

**OPEN BOARD MINUTES  
NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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A meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners was held on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at the Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, 25 Market Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Center, Trenton, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by President Paul Jordan, M.D.

Board Members Berkowitz, Cheema, Ciechanowski, Criss, Iannuzzi, Jordan, Paul, Scott, Stanley, Tedeschi, Rajput, and Weiss.

**EXCUSED**

Board Members Baker, DeGregorio, Howard, Lambert, Lomazow, Mendelowitz and Walsh.

**ALSO PRESENT**

Assistant Attorney General Joyce, Senior Deputy Attorneys General Dick, Flanzman, and Gelber, Deputy Attorneys General Ehrenkrantz, Hafner, Silva, Warhaftig, Executive Director Roeder and Mary Lou Mottola, Executive Director of the Medical Practitioner Review Panel.

**STATEMENT CONCERNING THE  
ANNUAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS**

The requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act" were satisfied by notice of this meeting given in the annual notice adopted by the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners on September 9, 2009 which was transmitted to the ATLANTIC CITY PRESS, STAR LEDGER, CAMDEN COURIER POST, ASBURY PARK PRESS, BERGEN RECORD and the TRENTON TIMES, all on the 1st day of October 2009.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**MINUTES**

THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 10, 2010 OPEN BOARD MINUTES.

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THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 15, 2010 PHYSICIANS' ASSISTANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE OPEN PUBLIC MINUTES.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. SENATE BILL 1666**

Seeks to require a videotaped recording of interviews by psychologists and other mental health experts in child custody cases.

THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO OPPOSE THE BILL AS IT FEARED THAT PASSAGE WOULD HAVE A CHILLING EFFECT ON THE INTEGRITY OF THE INFORMATION THAT MAY BE OBTAINED UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS AND THAT THIS MAY LEAD TO A SLIPPERY SLOPE OF FURTHER MICRO MANAGEMENT INTO THE MENTAL HEALTH FIELD. THE BOARD BELIEVED THAT IF SUCH VIDEOTAPING RECORDING WAS DETERMINED AS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT IT SHOULD BE WITHIN THE DISCRETION OF THE HEALTHCARE PROVIDER TO DECIDE.

### **2. SENATE BILL 2400**

Seeks to require applications for certain professional and occupational licenses and certain registrations for controlled dangerous substance distribution to include information on applicant's membership in Armed Forces.

THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO TAKE NO POSITION ON THIS BILL AS IT FAILED TO UNDERSTAND WHY SUCH A REQUIREMENT WAS NECESSARY.

### **3. SENATE BILL 1795**

Seeks to specify a pediatrician serve on Board of Medical Examiners and requires Board to take certain actions to investigate licensees.

THE BOARD, UPON MOTION MADE AND SECONDED, VOTED TO OPPOSE THIS BILL. IT DID NOT BELIEVE THAT ANY PARTICULAR SPECIALTY SHOULD BE MANDATED AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD. THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ARE CHARGED WITH REVIEWING MATTERS AND MAKING DECISIONS THAT ARE PROTECTIVE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY

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AND WELFARE. PARTICULAR INTERESTS OF ANY SPECIALTY GROUP SHOULD NOT BE PART OF THE UNDERLYING WORK OF THE BOARD AND PHYSICIAN MEMBERS SHOULD MAKE DECISIONS THAT ARE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC, NOT A PARTICULAR GROUP. IN THE EVENT THAT THE BOARD NEEDS THE EXPERTISE IN A PARTICULAR PRACTICE AREA, IT CAN ENGAGE THAT SPECIALTY AS A CONSULTANT. ADDITIONALLY, THE BOARD OPPOSES THAT PORTION OF THE BILL THAT WOULD REQUIRE THAT THE BOARD AND/OR PANEL TO MAKE DECISIONS WITHIN A SPECIFIED TIME FRAME. CONSIDERING THE COMPLEXITY OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED, A SET TIME FRAME IS NOT FEASIBLE AND IN SOME WAYS, MAY HAMPER THE BOARD/PANEL FROM CONDUCTING THE APPROPRIATE AND THOROUGH INVESTIGATION GIVEN SUCH TIME MANDATES.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing Scheduled.

**INFORMATIONAL**

Nothing provided.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

Respectfully submitted,

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Paul Jordan, MD Chairperson

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