

**Physician Manpower Training Commission  
Special Commission Meeting  
May 14, 2020, 9:00 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

The Board of Physician Manpower Training Commission met virtually for a special commission meeting at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, May 14, 2020, via Zoom at the office of the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, 101 NE 51<sup>st</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Notice of the meeting date had been properly filed with the Secretary of State, and a copy of the notice and agenda was posted by Tuesday, May 12 by 9:00 a.m., in prominent public view at PMTC and on the Commission website, [www.pmtc.ok.gov](http://www.pmtc.ok.gov) in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

**Commission Members Present via Zoom web conferencing platform**

Zane DeLaughter, DO  
Jack Beller, MD  
Jason Hill, DO  
Kevin Khoury  
Joe Leverett, MD  
Bruce Storms, MD

**PMTC Staff Present via Zoom web conferencing platform**

Janie Thompson  
Michelle Cecil  
Aneesa Sharp  
Dana Morphew

**Present on Site**

Pam Spanbauer, Commission Chair  
Diane Mickelson Commission Secretary  
Jason Fennell, Network Administrator, Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure & Supervision

**Guests Present via Zoom web conferencing platform**

Jim Barrett  
John Brightbill  
Richard M. Bryant, PhD  
Steven Crawford, MD  
Elisa A. Crouse, MD  
Jane Nelson  
Misty Raper  
William J. Pettit, DO  
Joe Ashbaker  
Regi Varghese  
Robbie Squires  
Robert Thompson  
Oklahoma Osteopathic Association

Ms. Spanbauer opened the special commission meeting at 9:00 a.m. with introductions. Ms. Mickelson took roll call and declared a quorum. Ms. Spanbauer thanked the attendees for joining the first ever PMTC virtual meeting.

**1. Consideration and Vote to Approve/Disapprove Minutes of the February 13, 2020, Commission Meeting**

Dr. Storms made the motion to approve the February 13, 2020, PMTC Commission Meeting minutes as presented with Dr. Beller seconding the motion. Voting in favor were: Dr. Beller, Dr. DeLaughter, Dr. Hill, Mr. Khoury, Dr. Leverett, Ms. Spanbauer and Dr. Storms. None were opposed.

**2. Director's Report**

- The FY21 budget is 4% less than FY20.
- Senate Bill 1276 passed and is on its way to the governor for signature
  - Three key elements of that bill address direction and how residency funds through PMTC are utilized and the goal for these funds.
  - Changes for Commission board representation to three MD physicians, three DO physicians and one non-physician. The health department ex-officio member designation is now the Commissioner of Health. Previously the President of the Board of Health was the representative from that agency.

**3. Consideration and Possible Action to appoint a new Vice Chair**

Ms. Spanbauer stated with Dr. Storms departure, a new Vice Chair would need selected. She continued, with the rotation, it should be an MD. Dr. Storms asked for clarification as to when other commission member's terms are up. Ms. Spanbauer stated her and Dr. DeLaughter's terms end in May of 2021. She said a DO is next in line to be the Board Chair. There were two lay-members as Chairpersons in the past but with the passing of the new bill, the position is being replaced with a DO. Dr. Storms nominated Dr. Leverett as the next Vice Chair. Dr. Leverett asked if it was in statutes, rules, or the way it has always been done for a DO/MD/Layperson rotation. It was stated by members it was an agreement among members, but not set in stone. Assistant Attorney General, Joe Ashbaker, agreed that typically a commissioner is nominated and a vote is taken. Ms. Thompson stated the only stipulation she saw in rules and statutes was that it is assumed the Vice Chair moves into the Chair position. Ms. Spanbauer stated it gives the Vice Chair time to prepare to move into the Chairperson role. Dr. Leverett stated he would be honored to serve as the Vice Chair if the commission so voted.

Dr. Storms made the motion to nominate Dr. Leverett as the Vice Chair, Dr. Beller seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Dr. Beller, Dr. DeLaughter, Dr. Hill, Mr. Khoury, Ms. Spanbauer and Dr. Storms. Dr. Leverett abstained. None were opposed.

**4. Consideration and Possible Action regarding the Family Practice Resident Rural Scholarship Program**

Ms. Sharp presented three family practice residents for scholarship consideration: Eric Gillette, DO, Seth Stambaugh, DO, and Taylor Waugh, DO.

Dr. Storms made the motion to approve all three residents, Eric Gillette, DO, Seth Stambaugh, DO, and Taylor Waugh, DO, for Resident Rural Scholarships, Mr. Khoury seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Dr. Beller, Dr. DeLaughter, Mr. Khoury, Dr. Leverett, Ms. Spanbauer and Dr. Storms. Dr. Hill abstained. None were opposed.

**5. Consideration and Possible Action regarding the Physician Loan Repayment Program**

Ms. Thompson presented William Andrew Anthony, DO, Bryce K. Galbraith, DO, Christopher T. Hutchinson, DO, Emmanuel Uchechukwu Obi, MD, and Kristen Shay Stehling, DO. Dr. Stehling is a bridge with Resident Rural Scholarship.

Dr. Storms made the motion to approve all five, William Andrew Anthony, DO, Bryce K. Galbraith, DO, Christopher T. Hutchinson, DO, Emmanuel Uchechukwu Obi, MD, and Kristen Shay Stehling, DO, for the Physician Loan Repayment Program with Dr. DeLaughter seconding the motion. Voting in favor were: Dr. Beller, Dr. DeLaughter, Dr. Hill, Mr. Khoury, Dr. Leverett, Ms. Spanbauer and Dr. Storms. None were opposed.

**6. Possible vote to convene into Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S.2011, §307(B)(1) the commission may convene in Executive Session to discuss the employment, hiring, appointment or promotion of the Interim Director and Executive Director.**

Dr. Storms made the motion to go into Executive Session, with Dr. DeLaughter seconding the motion. Voting in favor were: Dr. Beller, Dr. DeLaughter, Dr. Hill, Mr. Khoury, Dr. Leverett, Ms. Spanbauer and Dr. Storms. None were opposed.

**7. Possible vote to return to Open Session.**

Dr. Storms made the motion to return to Open Session, with Dr. Leverett seconding the motion. Voting in favor were: Dr. Beller, Dr. DeLaughter, Dr. Hill, Mr. Khoury, Dr. Leverett, Ms. Spanbauer and Dr. Storms. None were opposed.

**8. Possible vote on matter discussed in Executive Session.**

Dr. Beller made the motion to return to Open Session, with Dr. Leverett seconding the motion. Voting in favor were: Dr. Beller, Dr. DeLaughter, Dr. Hill, Mr. Khoury, Dr. Leverett, Ms. Spanbauer and Dr. Storms. None were opposed.

Dr. Storms added a statement for the record in the executive session no votes were taken and only those things that were to be discussed in the meeting were discussed, nothing else.

Ms. Spanbauer handed the floor to Dr. Beller who moved that Physician Manpower Training Commission hire Janie Thompson be the Executive Director at her present salary.

Dr. Beller made the motion to hire Janie Thompson as Executive Director with Dr. Storms seconding the motion. Voting in favor were: Dr. Beller, Dr. DeLaughter, Dr. Hill, Mr. Khoury, Dr. Leverett, Ms. Spanbauer and Dr. Storms. None were opposed.

Ms. Spanbauer stated the entire commission is very pleased with Ms. Thompson and the whole team. She continued "You guys have done an excellent job and really exceeded my expectations and we are very excited about working with you and continuing, as we've been doing, but just want you to know that the full Commission has been extremely pleased with the work that you've been doing, and I look forward to you taking "interim" off the title. She then passed the floor to Ms. Thompson.

Ms. Thompson stated "I am happy and humbled to be able to have the opportunity to serve, especially during this period of time that we are experiencing. I think this role is even more important for our agency and I am very honored to have the opportunity to be in this position. Thank you very much."

## **9. Recognition of outgoing commission members**

Ms. Spanbauer stated: "I hate to say that we are losing three of our commission members whose terms have expired: Dr. Jack Beller, Dr. Jason Hill, Dr. Bruce Storms. We appreciate all the work that you have done. I personally have really enjoyed working with you and getting to know you. We have a plaque and a certificate of thanks and appreciation."

Dr. Leverett added: "I really appreciate you guys. I am not saying anything negative about former commissioners, but this commission, each one of the three of you has taught me a lot. Each one of us contributed and each one of us made this a better commission. It makes me proud just to be a part of that. I really appreciate all three of you, and sorry that any of you are leaving. But a deep hearted thank you for the time and energy and wisdom you've brought to this commission."

Kevin Khoury added: "I have been the new kid on the block and I have been extremely impressed with all three. I even told Janie I was heartbroken that this team cannot stay together as one because I think we have made, at least what I have seen, for you all just a wealth of difference, and the complete metamorphosis of what this board needs to do for the future of Oklahoma so I applaud all three of you and I will miss you guys.

Ms. Spanbauer announced the names of the three new commission members: Jeffry Lester, a staff physician in Henrietta, Timothy Newton with Great Plains Health Center Family Practice, who was also a loan repayment participant, and Shane Stidham an anesthesiologist in Norman. She added that Dr. Storms is going to the Department of Health Board of Directors, which is a nine year term from what we understand. He will be continuing work that will affect all of us in the state.

Ms. Thompson stated "I want to express my appreciation to Dr. Hill, Dr. Storms and Dr. Beller. It has been a joy and a pleasure to have the opportunity to work with you for leadership. Everyone has taught me a lot and everyone that has worked with you. You have taken this commission-forward position, and they are more active than they have ever been and that is a wonderful thing to see happen on behalf of Oklahoma. You will always be a part of PMTC as past commission members and your input is always important to us. So please do not think that you are no longer a part, because you always will be.

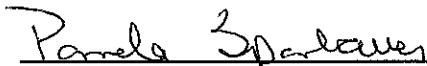
Ms. Spanbauer expressed gratitude to Jason Fennell and the Oklahoma State Medical Association for his IT expertise and for allowing us to use their equipment and facility.

Dr. Hill stated: "This is my last meeting and I just want to say I'm a little disappointed that I wasn't asked to continue, but, that being said, I am proud of the work that we have done as a commission, and I think we've had really positive results over the time, like Janie said, and have helped rural and underserved folks in Oklahoma. I do value the acquaintances. It is great to get to know everybody and the relationships we've been able to make and feel very optimistic regarding the future, with the mission, with their new leadership and with the commission members that are there. I'm sure that you are going to continue the mission that we started and are continuing ourselves so I just want to say thank you to the state and thank you all you guys very much. I appreciate it."

**10. Discussion and vote to Adjourn**

Ms. Spanbauer asked if there was anything anyone wanted to add.

Dr. Storms made the motion to adjourn, Dr. Beller seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Dr. Beller, Dr. DeLaughter, Dr. Hill, Mr. Khoury, Dr. Leverett, Ms. Spanbauer and Dr. Storms. None were opposed.

  
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Pamela G. Spanbauer, Board Chair 6/18/2020