Hill, DO were unable to attend.

Staff members present were:

Karen Mason, Executive Director
Jim McNatt, MD, Medical Director
Jeff Lane, Investigations Director
Gary Cox, Director of Planning
Judy Sprouse, Office Manager
Angel Crossley, Board Secretary

Max Changus, Assistant Attorney General represented the Attorney General's Office.

Jeff Lane, Investigations Director presented to the Board information regarding Investigation policies. The Board decided to table this until the next board meeting when more information is available.

Jim McNatt, MD, Medical Director discussed with the Board information and possible legislation regarding Pain Management for the Terminally Ill.

Dr. McNatt also discussed the complaint process with the Board.

Russ Toal, Commissioner, Department of Community Health discussed with the Board possible health care legislation.

Dr. Staley moved to support removing the paramedic/cardiac technicians from the Medical Board and transferring to the Department of Human Resources, Dr. Bedingfield seconded and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business to conduct, Dr. Staley made a motion to adjourn, Dr. Wiltz seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

William A. Woolery, PhD, DO

Karen A. Mason
Executive Director