

OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PERFUSIONISTS

Minutes of the Meeting

The Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Perfusionists met on January 26, 2016, in accordance with the Open Meeting Act. The meeting was held at the office of the Board, 101 NE 51st Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Advance notice of this regularly scheduled meeting was transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on October 1, 2015, and posted on the Board's website on January 24, 2016. The notice and agenda were posted in prominent public view on the front doors of the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision building located at 101 NE 51st St., Oklahoma City, OK on January 24, 2016 a 4:30 p.m.

Members Present were:

Douglas G. Hamilton, II, LP, Chairman
Mr. Gary Isbell, Secretary-Treasurer
R. Darryl Fisher, MD
Mr. Harold Wardlow
Marvin D. Peyton, MD
Samuel Friedrichsen, LP
Leah Davidson, LP

Members Absent were:

Hayden Miller, LP, Vice-Chair
(Public member position vacant)

Others present:

Reji Varghese, Deputy Executive Director
Barbara J. Smith, Executive Secretary
Teresa Mitchell, Director of Licensing

Having noted a quorum, Mr. Hamilton called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

After Board review thereof, Dr. Peyton made a motion to approve the September 1, 2015 Minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Friedrichsen and passed in the affirmative.

Next the Board reviewed applications for licensure. After review of the complete application of **WHITNEY JOHN HAYWARD**, Mr. Isbell moved to approve the application for Perfusionist licensure. Ms. Davidson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

After review of the incomplete application of **JAMES FREDERICK PITCHER**, Mr. Wardlow moved to approve the application for Perfusionist licensure pending completion of the file. Ms. Davidson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

After review of the incomplete application of **RONALD EDWARD ANGONA, JR.**, Dr. Peyton moved to approve the application for Perfusionist licensure pending completion of the file. Dr. Friedrichsen seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Dr. Fisher asked to revisit something he saw in earlier in one of the applications, which was a notation of “Full-Time Traveler” in the employment section. Ms. Mitchell explained that because the application shows employment that was verified during the same time frame as “Full-Time Traveler,” Licensing did not do further verification of Applicant’s activities during that time.

Upon further questioning by Dr. Fisher regarding substance abuse and treatment in general, Mr. Varghese advised that a licensee could be in treatment for substance abuse and not be required to disclose it, as long as they are in compliance with the treatment program.

Next the Board discussed the following: If a licensee is Perfusion Emeritus (no longer practicing but a member of the American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion), should he/she be required to earn continuing education units (“CEUs”) to maintain Emeritus status? Mr. Varghese advised that there are no provisions in the rules or laws governing perfusionists for obtaining and/or maintaining Emeritus status. Ms. Smith advised that the American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion has an Emeritus Status provision, but does not require continuing education units to maintain the status. Ms. Smith further advised this might be something the Board would want to consider addressing with a new rule. The Board directed Ms. Smith to place a possible rule change in this regard on the Agenda for the June 14, 2016 meeting.

Dr. Fisher stated how pleased he was with the symposium that was held in November of 2015 and advised the Board of a program to be held at Johns Hopkins University in May of 2016 regarding the concept of a “team approach” in cardiovascular care. He indicated that might be a subject that would generate a wider range of interest than the subject of blood conservation alone. Dr. Fisher encouraged Board members, if interested, to attend the seminar in Baltimore and see if the team-approach subject matter is appealing for the next symposium sponsored by the Board. Mr. Hamilton stated he, as well as other Board members, might be busy and simply not able to get away, even though they may be interested in the subject matter. The Board asked if they could underwrite someone attending the program at Johns Hopkins on behalf of the Board, i.e., a nurse practitioner or intensive-care nurse. Mr. Varghese advised that the Board and Staff can travel, but the Board cannot underwrite the travel of someone on its behalf. Further, Mr. Varghese also advised that, due to the state budget crisis, any travel now has to be pre-approved by the Commissioner of Health.

There being no further business, Mr. Friedrichsen moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Davidson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. The time was 7:46 p.m.