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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS  
RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY**

**3 CAPITOL HILL  
CONFERENCE ROOM 205  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016  
8:30AM**

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Peter Evangelista, MD  
Holly Haczynski, RTT  
Mark Kershaw, NMT

**STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Linda L. Esposito, Board Manager  
Sarah Harrigan, Chief of Professional Boards  
And Commissions

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

None

**1. Establishment of a Quorum**

A meeting of the Rhode Island Board of Radiologic Technology was held on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Room 205, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 8:45 a.m. on a motion by Mark Kershaw, NMT, and seconded by Holly Haczynski, RTT. Motion carried.

**2. Presentation of the November 13, 2015 Open Session Meeting Minutes**

Motion was made by Mark Kershaw, NMT, and seconded by Holly Haczynski, RTT, to accept the Open Session minutes of November 13, 2015. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

### **3. Board Manager's Report**

- Linda Esposito, Board Manager, notified members present that Board Member Carol Kut, resigned from the Board effective January 12, 2016.
- Sarah Harrigan, Chief of Professional Boards and Commissions, advised the Board that some issues had been brought to light regarding the requirement of ARRT certification for licensure as outlined in the Rules and Regulations. ARRT qualifications for certification require that an applicant must have graduated with an Associate's degree or higher within the last five (5) years in order to qualify to take the exam for certification. Per ARRT, anyone who had graduated more than five (5) years ago, or prior to January 1, 2011, would need to go back to school and re-graduate in order to qualify for certification. Since ARRT's standard is prohibitive for those who graduated prior to January 1, 2011, this makes the lack of a "grandfather clause" under the current Rules and Regulations also prohibitive for those already licensed by the Department at that time who would fall into that category. The Department is proposing a change to the Rules and Regulations that would add a "grandfather clause" in order to allow those already licensed by the Department prior to January 1, 2011 to be able to maintain their licensure without the requirement of ARRT certification. After discussion, Board Members raised concerns that a time limit for the "grandfather clause" be considered, such as 10 or 15 years. Concerns were also raised about Radiation Therapists providing radiation services without ARRT certification. Ms. Harrigan noted the Board's concerns and will raise those issues with the Department when discussing the changes that should be made to the Rules and Regulations. Board Members will be kept informed of the progress of those discussions and proposed changes.

**Sarah Harrigan left the meeting at 8:55 a.m.**

### **4. Motion to adjourn to Closed Session**

Motion was made by Peter Evangelista, MD, and seconded by Mark Kershaw, NMT to adjourn to Closed Session at 8:55 a.m. pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure. Said individuals have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting. Also, pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Motion carried.

### **5. Motion to return to Open Session**

Motion was made by Mark Kershaw, NMT, and seconded by Peter Evangelista, MD, at 9:00 a.m. to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Motion carried.

### **6. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session**

- None

## **7. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Mark Kershaw, NMT and seconded by Holly Haczynski, RTT, to adjourn at 9:05 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Esposito  
Board Manager  
RI Department of Health  
Center for Professional Boards and Commissions  
RI Board of Radiologic Technology