

Arkansas Department of Health Radiation Control
Medical Ionizing Radiation Licensure Committee
Minutes -Tuesday, January 24, 2023; 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Committee members present via Teams were Lisa Rhoden (Board Chair), Bernard Bevill, Tracy McKnight, Adriane Travis, Sheila Randolph, Allan Kirkland, M.D., and Paul Bruce, MS. Members not in attendance were Rogerich Paylor, M.D., Richard Nelson, M.D., and Jacovis Davis. Also, in attendance were Chuck Thompson, Reginald Rogers, Brian Nichols, S. Craig Smith, Lori Dodson, Summer Khairi, and Tiffany Young. This meeting was held virtually via Teams.

Welcome and Introduction

Mr. Bevill welcomed everyone and explained that the Department of Health no longer supports the Zoom platform, and this is the reason we had to reschedule the January 17th meeting. Mr. Thomas asked if we had a quorum, and it was determined there was. Mr. Thomas also asked if the meeting was being recorded since we had changed to the Teams platform. Ms. Dodson verified that the meeting was being recorded. Ms. Rhoden called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm.

Minutes Review

The Minutes from the October 11, 2022, meeting were presented and reviewed. Sheila Randolph made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Adrienne Travis seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion passed.

Update on MIRLC Appointments

A list of the expiration dates for each member was presented in the agenda. Discussion was had about resubmitting applications since we have a new governor in place.

Current Complaints/Violation's:

- **UAMS – Edward Young RTL03-6168 and Douglas Garner RTL03-6157**

Mr. Bevill announced that on April 26, 2022, he received a phone call from Kayla Dailey, UAMS Radiation Safety Officer followed by a letter dated May 27, 2022, from Laura Hanson, UAMS Radiation Safety Officer, describing an event (Arkansas Event Number AR-2022-011) involving exposure of two radiology residents and a nuclear medicine faculty member in order to compare the image quality of an existing and a new PET/CT scanner. After some discussion, the committee decided not to pursue any action against the techs as they were acting under the orders of a doctor.

- **Dennis McClain RTLLP-4357**

Mr. Bevill let the committee know that on 01/20/2023, Ms. Dodson received a call from April Wynne, a lab/x-ray supervisor for Mainline Health. She wanted to call and report an incident that happened in their clinic. Dennis McClain was reported to have taken abdominal x-rays which are out of his scope of practice as a Limited License Tech. Mr. McClain was let go from his position. According to Mrs. Wynne, Mr. McClain has gone to work at a hospital in the lab department so she doesn't feel it will be an issue in the future. She just wanted us to be aware of the situation. The question was brought up that even if he wasn't working in x-ray now, could he in the future. Ms. Dodson informed everyone that Mr. McClains Limited License would expire on 03/30/2023. The

committee decided they would like to send Mr. McClain a letter requesting his side of the events. Mr. Bevill and Ms. Dodson will work on getting that letter out.

Follow up:

- **Gage Talley RTLTL 0845281** (extension expired 01/30/2023)
Mr. Bevill updated the committee that Mr. Talley was given the extension on his temporary license at the last meeting. An email was sent to Mr. Talley requesting an update on his situation and informing him of the upcoming meeting. There was no response to the email and Mr. Talley still has not taken his ARRT exam. Mr. Bevill and Ms. Dodson will send a letter out to Mr. Talley regarding this matter.
- **Leigh Anne Sims RTL01-6685** (expired 08/30/2022)
Mr. Bevill also provided an update on Ms. Sims. Following the October meeting, a letter was sent out to Ms. Sims requesting copies of any documentation that she sent to ARRT. Another letter was sent by email requesting an update on her status with ARRT and informing her of the upcoming meeting. There was no response from Ms. Sims. Mr. Bevill and Ms. Dodson will send a letter out to Ms. Sims regarding this matter.
- **Van A. Johnson RTL01 8388**
Mr. Thompson presented some additional documents that were provided by Mr. Johnson's attorney. These documents were letters of support and reference from his co-workers and supervisors. There was also a certificate of completion for a Domestic Violence Class. Mr. Thompson wanted a discussion if the letters would change the committee's vote to deny a waiver. The committee agreed that it would not change anything. Mr. Rogers asked that considering a heavy docket at the Board of Health meeting on January 26, 2023, the committee defer the subject to the next quarterly meeting and also the next Board of Health meeting. A motion was made by Dr. Kirkland to table the issue until the next meeting on April 18, 2023. Ms. Randolph seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mr. Thompson will send an email to Mr. Johnson's attorney informing him of the actions of the committee.

New Business:

- **RTL Program Manager Status**
Mr. Bevill announced that the open position for the RTL Program Manager had been posted twice with few applicants. Now an executive order from the new governor has placed a freeze on immediate hiring and promotions. For now, Ms. Dodson will continue to serve as the Interim RTL Program Manager.
- **Zoom Discontinuance**
As previously mentioned, Mr. Bevill stated that the contract with Zoom has been discontinued and the committee will need to use Teams from now on.
- **Travel Reimbursement**
Mr. Thompson stated the need to vote for paying mileage for MIRLC members to attend any meetings or official committee business outside of one of the regular meetings. A motion was made by Ms. Randolph and seconded by Tracy McKnight. All were in favor.
- **MIRLC Conflict of Interest Forms**
Mr. Bevill and Mr. Thompson reminded the committee that they need to fill out and turn in Conflict of Interest and Forms. The committee asked where they could be found, and Ms. Dodson said she would send them to all the members this week.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED

The next Quarterly MEDICAL IONIZING RADIATION LICENSURE COMMITTEE meeting is set for April 18, 2023,
3:00 p.m.

MEETING TERMINATION

The meeting ended at 3:48 p.m. with a motion from Dr. Kirkland and seconded by Ms. Travis.

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Meeting ID: 291 110 120 642

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