

**North Dakota Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Board
February 2, 2021
Special Board Meeting
Conference Call
Minutes**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Shirley Porter, at 12:00 pm.

Present

Board Members – Shirley Porter, Kayla Moore, Tara Wagner, Melanie Murra, Brent Colby, Amy Hofmann, and Dr. Aaron Garman.

Others - Jacinda Simmons, Board Staff; Lisa Blanchard, Executive Director, ND State Board of Chiropractic Examiners

{William Thompson absent}

LXMOs in Chiropractic Offices

Lisa Blanchard, Executive Director, ND State Board of Chiropractic Examiners presented on the requirements for a Certified Chiropractic Clinical Assistant (CCCA). The CCCA academic program is a 24-hour online program that does not cover x-rays. They receive direct supervision from the chiropractor. If necessary, disciplinary action could occur with both Boards.

A motion was made to allow CCCAs to petition for a LXMO license. (Hofmann/Dr. Fogarty/carried) [Thompson absent] [Roll Call Vote – Porter (y), Murra (y), Wagner (y), Colby (y), Hofmann (y), Garman (y) Fogarty (y), Moore (y)]

Minutes

12/12/2020 – A motion was made to approve the minutes. (Wagner/Dr. Garman/carried) [Thompson absent] [Roll Call Vote – Porter (y), Murra (y), Wagner (y), Colby (y), Hofmann (y), Garman (y) Fogarty (y), Moore (y)] **[Bd. Office]**

Financial Report

For twelve months into the budget cycle, everything is in line with the budget, with legal expenses being well below budget. There is currently a net loss of \$18,398, but the bulk of revenue will come in at the end of 2021 when renewals begin. Funds have been moved into separate CDs for website improvements and litigation.

A motion was made to approve the financial report. (Moore/Dr. Fogarty/carried) [Thompson absent] [Roll Call Vote – Porter (y), Murra (y), Wagner (y), Colby (y), Hofmann (y), Garman (y) Fogarty (y), Moore (y)] **[Bd. Office]**

2021 Legislative Session Update

ND APTA Legislation – The final version of the bill was for plain x-ray films only and only to be performed by those authorized by NDCC chapter 43-62, also to be interpreted by a licensed physician trained in radiology interpretation.

SB2148 – Physical therapists to define healthcare practice for insurance purposes.

HB1472 – Consumer access to complementary and alternative healthcare. Hearing in House chamber on 2/1/2021.

HB1166 – Relates to licensure of foreign practitioners. The hearing was held on January 25. The Boards of Pharmacy and Medicine are against the bill.

SB2175 – Military bill to add military members to be treated as military spouses for licensure.

A motion was made to begin allowing military members to be recognized the same as military spouses for licensure. (Dr. Fogarty/Dr. Garman/carried) [Thompson absent] [Roll Call Vote – Porter (y), Murra (y), Wagner (y), Colby (y), Hofmann (y), Garman (y) Fogarty (y), Moore (y)]

A motion was made to authorize Board President to testify on behalf of the Board. (Dr. Fogarty/Colby/carried) [Thompson absent] [Roll Call Vote – Porter (y), Murra (y), Wagner (y), Colby (y), Hofmann (y), Garman (y) Fogarty (y), Moore (y)] **[Porter]**

{Moore absent}

Nuclear Medicine License

A request was received from Trinity Hospital to train licensed radiographers in Nuclear Medicine to address their shortage of NMTs.

Murra believes it is a geographical issue that possibly Nuclear Medicine Technologists are not interested in relocating to the Minot area. The closest Nuclear Medicine Program is at St. Cloud State in MN with clinicals being done at Mayo Clinic.

A motion was made to deny the petition. (Dr. Fogarty/Hofmann/carried) [Thompson and Moore absent] [Roll Call Vote – Porter (y), Murra (y), Wagner (y), Colby (y), Hofmann (y), Garman (y) Fogarty (y)]

Porter and Murra will draft a response letter.

[Porter & Murra]

LXMO Didactic Education

A motion was made to approve the private LXMO academic program offered by Eugene Franks as it is the same as the Dakota County Technical College program. (Hofmann/Wagner/carried) [Thompson and Moore absent] [Roll Call Vote – Porter (y), Murra (y), Wagner (y), Colby (y), Hofmann (y), Garman (y) Fogarty (y)] **[Bd. Office]**

Applicant Review – Bejean Dela Cruz – The Board accepted the academic program she completed with Eugene Frank. No further discussion. **[Bd. Office]**

LXMO ARRT Exam Scores

Board was given the ARRT LXMO exam scores to compare NDs pass rate to the national pass rate. Only for Board member information and no further discussion needed.

License Applicant Updates

Conditional License – Tessa Huck – She currently has an expired temporary license and is asking for assistance to allow time to retake the radiography ARRT examination. She has failed the ARRT radiography exam and had the exam cancelled by the testing center because of the Covid-19 pandemic. She has taken the exam a second time is pending final results. She is currently practicing at CHI St. Alexius.

A motion was made to grant a conditional radiography license for 6 months and can be extended for 3-6 months by the Board office, if needed for scheduling issues with PearsonVue Testing center. (Wagner/Dr. Fogarty/carried) [Thompson and Moore absent] [Roll Call Vote – Porter (y), Murra (y), Wagner (y), Colby (y), Hofmann (y), Garman (y) Fogarty (y)]

2021 Board Meeting Dates

March 18, 2021	9:00 am	Held by virtual means.
September 16, 2021	9:00 am	Location to be determined.

Adjourn

1:16 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Porter
President

Jacinda Simmons
Administrative Assistant