

KENTUCKY BOARD OF MEDICAL IMAGING AND RADIATION THERAPY _____UPDATE____

DECEMBER 2024

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

On October 31, 2024, Governor Andy Beshear made appointments to the Board. Each board member serves a four-year term that expires October 31, 2028.

Kelsey Boswell, MBA, BS, R.T.(R)(CT), of Owensboro, was appointed to represent licensed radiographers.

Bianca Crockam, M.Ed., of Pembroke, was appointed to represent the public-at-large.

Michael Helphinstine, MBA, BS, RT(R)(MR)(CT), of Ewing, was appointed to represent licensed radiographers.

Tammy Rich-Swinford, RT(R)(M)(CT), of Marion, was appointed to represent educators/administrators.

Nancy Uhls, BS, CNMT, of Franklin, was reappointed to represent nuclear medicine technologists.

Keri Leamy, MBA, RT(R)(CT), of Louisville, was reappointed to represent licensed radiographers with post-primary certification.

SPECIAL THANKS

The Board recognizes the following board members, whose appointments ended October 31, 2024, for their dedication and service to the Commonwealth of Kentucky through the Board of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy:

Sharon Whitaker, RT(R)(CT), of Irvine, appointed in November 2016, represented educators/administrators. Ms. Whitaker served as Vice Chair of the Board from 2017-2024.

Eric Burchfield, RT(R)(CT), appointed in January 2021 represented licensed radiographers.

2025 MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board will meet on the following dates in 2025:

February 11, 2025 August 12, 2025

April 8, 2025 October 14, 2025

June 10, 2025 December 9, 2025

HOLIDAY HOURS

- The KBMIRT office will be closed on the following dates:
 - o Tuesday, December 24, 2024
 - o Wednesday, December 25, 2024
 - o Tuesday, December 31, 2024
 - o Wednesday, January 1, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS:____

Keri Leamy, RT(R)(CT), Board Chair Nancy Uhls, CNMT, Vice Chair Ryan Hamilton, RT(R)(T) Jeffrey Fannin, RT(R)(CT) Lucas Rodriguez, LXMO Kelsey Boswell, RT(R)(CT) Michael Helphinstine, RT(R)(MR)(CT) Tammy Rich-Swinford, RT(R)(M)(CT) Bianca Crockam, M.Ed.

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From all Board Members and Staff of the Kentucky Board of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy: Wishing You Happy Holidays & a Happy New Year.

2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Kentucky Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Scholarship and Continuing Education Fund was established in accordance with KRS 311B.050 for individuals seeking entry level or advanced education in the medical imaging and radiation therapy professions and for individuals seeking non-degree education, such as structured education or limited x-ray machine operator programs. The 2024 scholarship recipients are Chaney Hershey, River Manley, Victoria McMasters, Kiya Pendleton, Emma Robertson, and Amber Vaughn. *Congratulations!*

Scholarship applications for 2025 will be accepted between January 1 and April 1. To apply, or read additional information about the application process, please visit the KBMIRT website: <u>Scholarship Fund</u>.

NEW LICENSING PORTAL & UPDATE TO LICENSE CERTIFICATE

The Board has launched a <u>new licensing portal</u> in April for the benefit of licensees as well as new applicants, allowing all applications and payments to be submitted online, rather than by submitting paper documents and checks by mail.

The Application Portal allows new applicants to create an account and submit an application for a temporary license or an initial license.

The Licensee Portal allows individuals who are current licensees to log in at any time. The portal allows licensees to perform the following tasks: renew (up to ninety days before expiration), update contact information (address, phone number, email), update employment information, download a copy of the license certificate, request a name change, request verification of credentials be sent to another state licensing agency, and other features.

The License Verification portal allows individuals and employers to verify license statuses pertaining to professionals within the medical imaging and radiation therapy industries in Kentucky. A licensee search can be conducted by name, license number, license type, etc.

Two other portals exist; one for the submission of online complaints and one for Continuing Education Sponsors to be able to submit CE programs for approval by the Board.

The renewal window opens ninety (90) days before the expiration of the license. However, the Board encourages you to access your Licensee Portal ahead of your renewal window; this will save you time when it is time for you to renew. Instructions on how to access your Licensee Portal are available in the following document: Accessing Licensee Portal for the First Time. If, during your renewal, you answer one or more of the declaration questions that requires additional information, your license application will not automatically be approved. It is important to submit your renewal application well ahead of expiration to avoid any delays.

<u>Important Reminders about the Portals:</u>

- When you log in to renew your license there are now two types of online payments you may select from: Credit/Debit Card or ACH/Electronic Check. As always, paying by credit or debit card will result in the automatic renewal of your license. If you utilize the ACH/Electronic Check to pay for the renewal fee, processing will take up to five business days and your license will not renew automatically. Therefore, if you utilize this type of payment close to the date of your expiration, you risk your license expiring.
- If you have bookmarked the License Verification or any of the old portals, please assure you update those bookmarks to the new links.
- The office staff is fielding many questions at this time; emailing kbmirt@ky.gov may be the best way to get in touch. Your question also may be addressed in the FAO section of the website.