

**ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF TECHNICAL REGISTRATION
MINUTES FOR REGULAR SESSION MEETING**

Tuesday, April 7, 2020, beginning at 9:00 a.m.
1110 W. Washington, Conference Room #240
Phoenix, AZ 85007

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – 9:04am

2. **ROLL CALL**

TELEPHONIC – Dr. Alejandro Angel, Stephen Noel, Jason Foose, Neal Jones, Eugene Montgomery, Andrew Everroad, Carmen Wyckoff, Clarence McAllister, Jack Gilmore

NOT PRESENT -

STAFF - Melissa Cornelius, Patrice Pritzl, Kurt Winter, Douglas Parlin

AAG – Scott Donald (telephonic)

Lewis and Rocca Attorney – Greg Harris

3. **POLICY MATTERS**

A. CV 2019-013509 – Mills v. Arizona State Board of Technical Registration: upon motion and vote, the Board may hold an executive session to receive legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4) [Discussion or consultation with the attorneys of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding the public body's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation.]

Ms. Wyckoff moved and Mr. McCallister seconded to enter executive session per A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4) to receive legal advice at 9:05am; motion carried.

The Board exited executive session and reentered open session at 9:50am.

B. Review, discussion and possible action on pending Legislation; discussion of various bills that may impact the Board and the professions it regulates.

SB1298, SB1274, SB1142, HB2175, HB2402, HB2184, HB2288, SB1089, SB1211, SB1212, HB2722, HB2690, HB2685, HB2713, HB2740, HB2589, HB2359, HB2809, HB2836

It was reported that the Legislature might resume as early as April 13, 2020 with the intent to pass bills that had successfully passed through committee.

C. Discussion and possible action on Governor's recent Executive Orders related to the COVID-19 Pandemic; specifically Orders 2020-07 through 2020-20, inclusive.

Ms. Cornelius stated that she supplied legal opinions she obtained through research to the Board members regarding COVID-19. There was no Board discussion or action taken.

- D. Discussion and possible action and/or direction to staff regarding whether to suspend and/or revoke those who can't obtain Financial Assurance; whether to forgive or delay Late Renewal penalties and Late payment of Disciplinary Penalties; Processing Provisional License applications, and guidance regarding any other questions that may arise from the Governor's Executive Orders related to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Mr. Foose asked if the Board could host the AZ Specific Exam during the pandemic. Ms. Pritzl and Ms. Cornelius answered 'no' pursuant to the executive order. Mr. Montgomery asked if exam takers could take their exams out of state if taking a National Exam. Ms. Cornelius answered 'no.' Dr. Angel opined that the Board must follow the Order.

Ms. Cornelius asked for the Board's thoughts regarding provisional licenses. Dr. Angel opined that if a provisional license holder violated the Board's practice act, they would go through the same investigative process as any other registrant, that the Board could deny an applicant's application due to past criminal convictions or administrative violations and that staff would close the application if the applicant submitted an incomplete application. Mr. Foose asked if a provisional applicant would need to reapply once their provisional license suspended per the executive order. Ms. Pritzl answered that they would not need to reapply; they would just need provide proof to the Board that they took and passed any required exam to become licensed.

Ms. Cornelius asked for the Board's thoughts regarding whether to forgive or delay late renewal penalties and late payment of disciplinary penalties. Mr. Parlin suggested extending deadlines for disciplinary penalties payments if requested. Dr. Angel agreed. Ms. Pritzl suggested leniency towards international registrant renewal payments since online payments require a credit card with a US address attached to it and that many countries were currently not processing mail. After discussion, the Board directed staff to give international registrants a 30 to 45 day extension to pay their renewal fees.

Ms. Cornelius asked for the Board's thoughts regarding whether to suspend and/or revoke those who cannot obtain financial assurance during the pandemic. After discussion, the Board directed staff to grant suspended home inspectors a 60-day extension to obtain financial assurance prior to the Board revoking their license.

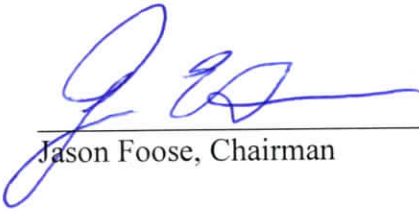
4. FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS –April 28, 2020

5. SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS.

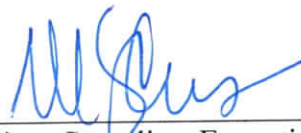
3a, remote meetings

6. MEETING ADJOURNMENT – 10:35am

Signed this day, April 28, 2020



Jason Foose, Chairman



Melissa Cornelius, Executive Director