

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
New York State Committee on Medical Physics
Thursday, February 15, 2024
Meeting Held at 1411 Broadway NY, NY**

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Board Members Present: Joseph Greco, Klaus Hamacher, Thomas Petrone, Dr. Michael Schell, Physician Member Dr. David Leung, and Medicine Board Liaison Dr. George Autz.

Board Members Absent: Physician member Dr. Sughosh Dhakal and physician member Dr. Randy Yeh.

NYSED Staff Present: Executive Secretary Stephen Boese, Education Program Assistant 2 Carla Wells, Education Program Assistant 1 Lee Fitzgerald, Education Credential Specialist 2 Michelle Pawlowski, and Kellie Murphy of the NYSED Professions Connections Unit.

Guests Present: Extended board member Bob Pizzutiello, Jr., and extended board member Dr. Lawrence Rothenberg.

Mr. Boese called the meeting to order at 2:10 PM.

Welcome and introductions.

Minutes from the March 3, 2022 and September 29, 2022 meetings and are reviewed as there was no quorum in September to approve the March minutes. Minutes are accepted with the caveat that in the final paragraph of the March minutes, there was an error that LMP and PMP are used interchangeably in DOH regulations, but PMP is the preferred term.

Presentation/Discussion Items:

Update from the Office of Professions:

Deputy Commissioner of the Office of Professions Sarah Benson is retiring at the end of this month. Licensure proceeds smoothly with 47 licenses issued in 2023 across all specialties, up 10 from the previous year.

Policy Review:

Someone posted in a Medical Physics Listserv that the process for licensure in NYS seemed unnecessarily complicated and that ABR certification should be considered sufficient on its own to prove competency and that all our license requirements have been met. Further, the licensing unit should be able to just look that person up on the ABR website to verify certification as a primary source, so the applicant doesn't have to get it sent from the ABR. The committee discussed whether they could accept certification as proof that education and testing requirements have been met since they are required for ABR certification. They agreed it would not necessarily be equal to sufficient education. A motion was made to recommend that a notarized copy of ABR or ABSNMI (nuclear) certification would suffice as proof for having passed Step 1 and Step 2.

They also discussed whether the department can accept admittance to a CAMPEP residency as equivalence to meeting the education requirement. Motion was made to recommend that.

Presentation: Paths to the Professions:

Kellie Murphy from the NYSED Professions Connections Unit gave a presentation on the Paths to the Professions website. The Professions Connections Unit serves as a liaison between NYSED and licensed professionals, working together with students, educators, and other agencies. Paths to the Professions is intended to raise awareness on the career paths within licensed professions. They are looking for feedback from the committee members to ensure that the information on their website is accurate, as well as help creating or sharing a video with details of the profession.

The “Explore Careers” page lists all the professions with links to individual pages. Each page has a general description of the profession, an informational video, salary information, job locations, interests/abilities the profession would appeal to, and professional skills needed to succeed in said profession. Each profession also has a “Print Profile” which is an informational flyer that can be displayed on a wall in a school. Each Print Profile has a QR code that leads directly to the Office of Professions website.

Issues in the Field: Priorities and issues for the coming year.

Someone contacted Mr. Greco about eligibility for a Limited Permit. They are unable to be supervised by someone in their specialty because there is not one in their hospital. The law is clear that for a LP, the person needs to be supervised by a person in their specialty, no matter how hard it is to obtain that. The committee discussed other paths that might be helpful to the applicant, such as going into the specialty of one of the people on staff at his hospital.

Executive Session

Selection of next meeting date:

Next meeting date set for May 30, 2024 at 2:00 pm and Thursday, September 5, 2024 at 2:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 3:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

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