

**State Board of Medical Examiners  
Agenda**

**ROLL CALL**

**STATEMENT CONCERNING THE  
ANNUAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Board will hold a public hearing for the purpose of eliciting input from the public on the proposed amendments to the rules establishing the fees charged by the Board. These amendments were proposed in the New Jersey Register on January 18, 2005.

The hearing will take place on:

MARCH 2, 2005 BEGINNING AT 9:00 A.M.  
MONMOUTH ROOM, 7TH FLOOR  
124 HALSEY STREET  
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

MINUTES Approval of the January 12, 2005 Open Board Minutes

MINUTES Approval of the January 10, 2005 Open Credentials Committee Minutes

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. LEGISLATION**

A3601 Seeks to establish the 'Health Care Professional Screening Task Force' and appropriates \$90,000. The bill was introduced and referred to the Assembly Health and Human Services Committee on December 13, 2004 by Assembly person Douglas H. Fisher.

The Executive Committee recommended opposing the bill. While the ultimate goal is admirable, the Committee did not believe that this legislation would advance the goal as it would be very difficult to design an appropriate test. Additionally, there are a number of protective measures in place already in the admissions and during the educational and training process that measures an individual's ability to practice. It can be better accomplished through the educational and training institutions that can provide the direct — eye to eye — oversight rather than attempt to evaluate it through a standardized test.

A 3679 Seeks to require certain physicians to complete a course in recognizing the reporting requirements of child abuse and neglect. It was introduced by Assembly person Mary T. Previte and introduced and referred to the Assembly Family, Woman, and Children's Services Committee on or about January 11, 2005. On January 13, 2005, it was reported out of the Assembly Committee with Amendments.

The Executive Committee recommended support of the bill.

A 3687 Seeks to revise the statutes regarding acupuncturists. It was introduced by Assemblypersons Fisher, Eagler, Voss and Previte on January 11, 2005 and referred to the Assembly for Regulated Professions and Independent Authorities Committee. The Executive Committee has not had the opportunity to review this bill and comments are due to the Division of Consumer Affairs by February 14, 2005.

**OLD BUSINESS**

## 2. N.J.A.C. 13:35

### PROPOSED READOPTION WITH AMENDMENTS

As the Board is aware, N.J.A.C. 13:35 was scheduled to expire on September 20, 2004. Because this notice of proposed readoption was filed prior to the expiration date, the chapter expiration date has been extended for 180 days to March 19, 2005, pursuant to N.J.S.A 52:14B-5.1c. The Board has reviewed the existing rules and has determined that they continue to be reasonable, necessary and effective for the purposes for which they were promulgated. The Board proposed to readopt the rules with amendments and the proposal was published in the New Jersey Register on October 18, 2004. The Comment period has ended and attached are copies of the comments received and proposed responses thereto.

### **INFORMATIONAL**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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