

ADVISORY BOARD ON RADIOLOGICAL TECHNOLOGY

Minutes

February 4, 2026

The Advisory Board on Radiological Technology met on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cheryl Cunningham, RT
David L. Roberts, RT

MEMBERS ABSENT: Uma Prasad, MD, Vice-Chair
Sandra J. Catchings, DDS

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director
Michael Sobowale, LLM, Deputy Executive Director -
Licensure
Jennifer Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director – Discipline
Colanthia M. Opher, Deputy Executive Director – Medical
Licensure and Administration
Kathleen LaMotte, Board Administrator
Matthew Novak, Agency Regulatory Coordinator
Roslyn Nickens, Licensing Supervisor
Denise Christian, Licensing Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT: Ruth Kusterer, RT, Virginia Society of Radiologic Technology

Call to Order

Dr. Harp called the meeting to order @ 1:02 p.m.

Emergency Egress Procedures

Kathleen LaMotte announced the emergency egress instructions.

Roll Call

Ms. LaMotte called the roll; a quorum was not declared.

Public Comment

Ruth Kuterer, RT, representing the Virginia Society of Radiologic Technologists, spoke in opposition to HB452, which addresses licensure for radiologic technologists and limited

technologists. She expressed concern that allowing individuals who are not licensed, certified by ARRT, or graduates of accredited programs could compromise patient safety and radiation safety standards. Education, certification, and continuing education are essential for competency, and removing these requirements risks stagnation and inadequate supervision of students. These concerns extend to CT and MRI. While hospitals are exempt, supervision in exempt facilities may be insufficient. Limited technologists receive training and testing by body part, ensuring minimal competency, and current licensure requirements should remain. She also noted that some technologists maintain licensure but let certification lapse, which is problematic.

Mr. Cunningham added that limited technologists cannot be supervised by PAs or NPs and expressed concern that, if HB452 passes, some may believe they can drop licensure and work unsupervised. The Board reiterated that it cannot lobby and encouraged stakeholders to advocate directly with the General Assembly.

New Business

Legislative report

Matthew Novak reported on the status of several bills of interest to the Advisory Board.

HB156 – Continuing Education; Electronic Death Registration

Directs the Board of Medicine and Board of Nursing, in collaboration with the Office of Vital Records, to establish continuing education requirements on the electronic death registration system and require attestation regarding timely signing of death certificates. A substitute version changes this to a renewal question asking if the licensee works in a relevant field and whether they have completed training via the designated website.

HB452 – Licensure Exceptions for Radiologic Technologists

Would permit radiological technologists, radiologist assistants, and limited radiologic technologists employed by hospitals, health systems, or affiliated urgent care centers to practice without a license. A substitute bill added a three-year sunset clause.

HB1223 – Mandatory Suicide Training

Requires healthcare professionals to complete training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management. Most mental health professionals must complete training every six years, other professions only once.

SB22 – Bias Reduction Training

Requires certain licensees to complete continuing education on bias reduction in health care. This bill has Governor Spanberger's support; similar bills reached Governor Youngkin's desk in prior years but were vetoed.

SB680 – Agency Bill; Fee Adjustment

Partnership between DHP and DPOR to streamline fee adjustments while maintaining public comment requirements. Revises the Callahan Act to allow quicker fee changes, retain a financial cushion, and impose fees for formal hearings and disciplinary actions. Also changes how fee reductions occur and ensures agencies can address financial issues proactively.

Recommendation of draft amendments for licensure by endorsement

The Advisory Board reviewed proposed amendments to allow licensure by endorsement, consistent with an agency bill introduced during the 2025 General Assembly Session. The goal is to make it easier for individuals licensed in another jurisdiction to obtain licensure in Virginia. The proposed changes align with endorsement pathways across most professions, with two requirements specific to radiologic technologists:

- Evidence of a current, valid ARRT certificate as an R.T.(R)
- Current certification in ACLS

The two members present voiced support for advancing these amendments to the Board of Medicine.

Election of Officers

Cheryl Cunningham volunteered to run the meeting in May, but a quorum was not present to hold an election.

Licensure Statistics

- **Total licenses issued (Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2025):**
 - Limited Radiologic Technologists (LRT): 135
 - Radiologic Technologists (RT): 783
 - Reinstatements: 70
- **Total licenses issued (Jan 1 – Feb 4, 2026):**
 - LRT: 9
 - RT: 72
 - Reinstatements: 7
- **Current totals:**
 - Licensed RT: 5,464
 - Licensed LRT: 517
 - Licensed Radiologist Assistants: 13
- **Average processing time to issue a license: 26 days**

Announcements

Members were reminded to submit their travel expense reimbursement vouchers within 30 days of the meeting.

Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Dr. Harp adjourned the meeting at 1:41 p.m.

William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director