

Oregon Board of Radiologic Technology (OBRT) Quarterly Board Meeting

JANUARY 11, 2008 MINUTES

State Office Building 800 NE Oregon Street, Room 1A Portland, Oregon

ATTENDANCE

Members and Staff: Ernest Wick, LRT, Board Chair; Richard Fucillo, LRT, Vice Chair; Carrie Whitlock, LRT, LRTT; Lorraine Bevacqua, LRT; Frank Erickson, MD; Peter-Jon Chin, CNMT; Rayberta Jenkins, LPH; Terry Lindsey, Manager, RPS (Advisory Member); Margaret Lut, RPS (Advisory Member); Linda Russell, Executive Director; Bernice Fox, Administrative LEADS Specialist; Heidi Park, Administrative Licensing Specialist

Members Absent: Doug Cech, LRT

Also Present: Carol Parks, Senior Assistant Attorney General; Jen Lewis, Oregon Medical Association; Kimberly Earp, Adventist Medical Center; Frank Krause, BS, RDCS, FASE; Thomas King, President, Oregon Society of Radiologic Technologists; Peter Schork, Sonographer, Echo Vision.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – CALL TO ORDER – ORS 192.660 (1) (K)

The Executive Session is pursuant to ORS 192.660 (1)(K). Chair Ernest Wick, called the meeting to order at 8:39 AM in Conference Room 140, Portland State Office Building (PSOB), Portland, OR to discuss confidential Board discipline and investigative cases that are confidential according to ORS 676.175.

The following cases were reviewed and the licensees or applicants were asked or requested to appear before the Board regarding disciplinary action taken by the Board, alleged violations or criminal history: Case #07-09-01, Case #07-10-03, Case #07-10-04, Case # 07-11-02, Case #07-11-03, and Case #07-12-02.

PUBLIC SESSION – CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Ernest Wick called the Public Session to order at 1:02 PM and welcomed guests. Chair Wick thanked Frank Krause, Peter Schork, Jen Lewis and Thomas King for coming to the meeting. He asked for any thoughts or comments from the public.

Frank Krause asked if Linda Russell had heard anything more from Representative Mitch Greenlick's office regarding a work session. Linda Russell stated she had sent an e-mail to Tom Powers, Legislative Director, asking him to let her know about the next work session. When she receives information regarding that session, Linda will make sure the information is distributed to everyone.

Linda's perception from the last legislative update meeting was that after the close of the February special session, Representative Greenlick would like representatives from the various modality groups to attend and OBRT would make a presentation to one of their work groups. The legislative counsel, Lorey Freeman, would be present to help formulate the legislative language of the new bill. Linda stated that in the last legislative session, the actual legislative concepts from the Board were drastically changed. In conversation with Claudia Black, she said that about 60% of the bills that came out of that session had problems due to retirements and new staff. Linda is optimistic about the bill moving forward with help from Representative Greenlick, his staff and everyone involved in this legislation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Wick asked if there were any other additions or corrections to the October 12, 2007 Board meeting minutes. Hearing none, Frank Erickson made a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting; seconded by Richard Fucillo; vote was unanimous.

RATIFICATION OF LICENSES ISSUED

The Board approved the following licenses that have been issued: Permanent Initial Radiologic Technologist licenses 106852 to 106936; Permanent Initial Limited Permit 3762 to 3768; Temporary Initial Radiologic Technologist licenses and Temporary Initial Limited Permit licenses L03817 to R03891 (Motion made by Frank Erickson; seconded by Richard Fucillo; vote was unanimous).

INVESTIGATIONS CASE

Richard Fucillo read the investigative case roster:

07-12-03 Licensee did not appear before the Board. The Board moved to issue an emergency suspension of licensure effective immediately. (Motion made by Lorraine Bevacqua; seconded by Richard Fucillo; vote unanimous).

07-09-01 Licensee appeared before the Board. The Board moved to grant licensure and close the case. (Motion made by Lorraine Bevacqua; seconded by Richard Fucillo; vote unanimous).

07-10-04 Licensee appeared before the Board. The Board moved for Sr. AAG Parks to send a letter to the individual and to the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists stating that based on the circumstances, this Board finds the licensee would not be eligible for a permit or license. (Motion made by Richard Fucillo; seconded by Rayberta Jenkins; vote unanimous).

07-01-02 Licensee appeared before the Board. The Board moved to grant licensure and request a copy of the results of the chemical dependency assessment and the urinalysis. (Motion made by Lorraine Bevacqua; seconded by Richard Fucillo; vote unanimous).

07-12-02 Licensee appeared before the Board. The Board moved to impose a fine of \$1000 for a notice of disciplinary action based on 688.525(1)(g) as defined by 337-010-0060(2)(b), and impose a fine of \$500 for a notice of disciplinary action based on 688.525(1)(g) as defined by 337-010-0060(2)(g) (Motion made by Richard Fucillo; seconded by Lorraine Bevacqua; vote unanimous).

The following case involved operating without licensure. A signed Consent Order and Civil Penalty was paid. Board approved closure of case (Motion made by Rayberta Jenkins; seconded by Lorraine Bevacqua; vote unanimous):

07-10-02

The following cases involved failure to disclose criminal history on application. A signed Stipulated Agreement and Final Order were paid. Board approved closure of cases (Motion made by Frank Erickson; seconded by Rayberta Jenkins; vote unanimous):

07-07-02 **07-08-01** **07-08-02** **07-09-02** **07-10-01** **07-11-04**
07-11-05 **07-12-01**

The Board moved to approve and close the following Civil Penalty case: (Motion made by Lorraine Bevacqua; seconded by Frank Erickson)

07-06-03

No action was taken by the Board on the following monitored probationary cases: (Motion made by Richard Fucillo; seconded by Frank Erickson)

03-05-01 **05-06-03** **05-06-04** **07-04-04**

No action was taken by the Board on the following monitored Civil Penalty cases: (Motion made by Rayberta Jenkins; seconded by Richard Fucillo)

06-03-03 **07-04-03**

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Carrie Whitlock, Chair of the Education Committee, commented there were no updates for the committee.

Richard Fucillo, Chair of the Inspection Committee, stated the committee plans on completing the school inspection reports in the next 3 to 4 months.

OLD BUSINESS

Linda Russell reported she had a meeting with the new policy advisor, Claudia Black. Claudia will attend our Board meetings and our Legislative Update meetings as soon as she can. One of the other governor's policy advisors, Erinn Kelley-Siel will be on maternity leave and Claudia will be picking up her load as well. She asked that Linda keep her informed. Claudia was at the first legislative meeting and noted she was pleased we have open communication with everyone involved. She intends to work closely with the governor's appointment director to make sure things runs smoothly.

Linda informed the Board the financial reports were not available at this time but hopefully by April she will have a better idea of where OBRT is financially. The legislature is getting ready for the new February special session.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Wick then asked Kimberly Earp from Adventist Medical Center to speak to the Board. Her comments were about OAR 337-010-0011, Qualifications of Computed Tomography Equipment Operators and Merged Technology Equipment Operators' Licensing. Her concern was related to the requirements for radiation therapist. She stated our rule does not make a distinction between two categories of radiation therapists, some with a radiology background who are certified in radiology as well as certified in therapy and some who never went to a radiology program and are RTT's; one standard for radiographers and another for therapists. She felt the requirement of 12 hours training in the use of computer tomography scanners was insufficient training and should be expanded to include extensive Computed Tomography (CT) terminology. She suggested a requirement of at least 25 hours of hands-on applications with a registered CT tech and then sign off on it with a letter stating this person is qualified. Her objection was that an RTR is able to do CT without being certified in CT but that option is not available for the RTRT's. She stated she would forward her suggestions to those involved in the CT program at Portland Community College. Carrie Whitlock suggested Kimberly also send an e-mail to Ann Maddeford at Oregon Health Sciences University.

Terry Lindsey suggested that the Board add the topic of "Legislative Update" as an ongoing agenda item to the quarterly Board meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT & ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Ernest Wick asked if there was any other business or public comment. Hearing none, he thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 2:15 PM.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2008 at 8:30 AM in Conference Room 1-B at the Portland State Office Building.