

ADVISORY BOARD ON GENETIC COUNSELING

Electronic Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2020

The Advisory Board on Genetic Counseling held a virtual meeting on Monday, October 5, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. hosted at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lori Swain, Vice-Chair
Tahnee Causey, CGC
Marilyn Jerome-Foust, MD
Lydia Higgs, CGC
Martha Thomas, CGC

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director
Michael Sobowale, LLM., Deputy Director, Licensure
Colanithia Morton Opher, Deputy Director, Administration
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst
Beulah Baptist Archer, Licensing Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT: John M. Quillin, PhD, MPH, CGC
Heather A. Creswick, MS, CGC
Matthew J. Thomas, ScM, CGC

CALL TO ORDER

Lori Swain, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:17 pm.

EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES

Dr. Harp announced the emergency egress instructions.

ROLL CALL

Roll call established a quorum with all members present.

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

Lori Swain asked the 3 new members and 3 former members to introduce themselves. Ms. Swain and Dr. Harp both expressed gratitude to Dr. Quillin, Ms. Creswick, and Mr. Thomas whose terms on the Advisory Board have expired, yet joined the meeting as guests in support of the new members.

BRIEF BOARD OVERVIEW

Dr. Harp gave a brief presentation on the structure and function of advisory boards as well as the roles and responsibilities of the members.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF May 22, 2019

Dr. Foust moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Tahnee Causey. By roll call vote, the minutes were approved as presented.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Lydia Higgs requested an edit to the agenda to replace John Quillin's name with Lori Swain's name. Martha Thomas moved to adopt the agenda with the suggested revisions. Tahnee Causey seconded. By roll call vote, the amended agenda was adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Regulatory Update and Report of the 2020 General Assembly

Mrs. Yeatts provided a regulatory update and report of legislative actions from the 2020 General Assembly.

2. Approval of 2021 Meeting Calendar

Tahnee Causey moved to approve the proposed meeting dates in 2021 for the Advisory Board. Dr. Foust seconded. By roll call vote, the schedule of meetings was approved.

3. Election of Officers

Dr. Foust nominated Lori Swain as Chair. Lydia Higgs seconded. Tahnee Causey nominated herself as Vice-Chair. Lydia Higgs seconded. By roll call vote, the members unanimously approved the slate of officers.

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Dr. Harp provided a point of clarification that an Advisory Board officer's term is one year. The Bylaws allow a second consecutive term.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michael Sobowale provided a licensing report. As of October 5, 2020, there are **386** actively licensed genetic counselors. 110 are in Virginia, and 266 are out-of-state. There are 7 temporary licensees in Virginia, and 3 temporary licensees out-of-state. Since May 2019, 138 licenses have been issued, 15 of which are temporary.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

January 24, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss, Lori Swain adjourned the meeting at 2:24 p.m.

Lori Swain, Chair

William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director

Beulah Baptist Archer, Licensing Specialist