COMMISSION ON RADIATION PROTECTION  
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Minutes of a regular meeting, conducted virtually via Microsoft TEAMS, at 9:30 a.m. on September 16, 2020

The following Commission members were virtually present: Dr. Julie Timins (Chair), Mary E. Moore (Vice-Chair), Pat Mulligan, Sue Dupre, John Mauro, Bob Tokarz, and Alfonso Gandica (Joined at 10:09 a.m.)

Also virtually present: DAG Dave Tuason

Radiation Protection Staff members virtually present: Art Robinson, Al Orlandi, Jenny Goodman, Anita Kopera, Charles Renaud, Jenn Daino, and Lauren Givens.

Call to Order

Dr. Timins called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and announced that notice of the meeting complied with the Open Public Meetings Act. The Notice was published in the Courier Post, Trenton Times, and Bergen Record. The Notice was filed with the Secretary of State and posted in at least one place reserved for such or similar announcements.

Roll Call

A quorum was met with seven Commission members in attendance.

Election of Officers

Ms. Moore nominated Dr. Timins for Chair and Mr. Tokarz seconded the nomination. Dr. Timins accepted the nomination for Chair.

Dr. Timins nominated Ms. Moore for Vice Chair and Mr. Tokarz seconded the nomination. Ms. Moore accepted the nomination of Vice-Chair.

Dr. Timins stated that it was established Mr. Mulligan was appointed as Commission Secretary.

Dr. Timins moved to close the electoral slate.

All were in favor of the nominations. (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions- Mr. Gandica was not present at the time of the election)
**Re-adoption of By-laws**

All were in favor of adopting the By-laws as they stand. (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions - Mr. Gandica was not present at the time of the re-adoption)

**June 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Moore moved to accept the June CORP meeting minutes. Dr. Timins seconded the motion for the minutes. Minutes were approved (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 objections, 0 abstentions- Mr. Gandica was not present during review and adoption of minutes)

**Report of Commission Members**

None to report

**Old Business:**

**Radon Rule Proposal:**

Radon program staff provided an overview of the repeal of existing rules at N.J.A.C. 7:28-27, Certification of Radon Testers and Mitigators, and promulgation of new rules applicable to individuals and businesses who test for or mitigate radon. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the proposal to move forward to the Commissioner’s office, pending an update to the Commission after the issues from the Deputy Attorney General’s office are resolved.

**Assembly Bill 3259- Sonographer: Continued Discussion**

At the June 2020 meeting, the Commission continued its discussion on Assembly Bill 3259 and the Bureau of Xray Compliance’s comments. The discussion focused on N.J.S.A. 26:2D-24 that limits the Act to the protection of the public from the harmful effects of exposure to ionizing radiation. The Commission suggested that licensure of sonographers might be better suited to be regulated by the Board of Medical Examiners (BME) or another professional board in the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety’s Division of Consumer Affairs (DCA).

Mr. Orlandi reported that the Bill is still in the Assembly’s Women and Children Committee and there is no companion Senate Bill. Mr. Robinson reported that the BME was contacted regarding this matter and they are waiting for a response from DCA. Mr. Tokarz and Ms. Moore discussed the multiple limited diagnostic and on-diagnostic uses of medical sonography, such as, ultrasound guided noninvasive procedures and evaluation for urinary bladder retention that are competently being performed in hospitals by non-physicians that would be subject to regulatory requirements if the proposed Assembly bill were enacted. Mr. Orlandi discussed the requirements of the three sonographer national certification agencies and two facility accreditation agencies. The Commission asked the Bureau to monitor the Bill and update the Commission if any action occurs.
New Business:

Dr. Timins opened discussion relating to articles regarding the safer and more effective usage of Far-UVC lights as a germicidal measure.

Public Comment

None to report

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m. Audio recording of the meeting is available for review. Copies of the abbreviated minutes are available by contacting Lauren Givens at Lauren.Givens@dep.nj.gov

Patrick Mulligan, Assistant Director
Commission Secretary

Date

My signature indicates that the above minutes of the September 16, 2020 Commission meeting are reflective of the activities of such meeting and were approved by at least a majority vote at a subsequent meeting of the Commission as indicated by the date above.