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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
March 20, 2024

The following Commission members were virtually present: Dr. Julie Timins (Chair), Mary E. Moore (Vice-Chair), Patrick Mulligan, Larainne Koehler, Dr. Peixue Ma, Justin Baker, Dr. Donald Denny joined at 9:40 am, and Roger Howell joined at 9:41 am

Also, virtually present: DAG Elizabeth Delahunty; Staff from Fortis Institute: Yinet Vento, Betrice Lewis, Bernard Marth, Jerry Smith, Holly Riley, Amy Thompson-Smith, and Michael Donnelly

Radiation Protection Staff members virtually present: Jennifer Daino, Ramona Chambus, Diane Halaycio, Mary Kanewski, Jeffrey Delvalle, Nathan Papperman, Arthur Robinson, Andrew Simoneau, and Cassidy Patterson.

Call to Order

Dr. Timins called the meeting to order at 9:32 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 six Commission members in attendance at roll call. Two commissioners joined after the meeting started (see above).

February 14, 2024 - CORP Minutes:

Ms. Moore moved to approve the minutes for the February CORP meeting. Ms. Koehler seconded the motion. Minutes were approved (4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 objections, 2 abstentions).

Report of the Chair

None

Report of Commission Members

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

March 2024 Gonadal Shielding Exemption Request- University Radiology, RWJ University Hospital Imaging, and Jersey Shore Imaging LLC

Mr. Nathan Papperman presented information for University Radiology, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Imaging (RWJUH) and Jersey Shore Imaging LLC gonadal shielding exemption requests for abdomen and pelvic procedures from the requirements of New Jersey Administrative Code (N.J.A.C.) 7:28-15.9(a)3. Commission members were provided with a detailed Commissioner's Memorandum outlining the exemption request. After discussion and careful consideration, the Commission approved all three of the exemption requests.

Ms. Moore moved to approve the Gonadal Shielding Exemption Requests. Dr. Howell seconded the motion. The request was approved (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 objections, 0 abstentions).

Fortis Institute-Lawrenceville: Board's Recommendation to Terminate School's Approval

Mr. Robinson provided the Commission with the Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners (Board) recommendation to terminate the approval for the Fortis Institute in Lawrenceville to teach dental radiography. The Board approved the recommendation at their February 7, 2024, meeting. The school was previously placed on probation in October 2022. According to N.J.A.C. 7:28-19.14(h), "a school of radiologic technology may have its approval, provisional approval, or probationary approval terminated by the Board, upon the approval of the Commission, for failure to comply with this subchapter."

As a sponsor of a Board approved school of dental radiography technology, Fortis Institute in Lawrenceville must comply with the Board's accreditation standards for continued approval. Past Bureau inspections conducted in November 2014, June 2017, May 2019, and August 2022 found violations resulting in Administrative Orders and Notices of Prosecution. Ultimately, the program was put on probation following the Board's October 27, 2022, meeting.

Commissioners asked representatives from the Fortis Institute to address the violations noted in the summary of enforcement read by Mr. Robinson. Fortis Institute representatives summarized a remedial action plan that they would implement to improve performance and address the violations. After much discussion regarding this matter, the Commission believed that it would be in the best interests of the current and potential future students that the approval to teach dental radiography be terminated. The Commission requested that Fortis Institute provide a detailed plan to the Department that would address the continued support for currently enrolled students. A motion was made to accept the Board's recommendation to terminate Fortis Institute Lawrenceville school's approval to teach dental radiography.

Ms. Moore moved to approve the termination and Dr. Denny seconded the motion. The request was approved (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 objections, 0 abstentions).

Board's February 7, 2024 - Meeting Report to the Commission on Radiation Protection

Mr. Robinson stated that the Board's February 7, 2024, meeting report to the Commissioners was included with the documents distributed prior to the meeting and that there were no additional comments required.

Closed Session

None to Report

Public Comment

None to report

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m. Audio recording of the meeting is available for review. Copies of the abbreviated minutes are available by contacting Jennifer Daino at jennifer.daino@dep.nj.gov

Patrick Mulligan

Patrick Mulligan, Assistant Director
Commission Secretary

May 15, 2024

Date

My signature indicates that the above minutes of the March 20, 2024, 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.