

Minutes

The Advisory Committee on Orthotics and Prosthetics of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision met on February 26, 2010 in accordance with the Open Meeting Act. The meeting was held at the office of the Board, 101 NE 51st Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Members present were:

William Etheridge, LP
Michael Fenner, LPO
Scott Williams, LPR
Mr. Boyd Barclay, Public Member

Members absent were:

Scott Boehlke, LO
J. Andy Sullivan, MD

Others present included:

Gay Tudor, Assistant Attorney General
Robyn Hall, Director of Licensing
Kathy Plant, Executive Secretary
Lyle Kelsey, Executive Director

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. The first item of business was approval of the minutes from the October 2, 2009, Committee meeting. Mr. Fenner moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Williams seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Brent Tyson, LP appeared in support of his request to apply for orthotic licensure. Mr. Tyson presented packet of information supporting application regarding his training in orthotics. He had not completed an NCOPE orthotic program or residency. He was licensed as a prosthetist in October 2003. The Committee informed Mr. Tyson that he currently did not meet the qualification for licensure. However, a bill introduced in the legislature, if passed and signed by the Governor, would allow him to apply

The application of **REBECCA DIANE EVATT** for Prosthetist licensure was reviewed. Mr. Fenner moved to recommend approval of the application pending satisfactory completion of the file. Mr. Barclay seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The next item on the agenda was Quarterly Evaluations of Alternative Qualification Contracts. Staff reported there was only one individual still licensed under terms of an alternative qualification contract and he had been advised to submit the required reports. Additionally, all terms of the contract must be completed by September 5, 2010, the expiration date of the contract.

The Committee discussed licensure by endorsement. Mr. Jeff Arnett, president of the state association, was present to discuss HB 2678. The bill would permit licensure of individuals who can show proof certification by either the Board of Certification/Accreditation International (BOC) or the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics & Pedorthics (ABC). In 2013, BOC will join ABC in requiring graduation from an approved program and completion of an NCOPE residency in order to sit for the certification exam. Mr. Arnett asked the Committee to support the law change. The Committee expressed concern that as written, the law would no longer require passing of an exam for licensure. Ms. Tudor said that the law change as proposed could be an improper delegation of authority in giving ABC/BOC all control over who is licensed. Mr. Kelsey suggested to Mr. Arnett that he have language added that would require passing an exam in addition to presenting proof of certification. Mr. Kelsey advised Committee members that they did not necessarily have to take a position on the issue, as they are not a lobbying force and any position they took would have to be endorsed by the Medical Board first. He recommended, the members had a strong opinion either way, that they contact their legislator individually. No further action was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 12:59 p.m.