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CALLED TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
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Chairman Ronda Jones called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

Board members attending were: Dr. Kandaria, Charlene Poole, Ashley McCullough, Jennifer Morris, and Susan Magas.

Others on the call were: Dorenda Stilwell, Tracey Jonas, Ann Morris, Alice Saintsing, Margaret Wingate, Liz Fisher, Dana Combopiano, and Andrea Arnold.

Jones read the Ethics and Conflict of Interest Reminder, and all board members indicated no conflict.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of Public Hearing conducted on 6/1/19.

Report of the Rules Committee: Chairman McCullough led the discussion on the Rules Committee.

19.0501 - Based upon the volume of feedback for this rule, a good deal of time was devoted to discussion. Morris said the supervision language constitutes over-regulation. We are not treating sick people. The wording as published implies the supervising physician must be onsite, which would be in conflict with the statute. Also, requiring "before and after" examination by a physician is burdensome and will result in clients seeking treatment elsewhere. Poole said the rule may create a hardship for clients that would have to see a physician before laser treatment. Dr. Kandaria responded that new language removes ambiguity and is not further restrictive. The rule does not require onsite physician supervision, nor does it require the client to be seen by a *doctor* before the treatment. Others licensed by the Medical Board could be utilized to perform skin checks prior to the initial laser treatment. The client *must* be seen by a licensed medical professional prior to the first laser treatment because of the impact lasers have on skin lesions. Lesions and moles with underlying melanoma may disappear after laser treatment, but the melanoma is still present. In response to a concern that only a physician licensed in surgical services may supervise a laser practitioner, Dr. Kandaria said this is in keeping with the Medical Board's position that use of lasers constitutes surgery.

To address some of the concerns raised, the Board proposed and adopted a change to the published rule on a motion by McCullough, seconded by Kandaria, which will only require supervision **before** the *initial* laser treatment of the client.

19.0701 - To address the burden experienced by laser practitioners having to complete ten hours of electrolysis CEU plus ten hours of laser CEU each year, the Board adopted a motion by McCullough, seconded by Kandaria, to reduce the electrologist CEU requirement from annually to every five years for those electrologists in practice for 20 years or more. Morris believes that 8 hours or less would be sufficient continuing education for laser practitioners, however, it was noted that 10 hours of continuing education for laser practitioners is specifically mandated by the statute. This requirement does not exist for electrologists that do not practices laser hair removal. On a motion by McCullough, seconded by Kandaria, the proposed rule was modified to provide that the supervision by a licensed medical professional will be required before the *initial* laser treatment. The motion was passed with four ayes (Kandaria, Jones, Poole, and McCullough) and one opposed (Morris.)

On a motion by McCullough, seconded by Poole, the Board unanimously adopted the following rules as published due to having received no feedback during the 60-day comment period:

- 19.0203
- 19.0204
- 19.0408
- 19.0410
- 19.0601
- 19.0602
- 19.0608
- 19.0613
- 19.0619
- 19.0703

The following rules received feedback during the 60-day comment period and were adopted as published after discussion:

<u>RULE</u>	<u>MOTION</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
19.0201	AM	CP	CP, AM, SK, RJ		JM
19.0202	AM	SK	unanimous		
19.0409	AM	CO	unanimous		
19.0702	SK	AM	CP, AM, SK, RJ	JM	

*****Note: Rules 19.0403 and 19.0412 will need to be voted on at the semi-annual meeting on 7/20/19 as they were either skipped or voted on without a motion*****

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 pm.