

**Arkansas Department of Health Radiation Control
Medical Ionizing Radiation Licensure Committee
Minutes -Tuesday, October 11, 2022; 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Committee members present via Zoom were Lisa Rhoden (Board Chair), Bernard Bevill, Adriane Travis, Sheila Randolph, Rogerich Paylor, M.D., Richard Nelson, M.D., Allan Kirkland, M.D., and Paul Bruce MS, DABR. Members not in attendance were Jacovis Davis. Also, in attendance were Beth Williams, Chuck Thompson, Brian Nichols, Reginald Rogers, Lori Dodson, Summer Khairi, Tiffany Young and guests Leigh Ann Sims and Gage Talley. This meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

Welcome and Introduction

Mr. Bevill asked to make sure we had a quorum; Ms. Dodson verified the quorum, and we could start. Meeting started at 3:01 pm. Mr. Bevill welcomed the committee and announced Ms. Dodson is serving as Interim RTL Program Supervisor since she has been promoted to Health Physicist. Mr. Bevill asked everyone to make introductions.

Minutes Review

The Minutes from the July 19, 2022 meeting were presented and reviewed. No recommendations for changes were made. Dr. Paylor made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Ms. Travis seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion passed.

Update on MIRLC Appointments

It is mentioned that Tracy McKnight and Lisa Rhoden have terms that have expired in July, and they have turned in applications. Ms. Tiffany Young has applied for the Radiation Therapist position replacing Ms. Randolph and Ms. Summer Khairi has applied for the Consumer Position which has been vacant. Dr. Paylor asked when his term ends. Mr. Bevill and Mrs. Dodson will find the answer and let him know.

Ms. Leigh Ann Sims

Mr. Bevill reviewed Ms. Sims case history. The committee was able to read the latest letter from ARRT to Ms. Sims dated 09/29/2022. In this letter, ARRT has given Ms. Sims a deadline of 10/14/2022 to provide the documentation that they have requested. The committee had a short discussion and then admitted Ms. Sims into the meeting. Ms. Sims was asked about the documentation she is supposed to turn into ARRT. Ms. Sims replied that she has two different appointments to obtain the documentation requested but as of today nothing has been sent in. Mr. Rogers asked her to send a copy to us as well. Ms. Sims left the meeting. The committee decided to make no changes on the status of Ms. Sims AR license. Mr. Bevill and Ms. Dodson will write Ms. Sims a letter explaining that her license is not reinstated and for her to send the documentation to us when she sends it to ARRT.

Gage Talley

Mr. Bevill read an email from Mr. Talley explaining his reason for asking for an extension on his temporary license. A brief discussion was had, and the committee decided to ask a few questions to Mr. Talley. Mr. Talley was admitted to the meeting. He explained his circumstances again and answered the questions the committee had. A short discussion followed after Mr. Talley left the meeting. Dr. Paylor made a motion to extend his license 90 days. Ms. Randolph seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Bevill will call Mr. Talley and let him know the committee's decision. We will also send a letter to Mr. Talley and ask him to schedule his next test before the MIRLC meeting in January so that we don't have to push it back to the April meeting.

Current Complaints/Violation's:

- **PP0753 – Baptist Breast Center; RTL 15296 – Kirstin Spencer; RTL 15295 – Taylor McDade**

On September 12, 2022, Donna Paxton, HP Mammography/X-Ray, received an email informing the Mammography Program that two technologists were hired at Baptist Breast Center in August and had been performing examinations without a valid Arkansas Radiologic Technologist License. The same day, both techs came into the ADH Radiation Control offices and applied for and received their state licenses. A letter of violation has been sent by certified mail to The Baptist Breast Center, Kirstin Spencer, and Taylor McDade requesting a written response to this violation within 30 days. We received letters from all three.

- **HS0316 – Mercy Health, Booneville, AR**

On September 14, 2022, Ms. Adelia Oldenbroek received a complaint that the Radiologic Technologists at Mercy were being allowed to type match blood in the lab for transfusion. This is outside of a rad tech's scope of practice. On September 30, Mr. Blaine Workman, HP and Mrs. Lori Dodson, HP investigated and inspected the site and found that lab techs were cross-training in the lab but that no violations were being made.

- **RTL 8388 – Van Johnson**

On Sept 18, 2022, the Radiologic Technology Licensure Program received an e-mail reporting that Mr. Johnson allegedly had an unreported felony while holding an ARRT Registry and an Arkansas State License. It was determined that he did in fact have a Class D Felony stemming from an incident in February 2020. The violation was reported to ARRT, and Mr. Johnson was notified of the violation and that he may appear before MIRLC to plead his case. Mr. Johnson provided us with a letter from ARRT Ethics Committee dated 11/30/2021, that states his ARRT status is under conditional status until the completion of their Ethics Review. He has been asked to submit all documentation between him and ARRT before the meeting in October. The committee discussed this issue at length. Mr. Thompson pointed out that according to Act 990, Mr. Johnson is automatically disqualified from holding a license in the State of Arkansas. He may be granted a waiver from the committee. The committee wants Mr. Johnson to show why he should still hold a license in the state. The committee decided to do a special hearing next month (November) to give Mr. Johnson a chance to present mitigating evidence. More discussion was had as to what the committee should do about Mr. Johnson's license until that time. A motion was made by Dr. Nelson to provide a temporary waiver until the hearing. The motion was

seconded by Dr. Paylor. Motion carried unanimously. A tentative date was made for November 15, 2022. Mr. Johnson will be sent a letter explaining the decision.

A question was brought up about the license renewal form not having the question of felonies on it. This is a flaw in the system. Ms. Dodson said she would work on correcting that.

- **ARK-011-ACC South Arkansas RT Associates, LLC/Artesian Cancer Center; Lauren Cline RTL01 0804160**

On October 05, 2022, Adelia Oldenbroek, X-Ray/Mammography Program Manager and Blain Workman, HP X-Ray, were doing a routine inspection at Artesian Cancer Center and Ms. Sonna Blackburn was unable to produce a copy of Ms. Lauren Cline's Radiation Therapy License. Upon further investigation, it was found that Ms. Cline did have a Radiological Technologist License but not a Radiation Therapy License. A letter of violation has been sent by certified mail to the South Arkansas RT Associates, LLC and to Ms. Lauren Cline requesting a written response to this violation within 30 days. Ms. Cline did apply, pay for, and receive her Radiation Therapy License.

Follow up:

- ***Request for Temporary License Extension***

Mr. Bevill informed the committee that Mr. Dejon Roberts passed his ARRT registry.

New Business

- **ARRT Reprimands/Sanctions**

Joshua M Thomas On August 22, 2022, the Radiologic Technology Licensure Department received a letter of sanction from ARRT. This letter stated that Mr. Thomas was determined to be ineligible for certification and registration due to a 2013 felony offense. With further investigation, it was determined that Mr. Thomas does not hold a Radiologic Technologist License in Arkansas.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED

The next Quarterly MEDICAL IONIZING RADIATION LICENSURE COMMITTEE meeting is set for January 17, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

MEETING TERMINATION

The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

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Meeting ID: 495 845 5540

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