

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Friday, January 10, 2025

Department of Health Professions

Henrico, VA

**CALL TO ORDER:** Dr. Apel called the meeting of the Legislative Committee to order at 8:36 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Ms. Brown called the roll; a quorum was established.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Peter Apel, MD, Vice-President, Chair  
Thomas Corry, Secretary-Treasurer  
Pradeep Pradhan, MD  
Jennifer Rathmann, DC  
Leroy Vaughan, Jr., MD

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** J. Randy Clements, DPM, President  
Krishna Madiraju, MD

**STAFF PRESENT:** William L. Harp, MD - Executive Director  
Jennifer Deschenes, JD - Deputy Director, Discipline  
Colanthia Morton Opher - Deputy Director, Administration  
Michael Sobowale, LLM - Deputy Director, Licensing  
Barbara Matusiak, MD - Medical Review Coordinator  
Arne Owens – DHP Director  
Erin Barrett, JD – Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs  
Deirdre Brown - Executive Assistant  
Danielle Sangiuliano – Administrative Assistant

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** W. Brent Saunders, JD - Senior Assistant Attorney General

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tamika Hines - Discipline Case Manager  
Matt Novak – DHP Policy and Economic Analyst  
Dr. Lily Cameron – Refugee Physicians Advocacy Coalition  
Jack Wendorf – International Ministry of Ashland  
Allyson Flinn – Medical Society of Virginia

**EMERGENCY EGRESS INSTRUCTIONS**

Mr. Corry provided the emergency egress instructions for Board Room 4.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF September 13, 2024**

Dr. Rathmann moved to approve the meeting minutes of September 13, 2024. The motion was seconded by Dr. Pradhan and carried unanimously.

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **DHP AGENCY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Legislative and Regulatory Update**

Ms. Barrett stated that on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, due to the water issue in Richmond, the General Assembly gavelled in and then gavelled out. She informed the Board that no position has been taken on any bills at this time. Ms. Barrett then concluded with a brief review of HB1635-Certified Nurse Midwives; Licensed Certified Midwives; Independent Practice; Organized Medical Staff.

### **2. Consideration of Regulatory Requirements for Implementation of HB995**

Ms. Barrett opened by suggesting that the Committee focus primarily on the evaluation program in Section 4 of HB995 for the Provisional license pathway. Dr. Apel suggested that the evaluation guidelines should be parallel to those of ACGME (Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education) with milestone reporting, possibly quarterly. The suggestion opened the floor to discussion of whether in-program reporting should be to the Board or remain the responsibility of the Program Manager for the facility by which the foreign physician is employed. Ms. Barrett stated that the quarterly assessments should come from the licensee to the Board and that this agreement should be on the application for a Provisional license.

After further discussion, the Committee agreed that the applicant for a Provisional license needed to submit an outline of the facility's program, including the assessment and evaluation process, but the Board would not require submission of interim evaluations. Rather, it would expect a letter of successful completion of the 2-year program at the time the physician applies for a Restricted license.

**--- FINAL APPROVED---**

Dr. Apel requested a timeline on the roll-out of HB995. Ms. Barrett stated that there is no way to know at this time.

Dr. Pradhan asked if the requirement for 5 years of practice in Section (B)(1) would include the physician's training years. It was suggested by Counsel to consider using the language of "5 years after training", in Section (B)(1). This was agreed to by all.

Dr. Harp suggested that Ms. Barrett meet with Board staff prior to the May Legislative Committee meeting to draft regulations for review. Ms. Barrett agreed to the plan.

**DISCIPLINE REPORT**

Ms. Deschenes presented a Consent Order for the Committee's consideration that would reinstate a physician's license.

**MOTION:** Dr. Pradhan moved to accept the Consent Order. The motion was properly seconded by Dr. Rathmann with a vote of 5-0.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**NEXT MEETING**

May 9, 2025

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

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William L. Harp, MD  
Executive Director