

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
PUBLIC MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED EMERGENCY MEETING
March 19, 2020

Members Present via Teleconference

Mark H. LeQuire, M.D., Chairman
Michael T. Flanagan, M.D., Vice-Chairman
Aruna T. Arora, M.D.
Gregory W. Ayers, M.D.
Eli L. Brown, M.D.
Hernando D. Carter, M.D.
Beverly F. Jordan, M.D.
Gary F. Leung, M.D.
John S. Meigs, Jr., M.D.
Patrick J. O'Neill, M.D.
Dick Owens, M.D.
Charles M. A. Rogers, IV, M.D.
William J. Suggs, M.D.
Jefferson Underwood, III, M.D.
Jane A. Weida, M.D.
Amanda J. Williams, M.D.

Recording Secretary

Amy T. Dorminey

Staff Present via Teleconference

Kimie Buley
Trey Flowers
Matt Hart
Wilson Hunter
Ryan Lynch
William Perkins
Virginia Reeves
Tiffany Seamon

Call to Order: 8:00 p.m.

Pursuant to the State of Emergency declared by Governor Kay Ivey concerning SARS-CoV-2 and the disease known as COVID-19 and, with prior notice given in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act, an emergency meeting of the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners was convened.

With a quorum of sixteen members present via telecommunication, Board Chairman Mark H. LeQuire, M.D., convened the emergency meeting of the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners.

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Public access to the conference call was made available at the Board's satellite office,
Suite 100, 3300 Cahaba Road, Birmingham, AL 35223

CURRENT BUSINESS

Proposed Emergency Administrative Rules and Applications

Administrative Rule 540-X-3-.25, Applicants for Emergency Certificate of Qualification by Endorsement A motion was made by John S. Meigs, Jr., M.D., and was seconded by Patrick J. O'Neill, M.D., to approve and file with the Legislative Services Agency for emergency adoption Administrative Rule 540-X-3-.25, Applicants for Emergency Certificate of Qualification by Endorsement. Aruna T. Arora, M.D., Gregory W. Ayers, M.D., Eli L. Brown, M.D., Hernando D. Carter, M.D., Michael T. Flanagan, M.D., Beverly F. Jordan, M.D., Gary F. Leung, M.D., John S. Meigs, Jr., M.D., Patrick J. O'Neill, M.D., Dick Owens, M.D., Charles M. A. Rogers, IV, M.D., William J. Suggs, M.D., Jefferson Underwood, III, M.D., Jane A. Weida, M.D., and Amanda J. Williams, M.D., voted in favor of the motion.

Application for Emergency COQ, Medical License, and Restricted Alabama Controlled Substances Certificate A motion was made by John S. Meigs, Jr., M.D., and was seconded by Patrick J. O'Neill, M.D., to approve the application for emergency Certificate of Qualification, medical license and restricted Alabama Controlled Substances Certificate. Aruna T. Arora, M.D., Gregory W. Ayers, M.D., Eli L. Brown, M.D., Hernando D. Carter, M.D., Michael T. Flanagan, M.D., Beverly F. Jordan, M.D., Gary F. Leung, M.D., John S. Meigs, Jr., M.D., Patrick J. O'Neill, M.D., Dick

Owens, M.D., Charles M. A. Rogers, IV, M.D., William J. Suggs, M.D., Jefferson Underwood, III, M.D., Jane A. Weida, M.D., and Amanda J. Williams, M.D., voted in favor of the motion.

Administrative Rule 540-X-7-.69, Applicants for Emergency License to Practice as a Physician Assistant A motion was made by John S. Meigs, Jr., M.D., and was seconded by Patrick J. O'Neill, M.D., to approve and file with the Legislative Services Agency for emergency adoption Administrative Rule 540-X-7-.69, Applicants for Emergency License to Practice as a Physician Assistant. Aruna T. Arora, M.D., Gregory W. Ayers, M.D., Eli L. Brown, M.D., Hernando D. Carter, M.D., Michael T. Flanagan, M.D., Beverly F. Jordan, M.D., Gary F. Leung, M.D., John S. Meigs, Jr., M.D., Patrick J. O'Neill, M.D., Dick Owens, M.D., Charles M. A. Rogers, IV, M.D., William J. Suggs, M.D., Jefferson Underwood, III, M.D., Jane A. Weida, M.D., and Amanda J. Williams, M.D., voted in favor of the motion.

Administrative Rule 540-X-7-.70, Temporary Emergency Registration and Supervision PA A motion was made by John S. Meigs, Jr., M.D., and was seconded by Patrick J. O'Neill, M.D., to approve and file with the Legislative Services Agency for emergency adoption Administrative Rule 540-X-7-.70, Temporary Emergency Registration and Supervision, physician assistants. Aruna T. Arora, M.D., Gregory W. Ayers, M.D., Eli L. Brown, M.D., Hernando D. Carter, M.D., Michael T. Flanagan, M.D., Beverly F. Jordan, M.D., Gary F. Leung, M.D., John S. Meigs, Jr., M.D., Patrick J. O'Neill, M.D., Dick Owens, M.D., Charles M. A. Rogers, IV, M.D., William J. Suggs, M.D., Jefferson Underwood, III, M.D., Jane A. Weida, M.D., and Amanda J. Williams, M.D., voted in favor of the motion.

Application for Emergency PA License and Restricted QACSC A motion was made by John S. Meigs, Jr., M.D., and was seconded by Patrick J. O'Neill, M.D., to approve the application for emergency physician assistant license and restricted Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Certificate. Aruna T. Arora, M.D., Gregory W. Ayers, M.D., Eli L. Brown, M.D., Hernando D. Carter, M.D., Michael T. Flanagan, M.D., Beverly F. Jordan, M.D., Gary F. Leung, M.D., John S. Meigs, Jr., M.D., Patrick J. O'Neill, M.D., Dick Owens, M.D., Charles M. A. Rogers, IV, M.D., William J. Suggs, M.D., Jefferson Underwood, III, M.D., Jane A. Weida, M.D., and Amanda J. Williams, M.D., voted in favor of the motion.

Administrative Rule 540-X-7-.71, Applicants for Emergency License to Practice as an AA A motion was made by John S. Meigs, Jr., M.D., and was seconded by Patrick J. O'Neill, M.D., to approve and file with the Legislative Services Agency for emergency adoption Administrative Rule 540-X-7-.71, Applicants for Emergency License to Practice as an Anesthesiologist Assistant. Aruna T. Arora, M.D., Gregory W. Ayers, M.D., Eli L. Brown, M.D., Hernando D. Carter, M.D., Michael T. Flanagan, M.D., Beverly F. Jordan, M.D., Gary F. Leung, M.D., John S. Meigs, Jr., M.D., Patrick J. O'Neill, M.D., Dick Owens, M.D., Charles M. A. Rogers, IV, M.D., William J. Suggs, M.D., Jefferson Underwood, III, M.D., Jane A. Weida, M.D., and Amanda J. Williams, M.D., voted in favor of the motion.

Administrative Rule 540-X-7-.72, Temporary Emergency Registration and Supervision AA A motion was made by John S. Meigs, Jr., M.D., and was seconded by Patrick J. O'Neill, M.D., to approve and file with the Legislative Services Agency for emergency adoption Administrative Rule

540-X-7-.72, Temporary Emergency Registration and Supervision, anesthesiologist assistants. Aruna T. Arora, M.D., Gregory W. Ayers, M.D., Eli L. Brown, M.D., Hernando D. Carter, M.D., Michael T. Flanagan, M.D., Beverly F. Jordan, M.D., Gary F. Leung, M.D., John S. Meigs, Jr., M.D., Patrick J. O'Neill, M.D., Dick Owens, M.D., Charles M. A. Rogers, IV, M.D., William J. Suggs, M.D., Jefferson Underwood, III, M.D., Jane A. Weida, M.D., and Amanda J. Williams, M.D., voted in favor of the motion.

Application for Emergency AA License A motion was made by John S. Meigs, Jr., M.D., and was seconded by Patrick J. O'Neill, M.D., to approve the application for emergency anesthesiologist assistant license. Aruna T. Arora, M.D., Gregory W. Ayers, M.D., Eli L. Brown, M.D., Hernando D. Carter, M.D., Michael T. Flanagan, M.D., Beverly F. Jordan, M.D., Gary F. Leung, M.D., John S. Meigs, Jr., M.D., Patrick J. O'Neill, M.D., Dick Owens, M.D., Charles M. A. Rogers, IV, M.D., William J. Suggs, M.D., Jefferson Underwood, III, M.D., Jane A. Weida, M.D., and Amanda J. Williams, M.D., voted in favor of the motion.

MLC Administrative Rule 545-X-2-.08, Emergency License A motion was made by John S. Meigs, Jr., M.D., and was seconded by Patrick J. O'Neill, M.D., to recommend to the Medical Licensure Commission the adoption of Administrative Rule 545-X-2-2-.08, Emergency License. Aruna T. Arora, M.D., Gregory W. Ayers, M.D., Eli L. Brown, M.D., Hernando D. Carter, M.D., Michael T. Flanagan, M.D., Beverly F. Jordan, M.D., Gary F. Leung, M.D., John S. Meigs, Jr., M.D., Patrick J. O'Neill, M.D., Dick Owens, M.D., Charles M. A. Rogers, IV, M.D., William J. Suggs, M.D.,

Jefferson Underwood, III, M.D., Jane A. Weida, M.D., and Amanda J. Williams, M.D., voted in favor of the motion.

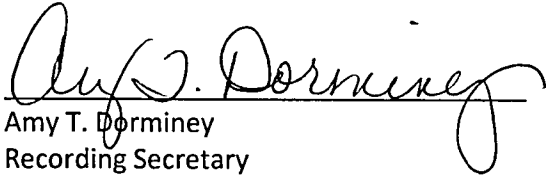
Other

Enforcement Discretion for Controlled Substance Prescribing By unanimous consent, the Board granted approval for the Legal Department to publish and educate licensees concerning the Board's enforcement discretion regarding controlled substance-related regulatory requirements on health care providers who, in good faith, utilize telemedicine to care for their existing patients during the COVID-19 nationwide public health emergency.

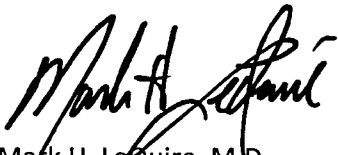
Physician Prescribing of Plaquenil This item was received as information.

Update on Communications / Website This item was received as information.

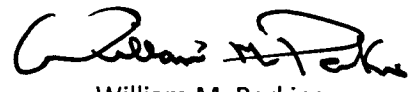
Meeting Adjourned: 8:50 p.m.


Amy T. Dorminey
Recording Secretary

Approved


Mark H. LeQuire, M.D.
Chairman

Approved


William M. Perkins
Associate Executive Director