

**Georgia Composite Medical Board
Minutes - TEAMS Meeting
December 14, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Dr. Simmons, Chair, with the following members present:

Thomas Harbin, MD, Vice Chair
John Antalis, MD
Debi Dalton, MD
E. Dan DeLoach, MD
Charmaine Faucher, PA-C
Jody Gardner, Consumer Member
Alexander Gross, MD
J. Jeffery Marshall, MD
Matthew Norman, MD
David Retterbush, MD
Richard Weil, MD

Members Absent:

Shawn Hanley, Consumer Member
Andrew Reisman, MD

Guest Present:

Representative Sharon Cooper

Staff Present:

LaSharn Hughes, Executive Director
Jonathan McGehee, Director of Investigations
Max Changus, Assistant Attorney General

Dr. Simmons, allowed the following members of the Board to make statements;

Dr. Retterbush discussed the need to modernize and update the Medical Practice Act. He reviewed the following proposed requirements:

US/Canadian Graduates – two years post graduate training

Requirements for USMLE – change from seven (7) years to ten (10) years.

International Applicants – School must be listed in the WHO Approved List

ECFMG

USMLE

Three (3) years of training same or similar program

Last clinical practice within the last 36 months.

Institutional Applicants – Tenure trace in a medical school at a teaching hospital

Must be able to bill for professional services

Remove the war torn country language

Florida Board of Medicine – does not require ACGME training for the Area of Critical Need License. These licenses are licensed under US Department of Health and Human Services Health Shortage Area.

Dr. Gross discussed changes to Rule 360-2-.01(g)
One year of post graduate instruction approved by ACGME instead of program.

Institutional Law – there is no definition for an institution. He suggest that the Board expand the definition to add clinics that serve an underserved population as well as area.

Representative Cooper discussed with the Board that there is a doctor shortage and the Board needs to find a way to change the rules to allow good doctors to practice in Georgia. She thanked the Board members for their service to the citizens of Georgia.

At the end of the discussion. Dr. Simons, proposed a motion and Dr. Harbin seconded for the Licensure Committee to work to develop proposals to address these concerns and work with Representative Cooper on the changes.

Confluence

Ms. Hughes updated the Board's on its internet program, Confluence. Ms. Hughes reported that the program is no longer supported. She informed the Board that the staff is working with DCH to move to SharePoint for the January meeting. More information will be sent along with instructions.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Motion Dr. Retterbush, seconded Dr. Weil and motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m.