

ADVISORY BOARD ON RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY
Minutes
October 6, 2021

The Advisory Board on Radiologic Technology met on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rebecca Keith, RT, Chair
Joyce O. Hawkins, RT, Vice-Chair
Uma Prasad, MD

MEMBERS ABSENT: David Roberts, RT

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director
Michael Sobowale, Deputy Executive Director, Licensure
Colanthia Opher, Deputy Executive Director, Administration
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst
Beulah Baptist Archer, Licensing Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT: Danyell Gardner, RT – ECPI

Call to Order

Rebecca Keith called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm. She requested a moment of silence for former Advisory Board citizen member, William Quarles, Jr.

Emergency Egress Procedures

Dr. Harp gave the emergency egress procedures.

Roll Call

Beulah Archer called the roll. A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Prasad moved to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2020 meeting. Ms. Hawkins seconded, and the motion carried.

Adoption of Agenda

Dr. Prasad moved to adopt the agenda. Joyce Hawkins seconded, and the agenda was adopted.

Public Comment

Mr. Gardner inquired about the laws governing the regulation of medical assistants and the credentials required for 3-D post-processing. He opined that as long as the procedure is performed by a qualified licensed individual, it should be okay. He also expressed concern regarding the quality of training received in proprietary educational programs.

New Business

1. 2021 Legislative Update and 2022 Proposals

Ms. Yeatts provided an update on legislative actions from the 2021 General Assembly that were of interest to the Advisory Board and spoke to 2022 DHP legislative proposals. She reported that nine pieces of legislation have been proposed, including one that would allow the Boards at the Department of Health Professions to hold electronic meetings.

2. VSRT'S Petition to Amend Regulations pertaining to Continuing Education

Ms. Yeatts advised the Advisory Board that any amendments it recommended would have to be presented to the Full Board of Medicine for approval. The next scheduled meeting of the Board is October 14, 2021.

After a full discussion, Dr. Prasad moved to table the topic. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hawkins and carried.

3. Review and Discussion of Correspondence re: 3D Post-Processing of Medical Images

The Advisory Board discussed that radiologists have to be licensed with the state for which they read images. The members agreed that 3-D post-processing of medical images should be done by a trained and licensed individual. However in Virginia, if the processing of images is done in a hospital under the supervision of a radiologist, a license is not required. If post-processing occurs outside a hospital, the radiologic technologist would need a license. Members were in agreement that Virginia 3-D post-processors of medical images be licensed for interstate transmission of 3D post-processed medical images.

4. Clarification of Nuclear Medicine Technologist Licensure

The Advisory Board agreed that nuclear medicine technologists using equipment that emits ionizing radiation working outside a hospital setting need to be licensed in Virginia.

5. Review of Licensure Requirements

Michael Sobowale said this topic was placed on the Advisory Board's agenda at the request of the Credentials Committee for the Advisory Board to review the licensing requirements and application questions to determine if they can be further streamlined. The Credentials Committee met on September 20, 2021 to review and recommend which documents required in the licensing

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process should be primary-source verified, which ones may be submitted as copies, and those that are no longer be needed in the licensing process. The Credentials Committee will be making recommendations on how the licensing process for all professions could be streamlined. The Committee asked that any recommendation made by the Advisory Board be reported at its next meeting on November 8th.

Members reviewed current licensure requirements for radiologic assistants, radiologic technologists as well as limited radiologic technologists and were in agreement that the application process could be simplified for applicants while still protecting the public. After discussion, and upon a motion made by Joyce Hawkins, seconded by Rebecca Keith, members agreed to make the following recommendations to the Credentials Committee:

A radiologic technology license applicant should submit primary source verification of the following documents: proof of professional education /school transcripts, American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) or Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB) certification, National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) self-query report and one state license verification from the most recent state in which the applicant recently obtained a license.

Upon a motion by Ms. Hawkins, seconded by Dr. Prasad, members voted unanimously in favor of putting forward recommendations that a radiologic technology- limited license applicant should submit primary source verification of the following documents: proof of professional education /school transcripts, American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) certification, National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) self-query report and one state license verification from the most recent state in which the applicant recently obtained a license.

Upon a motion by Ms. Hawkins, seconded by Ms. Keith, members voted unanimously in favor of putting forward recommendations that a radiologic assistant license applicant should submit primary source verification of the following documents: American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) certification, current certification in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) self-query report and one state license verification. Also, pursuant to 18VAC85-101-27, radiologic assistants are graduates of an ARRT-recognized educational program prior to being allowed to sit for the ARRT certifying examination leading to the radiologic assistant credential. It is no longer necessary for a radiologic assistant license applicant to present school transcripts in the application process.

For each profession under radiologic technology, copies of the following documents could be accepted: Other state license verifications, if submitted; a digitally-certified electronic copy of the NPDB report in lieu of a mailed report, and supporting documentation for any question answered 'Yes' on the application form that is deemed non-routine.

It is no longer necessary for applicants to submit a "Form B" employment verification.

6. Approval of Meeting Calendar

Dr. Prasad moved to approve the proposed meeting dates for the Advisory Board on the 2022 calendar. Ms. Hawkins seconded, and the motion carried.

7. Election of Officers

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Rebecca Keith nominated Joyce Hawkins as Chair. Dr. Prasad seconded, and the motion carried. Joyce Hawkins is Chair of the Radiologic Technology Advisory Board.

Ms. Keith nominated Dr. Prasad as Vice-Chair. Ms. Hawkins seconded, and the motion carried. Dr. Prasad is Vice-Chair of the Radiologic Technology Advisory Board.

Announcements

Beulah Archer gave a report on licenses issued for Radiologic Technology. There are 3,407 current active rad techs and 28 current inactive in Virginia. There are 939 current active with out-of-state addresses and 16 current inactive out-of- state.

Next Meeting Date

February 2, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

With no other business to conduct, Rebecca Keith adjourned the meeting 3:33 pm.

Rebecca Keith, RT Chair

William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director

Beulah Baptist Archer, Licensing Specialist