

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
New York State Committee on Medical Physics
Thursday, March 3, 2022
Meeting Held at 1411 Broadway NY, NY and Via WebEx**

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Board Members Present: Dr. Sughosh Dhakal, Joseph Greco, Klaus Hamacher, Physician Member Dr. David Leung, Dr. Lawrence Rothenberg, and Dr. Michael Schell.

Board Members Absent: Medicine Board Liaison Dr. Autz and Dr. Randy Yeh.

NYSED Staff Present: Executive Secretary Stephen Boese, Education Program Assistant 2 Carla Wells, Education Program Assistant 1 Lee Fitzgerald, and Administrative Assistant Heidi Weinman.

Guests Present: Extended Board Member and President of NYS Radiological Society Bob Pizzutiello, Jr. and Heather Klusendorf, Director of NYSED Modernization.

Mr. Boese called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

Welcome and introductions.

Minutes from the December 2, 2021 meeting are reviewed. There is a motion to approve the minutes, seconded, and passed.

Presentation/Discussion Items:

Update from the Office of Professions:

March 16th is the current expiration date for the ability to meet via WebEx.

The Governor's budget has proposed to move the handling of all health profession licenses, including Medical Physics, to the Department of Health. The Education Department has come out with a statement in strong opposition of this proposal. Shortly the legislature will come out with their own budget proposals and that will determine if it moves forward.

Dr. Rothenberg will be giving a presentation to the Medicine Board tomorrow on the field of Medical Physics.

Dr. Rothenberg's term will come to a close this summer, so everyone is welcome to nominate a candidate who practices Diagnostic Medical Physics.

Update on the Office of Professions Modernization Program:

Heather Klusendorf discusses the status of the various projects being undertaken by the OP Modernization Program. This includes updates to the OP website, creating a central place for initiating and managing license applications and renewals, streamlining the back-end database system that NYSED staff uses, and getting more forms online, especially Limited Permits, with the ability to pay online with a credit card. Applicants and Licensees will be able to have a user account in the system to track the

status of their application. There will also be automated emails letting applicants know of updates to the application or license. They are also making the user interface more user-friendly with making relevant information easy to understand and access. Security testing has begun as well, which will add disciplinary action to the information displayed when someone searches for a license verification. Forms that currently need to be notarized or co-signed have the eventual goal of being able to send the form to the signer through the system and that person can fill it out in the system, making that process much faster and easier.

Report on the Investigation of Recent Questions Concerning Therapy and Supervision:

Mr. Pizzutiello presents on the meeting of various medical physicists across the state with Mr. Pizzutiello and Mr. Boese to address questions posed by the Department of Health regarding scope of practice for medical physics and treatment plans and double-checks. Treatment Plans must demonstrate oversight by the signature of a LMP (Licensed Medical Physicist). The DOH uses LMP and PMP interchangeably but PMP is not appropriate as only Licensed Medical Physicists should be practicing. He further discusses the performance and timing of double-checks, and remote oversight vs in-person. The workgroup will raise these concerns with the Department of Health when the revised Part 16 is available for comment. Motion to accept the statement by Mr. Pizzutiello in response to the DOH statement and forward it on to the DOH.

Executive Session: The Committee met in executive session to discuss a matter concerning a school curriculum.

Selection of next meeting date:

Next meeting date set for Thursday, June 16th at 1:00 pm. Mr. Boese will send an email closer to the date about whether WebEx meetings are still an option.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

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