

State Board of Medical Examiners  
Agenda  
June 9, 2004

**ROLL CALL**

**STATEMENT CONCERNING ANNUAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Nominating Committee will report on its recommendations of Board officer candidates.

**MINUTES** Approval of the May 12, 2004 Open Board Minutes.

**MINUTES** Approval of the May 17, 2004 Open Credentials Committee Minutes

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. POTENTIAL REGULATION**

The Board office on a routine basis receives requests from patients looking for copies of their medical records from doctors that have retired from practice. The only assistance we can offer is the last known address of record. When the Committee considered this issue, it believed that it might be appropriate for incorporation during the Sunset review.

**2. LEGISLATION**

A 456 Seeks to provide that only physicians may perform needle electromyography or interpret nerve conduction studies and evoked potentials. The Executive Committee recommends support because it considers this an invasive procedure which requires a profound depth of knowledge in anatomy and physiology which is part of the extensive training received by physicians.

A 2800 Seeks to define surgery that may be performed by licensed physicians. The Executive Committee recommends support of this legislation.

S 1590 Seeks to revise the scope of practice of optometrists. A committee of the Board has reviewed this legislation and attached are the preliminary comments forwarded to the Division of Consumer Affairs. Additionally, attached is the most recent version of the pending legislation.

A 2807 Seeks to expand the duties performed by Advanced Practice Nurses. The Executive Committee recommends opposing this legislation. The Committee believed that it expands the scope of practice of the Advanced Practice Nurse well beyond the APN's knowledge and training. Such an expansion, without the requisite increase of education and training, is without merit. Additionally, the Committee did not support the expansion of the scope of practice for the APN to include the diagnosis without any consultation with a plenary licensed physician. In essence, this legislation creates a new class of doctors for individuals without the necessary education, knowledge and training.

S 1445 Seeks to establish an Alternative to Discipline Program for impaired nurses through the New Jersey Board of Nursing. The Executive Committee recommends support of this legislation. It endorsed the concept but recommended that a provision be included in the legislation that would allow the Board of Nursing have an oversight function with appropriate reporting requirements.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**INFORMATIONAL**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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