

**North Dakota Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Board
April 3, 2020
Special Board Meeting
Conference Call
Minutes**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Shirley Porter, at 5:30 pm.

Present

Board Members – Shirley Porter, Brent Colby, Kayla Moore, Melanie Murra, Tara Wagner, Dr. Ted Fogarty, and William Thompson.

Others - Jacinda Simmons, Board Staff; Allyson Hicks, Legal Counsel; Richelle Cooper.

{Dr. Roxanne Keene and Amy Hofmann absent}

Governor’s Executive Orders

Executive Order 2020-05.1 - The order is only for those currently licensed and in good standing in another state and that wish to practice only during the emergency declaration. Interested parties must apply with the ND Department of Health. It does not apply if they are not licensed in another state.

Executive Order 2020-20 – This order waives all fingerprinting requirements during the emergency declaration. The Board may still require the state background check to be run by ND BCI. Legal counsel states the Board could issue conditional licenses based on the condition that the full background check requirement must be completed before the full license can be issued. The Board does not wish to require the ND background check to be completed before issuing the conditional license.

A motion was made to issue conditional licenses for applicants who cannot complete the background check due to the Covid-19 pandemic and wish to practice in the state beyond the emergency declaration and require that they complete the background check before the full license is issued. (Wagner/Moore/carried) [Dr. Keene and Hofmann absent] [Roll Call Vote – Porter (y), Colby (y), Moore (y), Murra (y), and Dr. Fogarty (y), Wagner (y), Thompson (y)]

[Bd. Office]

A motion was made to authorize the Board office to issue conditional licenses for applicants who cannot complete the background check due to the Covid-19 pandemic but have met all other requirements and require that they complete the background check before the full license is issued. (Wagner/Murra/carried) [Dr. Keene and Hofmann absent] [Roll Call Vote – Porter (y), Colby (y), Moore (y), Murra (y), and Dr. Fogarty (y), Wagner (y), Thompson (y)]

[Bd. Office]

Licensure Changes Due to Covid-19

Based on the above motions, the Board office will issue the conditional license for Richelle Cooper to reinstate her license and require that she complete the background check when fingerprint locations have opened again before receiving the full license. **[Bd. Office]**

Porter requests more authority to grant licensure to avoid having meetings during this busy pandemic time. Legal counsel advises the Board not to grant authority to Porter for drug and theft convictions since this is a medical profession that works with drugs and patient information.

A motion was made to grant authority to Porter to approve all NSF, DUIs, and MIPs as long as they are not currently outstanding and at her discretion. (Moore/Murra/carried) [Dr. Keene and Hofmann absent] [Roll Call Vote – Porter (y), Colby (y), Moore (y), Murra (y), and Dr. Fogarty (y), Wagner (y), Thompson (y)] **[Bd. Office]**

No authority has been given from the Governor to allow retirees to get licensed again for this Board, it was only granted for the ND Board of Respiratory Care. This Board could use the reinstatement process to reinstate licensees and the background check is waived under Executive Order #2020-20.

LXMO Extension – They may continue to practice until testing centers are open again and they can take the examination.

Licensed individuals may cross modalities even if they are not currently licensed as such. However, they must hold a current registry in all modalities.

Next Board Meeting Date

No special meetings scheduled at this time. The next regular Board meeting is October 8, 2020, at 9:00 am at a location to be determined.

Adjourn

6:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Porter
President

Jacinda Simmons
Administrative Assistant