

RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY BOARD OF EXAMINERS

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BOARD NAME: Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners

DATE: August 22, 2002

LOCATION: Androscoggin Room, Dept. of Professional and Financial Regulation

TIME	TIME CALLED	TIME
SCHEDULED: 9:00 A.M.	TO ORDER: 9:30 A.M.	ADJOURNED: 11:30 A.M.

CHAIR: Dawn Commune

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dawn Commune, Chair
Linda Woods, Complaint Officer
Carrie Steele
Rebecca Comeau
Brian Brock
Russell Briggs
Terry Zipper

MEMBERS ABSENT: William Curtis

OTHERS PRESENT: Elaine Thibodeau, Health Board Administrator
Diane Bradstreet, Board Clerk

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MINUTES – August 22, 2002

At 9:00 a.m., Dawn Commune, Chair, called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

In a motion by Brian Brock, seconded by Terry Zipper, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of July 18, 2002 as amended.

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR COURSES OF STUDY FOR LIMITED LICENSURE

The Board discussed the education and training requirements for trainees wishing to be eligible for the limited licensure examination in radiography. In a motion by Brian Brock, seconded by Terry Zipper, the Board voted unanimously to prepare a memorandum which will be sent to limited license trainees informing them of a curriculum available from Glacier Valley Medical Education. This company provides an online or CDROM Radiology Limited Licensure Course. The trainees will be informed that while the Board endorses this course, it does not require that limited license trainees utilize Glacier Valley's course. The Board will also be providing a list of textbooks that are required of Radiologic Technology students at Central Maine Medical Center. The Board does not require that limited license trainees utilize these textbooks, however, they are being provided with a copy of this list for informational purposes only as these textbooks could be a good resource for those individuals preparing for the Limited License Examination.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR A PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT

The rules of the board do not permit an exception to the licensure requirement under those exceptions enumerated within Chapter 1, Section 3, for a Physician's Assistant to administer fluoroscopy under the supervision of a Physician. However, the board is considering some future rule changes and wished to confer with the Executive Director of the Board of Medicine to determine whether, under its rules, the scope-of-practice for a Physician's Assistant would permit such a person to conduct the procedure. If such is the case, then the Radiology Board would consider bringing its own rules into conformity with those of the Medical Board.

In response to an inquiry from Chair Dawn Commune, Randal Manning, Director of the Board of Medicine attended the meeting and explained that a Physician's Assistant is licensed to work under the delegation of a Primary Supervising Physician, and his or her scope-of-practice is defined by the contract between them, known as the plan-of supervision. Consequently, there is no specific articulation of duties/tasks which would attach to the position. This being the case, under the Medical Board's rules, a Physician can delegate radiography, in general, or fluoroscopy, in particular, to a Physician's Assistant.

In reply to question by Dr. Russell Briggs, Mr. Manning further explained that the rules of the Board of Medicine do not require specific training in this area as a requirement for licensure; Physician's Assistants need only to have completed the requirements of the National Certifying Council for Physicians' Assistants. It is possible that some schools (it is a 2-year, post-baccalaureate program.) may offer this specialty, however.

Mr. Manning has discussed the Radiology Board's inquiry with Chairman Ed David of the Board of Medicine and at present, the Board is taking no position regarding what action the Radiology Board should take, or not take, with respect to a possible rule-change.

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REQUEST FOR SPECIAL PERMIT IN NUCLEAR MEDICINE

The Board reviewed Maine General Medical Center's August 19, 2002 correspondence requesting a special permit in nuclear medicine for one of its radiologic technologists. Maine General gave an overview of its past efforts to recruit for a full-time nuclear medicine technologist.

In a motion by Terry Zipper, seconded by Russell Briggs, the Board voted unanimously to approve this request pending receipt of all pertinent information.

ADMINISTRATORS COMMENTARY – ELAINE THIBODEAU

Elaine provided the Board with a budget update.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. in a motion by Russell Briggs and seconded by Brian Brock.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane J. Bradstreet
Board Clerk