

New Mexico Environment Department
Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Advisory Council (MIRTAC)

Approved meeting minutes of the MIRTAC meeting held on
January 10, 2014

The meeting of the Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Advisory Council was called to order on January 10, 2014 at the offices of American Society of Radiologic Technologists, 15000 Central Avenue SE, Albuquerque, NM 87123. The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

Council members present were:

Darla J. Matthew, Chair
Joseph Valdez
Evelyn Vasquez
Christina Seed

Council members not present were:

Greg Ortega, Co-Chair
Dr. Felipe Lim
Faye Niesen

Item 1: Joseph Valdez motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Evelyn Vasquez seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Item 2: Joseph Valdez motioned to approve the meeting minutes from the August 16, 2013. Evelyn Vasquez seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Item 3: Joseph Valdez motioned to amend the approved meeting minutes from the August 16, 2013 and change the spelling of "Fergusen" to "Ferguson". Christina Seed seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Item 4: Joseph Valdez motioned to take a break. Evelyn Vasquez seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Item 5: Joseph Valdez motioned to go over the revisions of the proposed rules line by line instead of jumping from number to number throughout the proposed rules. No member seconded the motion. The motion was not passed.

Item 6: Evelyn Vasquez motioned to limit public comments to one comment per person and not allow rebuttals or cross talk in order to avoid debating a topic back and forth. Each person that wishes to make a comment may do so and only be allowed one opportunity to speak and make their statement or point. Joseph Valdez seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Item 7: Joseph Valdez motioned to go to the section of the proposed rules that lists the types of licenses that will be offered by the NM Environment Department. Evelyn Vasquez seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Item 8: Christina Seed motioned to not accept the types of licenses that were listed on page 11 of the draft of the discussion draft. Joseph Valdez seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Item 9: Christina Seed motioned to allow the limited license or limited certified technologist to keep their assigned Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Program (MIRTP) registration number regardless if the limited license names and/or limited license numbers are changed or reissued with another license or certificate name and/or a new license or certificate number. Joseph Valdez seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Item 10: Christina Seed motioned to include the names of each type of full license, temporary license, limited certificate and provisional certificate offered by the Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Program in the next draft of 20.3.20 NMAC. Evelyn Vasquez seconded the motion. Evelyn Vasquez and Christina Seed voted yes and Joseph Valdez did not vote. The motion was passed.

Item 11: Darla Matthew requested to be responsible for the creation of the next electronic version of the proposed revised or new draft version of 20.3.20 NMAC and will maintain any required editing of that draft of 20.3.20 NMAC, which will be used at the next MIRTAC meeting. That draft will not be accepted unless approved at the next MIRTAC meeting. The reason for this temporary subcommittee is an attempt to reduce the amount of discussion and editing that may take place at the next MIRTAC meeting. The temporary subcommittee will be created to help Darla Matthew in composing the next proposed draft that will be submitted and reviewed by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) for its distribution and availability to the public. This attempt is to make progress so that at the next MIRTAC meeting the next revised or new draft of 20.3.20 NMAC may be approved and sent to the Environment Improvement Board (EIB) for its review and implementation of the new or revised 20.2.20 NMAC. Darla Matthew scheduled a meeting for this temporary subcommittee on March 21, 2014. The meeting will be open to the public and those in attendance will be encouraged to contribute to the wording and content of the next draft of 20.3.20 NMAC. The MIRTAC members that requested to be involved in the subcommittee for composing the next draft will be: Darla Matthew, Joseph Valdez, Evelyn Vasquez and Christina Seed. Stephen Sanchez will attend the meeting and place an advertisement and send out information on the MIRTAC email distribution list serve and place a notice on the NMED RCB MIRTP web page every time the temporary drafting subcommittee meets. The meeting will take place at UNM or CNM on March 21, 2014.

Item 12: Evelyn Vasquez motioned to include the American Registry of Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologist (ARMRIT) in the proposed draft of 20.3.20 NMAC and to include the following organizations: the American College of Radiology (ACR), the Centers of Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC) and the Joint Review Commission in the next draft as being recognized by the NM Environment Department as one of the recognized credentialing organization used for licensure. Christina Seed seconded the motion. Christina Seed and Evelyn Vasquez voted for the motion and Joseph Valdez voted against the motion. The motion was passed.

Item 13: Joseph Valdez motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:06 p.m. Christina Seed seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Item 14: Darla Matthew will request that the NMED Office of General Council determine if ARMIRIT may or may not be excluded in the new or revised version of 20.3.20 NMAC.