

BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PERFUSIONISTS
Minutes of the Meeting
February 9, 2010

The Board of Examiners of Perfusionists met on February 9, 2010 at the office of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, 101 NE 51st Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The meeting was held in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act and Open Meeting Act of Oklahoma.

Members present:

Richard Booth, LP, Vice Chair
Steven Duke, LP
James Hendrix
Donald Hamilton, LP
R. Darryl Fisher, MD

Members absent:

Roy Grantham, Jr., MD
W. Scott Garrod, LP

Also present:

Lyle Kelsey, Executive Director
Reji Varghese, Deputy Director
Kathy Plant, Executive Secretary

Noting that a quorum was present, Mr. Booth called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. The minutes from the May 12, 2009 Board meeting were reviewed. Mr. Hamilton moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Hendrix seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The application of **TYLER JOSEPH MCKEON** for provisional licensure was considered. Mr. Duke moved to waive the 30-day application deadline rule as provided in OAC 527:10-1-2(h). Mr. Hamilton seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Mr. Hamilton moved to approve the application pending satisfactory completion of the file including receipt of proof of registration for the exam. Mr. Hendrix seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. The Board discussed that, once Mr. McKeon passes exam and pays the full license fee, his file will be presented to the Board for full licensure.

Mr. Kelsey presented his Executive Director's report to the Board. He advised that the updated website was up and running. No legislation relevant to the Board had been introduced so far.

Mr. Kelsey presented a financial update for fiscal year 2010. The Board had discussed at their last meeting developing a scholarship. Mr. Kelsey advised that staff had discovered that the Board could not fund a scholarship. He told the Board that they could provide education sessions for all licensees or Board members could attend regional/national education or licensure related meetings. Mr. Booth asked if the Board could do a training course on auto-transfusion for other professions. Mr. Kelsey said that would be something the Board could do. Mr. Booth said nurses at his hospital were contributing to mortality and morbidity of patients by their lack of knowledge in the area of auto-transfusion. Mr. Hendrix suggested that the Perfusion Society go to JCAHO to make them require certification of individuals using auto-transfusion equipment. Mr. Hendrix moved to approve the financial report. Mr. Duke seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The Board discussed further the need for education of nurses providing auto-transfusion. Dr. Fisher suggested that Mr. Booth do a study of the standard of care in the Oklahoma to see what facilities are using, whether it is trained nurses or auto-transfusionists. Ideally, those utilizing the auto-transfusion equipment would be required at least to take the IBBM test to be qualified to operate the cell-saver devices. Dr. Fisher said such a study could be published in the Oklahoma State Medical Association's Journal. He suggested, if the hospital administration sees there is a real potential for liability, they may be more willing to require the training. The Board was concerned a Perfusionist who was asked to help a nurse may be incurring some liability, too.

The Board asked staff to notify Bill Fiddler, LP that the applicant Tyler McKeon needed to submit proof of exam registration from ABCP prior to the license being issued.

There being no further business, Mr. Hendrix moved to adjourn. Mr. Duke seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. The time was 8:00 p.m.