

KENTUCKY BOARD OF MEDICAL IMAGING & RADIATION THERAPY

December 13, 2023

1:00 pm

Board Members Present: Doyle Decker, Eric Burchfield, Jeffrey Fannin, Ryan Hamilton, Keri Leamy, Lucas Rodriguez, Nancy Uhls

Board Members Absent: Sharon Whitaker, Stephanie Lester

ExOfficio Members: Carson Kerr, Elizabeth Morgan, Mary-Anne Gillespie

Guests: Michael Helphinstine

AGENDA ITEM	Time	DISCUSSION	Action
Call to order	1 minute		Meeting was called to order at 1:01 pm.
Approval of October Minutes	2 minutes		Lucas Rodriguez made a motion, on behalf of the Complaint/Violation Committee, to amend the October minutes to reflect agency case 23.17 is ongoing rather than dismissed. Keri Leamy seconded. Motion passed. A motion to approve October minutes, as amended, was made by Nancy Uhls. Keri Leamy seconded. Motion passed.
Approval of Board travel and per diem	1 minute		Ryan Hamilton made a motion to approve board travel and per diem for today's meeting and per diem for November's committee meetings. Nancy Uhls seconded. Motion passed.
Committee Reports	20 minutes	<p><u>Education Committee:</u> The education committee made a recommendation to require annual reports from each Board-approved Limited X-ray Machine Operator program to include organizational information, pass rates, and program completion rates. Keri Leamy seconded. Recommendation passed.</p> <p><u>Complaint/Violation Committee:</u> The complaint/violations committee made a recommendation to approve the following actions:</p> <p>23.08 Issue a \$3,000 civil penalty to the facility where unlicensed practice occurred 23.14 Issue a \$700 civil penalty to the facility where unlicensed practice occurred 23.19 Open Investigation 23.20 Dismiss case, unless individual applies for reinstatement of license 23.21 Agreed Order Regarding Grandfathered License 23.22 Open Investigation 23.23 Issue Subpoena for Personnel Records 23.24 Dismiss, as no apparent violation of KRS 311B occurred 23.25 Initiate Complaint & File Police Report 23-V-012 Private Written Admonishment 23-V-014 Approve Agreed Order for payment plan 23-V-015 Issue 45-day retroactive suspension and \$1500 civil penalty</p>	

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		<p>23-V-016 Issue 5-day retroactive suspension and \$50 civil penalty The recommendation to approve the list of actions was seconded by Nancy Uhls. Recommendation passed.</p> <p><u>Applications Committee:</u> The applications committee made a recommendation to approve application for Jacob Wellman, Rebecca Rigelsky, Kristin Campbell, and Kristina Grabowsky. Ryan Hamilton seconded recommendation. Recommendation passed.</p> <p><u>Communications Committee:</u> The communications committee made a recommendation to send licensees an update from the board with information about new board members and 2023 scholarship recipients. Lucas Rodriguez seconded recommendation. Recommendation passed.</p> <p><u>Regulations Revision Committee:</u> a. Proposed language for licensing MRI technologists and sonographers was reviewed. b. RT Students Working Outside Clinical Setting: Current administrative regulation, 201 KAR 46:030, Section 2, prohibits student employment as an operator of radiation-producing equipment or the administration of ionizing radiation for the purposes of medical imaging or radiation therapy outside the academic setting. During discussion on the topic, the following points were made in support of students working outside the clinical setting, which would require the administrative regulation to be amended: would aid in shortage of licensed registered technologists, would aid in the retention of employees, would provide income for students, and would allow the students to gain additional experience. The following points of discussion were raised in opposition of students working outside the clinical setting, which would uphold the current administrative regulation: in order to authorize students to work, a new license category would have to be created, this potentially would require amendment to statute; difficulty in establishing standards that would be consistent across all program curricula; difficulty structuring minimum standards (for example, length of time for progression of education, competency, etc. differs between programs); if a student is competent to work independently after one year of education, perhaps length of program should be reduced; potential for bias if a student is employed at the same facility where they are completing clinical training; structuring the licensure standards for those who fail to complete a program would be a challenge; a student license would lower licensing standards based on need; the current shortage of licensed registered technologists would create an issue for the supervision of student workers; no established standards of practice for a student worker, therefore, specific practice standards would have to be established; structure of the student worker license may require that the individual overseeing the student worker hold a separate supervisor license and be held responsible for the student's actions; authorizing student workers may not be in line with the Board's intent to protect and safeguard the health and safety of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Nancy Uhls made a motion to uphold the current administrative regulation regarding students working outside the clinical setting, 201 KAR 46:030, Section 2, after careful consideration from the board. Lucas Rodriguez seconded. Motion passed unanimously.</p>	

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Old Business	15 minutes	<p><u>New Database Update</u> Executive Director shared that the new database project has progressed; currently, the vendor is working to implement the payment processor. Office staff are scheduled for training. Executive Director provided demonstration of the online portal and initial application.</p>	
Executive Director Update	5 minutes	<p><u>License Update:</u> August 2023 a. New: 66 b. Renewal: 623 c. Late: 5 d. Follow-up to late license submissions: in committee</p> <p>September 2023 a. New: 59 b. Renewal: 571 c. Late: 1 d. Follow-up to late license submissions: in committee</p> <p><u>Related legislative activity:</u> None</p> <p><u>Related ARRT, ASRT, NMTCB updates:</u> None</p> <p><u>Budget: Report through November 2023 distributed to board members</u> a. Revenue b. Expenditures c. YTD Balance d. Outstanding Bills</p> <p><u>Other:</u> a. ARRT CE Consensus Meeting Executive Director attended the meeting in Minnesota. A topic of interest was in regards to artificial intelligence-generated continuing education; these programs should be reviewed by a subject matter expert prior to submission for approval.</p>	

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		b. KSRT Fall Meeting Meeting was moved to a virtual event, therefore, no travel expenses were incurred. Executive Director presented at the meeting.	
New Business		<u>2024 Board Meeting Schedule</u>	Jeffrey Fannin made a motion that board meetings are held bimonthly on the second Tuesday beginning in February 2024, and that committee meetings are held monthly as needed, beginning in January 2024. Keri Leamy seconded. Motion passed.
Future meetings		February 13, 2024 <i>All meetings are scheduled to start at 1:00 p.m. and are held at the KBMIRT office at 2365 Harrodsburg Rd, Suite A220, Lexington, KY 40504</i>	
Meeting adjourned			Keri Leamy made a motion to adjourn meeting. Nancy Uhls seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.