Meeting of
THE STATE COMMITTEE
FOR PERFUSION
Thursday, February 24, 2022
Via WebEx

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Meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm.

Committee Members Present: James Beck, Karl Bocchieri, Julie Ann Luczak, Dr. Frank Manetta, Kathleen Rezler, Medicine Board liaison Dr. Arash Salemi, and Bruce Searles.

Committee Members Absent:, public member Dr. Richard Chan, William DeBois, Dr. Randall Green, and public member Keith Senko.

NYSED Staff Present: Stephen Boese, Executive Secretary for the State Committee; Carla Wells, Education Program Assistant 2; Lee Fitzgerald, Education Program Assistant 1; Heidi Weinman, Secretary; and Heather Klusendorf, Director of Modernization.

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 2020 meeting was made, seconded, and recommended to be passed with the caveat of correcting misspelling of Ms. Rezler’s name in the Board Leadership section. There is no quorum so it can’t be voted on and officially accepted today.

**Executive Secretary Report:**

The Executive Order that allows meetings to be held via WebEx is still in place.

Licensure continues without any problems with a few applications per month.

NYSED has had a lot of challenges during the COVID crisis and budget crisis, which has resulted in high volume and short staffing.

The board has not met in a little over a year. We are happy to have any meetings the committee would like but wants to be constructive and respectful of the members’ time.

There is discussion of whether anyone has been denied a perfusion license based on inadequate education. Mr. Boese will follow up with Unit 2.

There is discussion of how renewal notices go out and how quickly the system updates when someone renews. Ms. Klusendorf says it’s usually about 24 hours. There is a COVID Executive Order right now that temporarily allows someone with a valid license but not currently registered to practice without renewing.
**Board Leadership Elections:**

There are no rules in statute for how or how often the board leadership is elected. There is no quorum to make a decision today but it’s something for everyone to think about and address at the next meeting to make rules for the elections.

**The Office of Professions Licensure Modernization Program:**

Director of Modernization Heather Klusendorf presents on the progress of the modernization program. The main goals of the program are to update and enhance the consumer experience like having all applications available online, accepting credit card payments for all applications, and allowing people to login to their user account and see the progress of their license application and renewal information after licensure. It will also develop the board sites and make them more user-friendly and intuitive. There will also be enhancements on the customer support end to better field phone calls and emails.

**Selection of Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting date is set for Friday September 23rd at 10:00 am.

**Meeting Adjourned at 3:25 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Wells
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