

Graduate Medical Education Residency Expansion Board
Regular Meeting
July 2, 2024

Minutes of Meeting

The July 2, 2024, regular meeting of the Graduate Medical Education Residency Expansion Board (GMERE Board) was held virtually via zoom.

Board members present: Evan Branscum, Andy Davis, Amanda Deel, Phillip Gilmore, Sharmila Makhija, Sherry Turner, Kevan Beth Meadors, and Gregory Smart

Board members absent:

Guests present: Alisha Lewis, ADHE; Alisha Price, ADHE; Lozanne Calhoun, ADHE; Mary Perry, ADE; and My-Ly, Democrat-Gazette

Dr. Sherry Turner called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. and a quorum was present.

A motion was made by Dr. Meadors to accept the minutes of the June 4, 2024, meeting as written. Dr. Smart seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by all.

Old Business

- Application documents – brief discussion held concerning application documents; what costs could/should be covered with the grant and should other funds received be considered; award amounts per applicant depending on funding available; pending requirement to have ACGME letter of intent; pending deadline dates; financial feasibility; tracking possible multiple awards
- Rules/Bylaws - Alisha Price gave an update on the progress of the rules and pending approvals.

New Business

- Advertising of grant opportunity – discussion of how to advertise
 - Using the Hospital Association to advertise and provide access to the application
 - Each member of the board making the opportunity known
 - Money and Politics publications
 - Arkansas Business publications
 - Rural Health Partnership website
 - No marketing budget
 - ADHE would be able to advertise information and application on ADHE site.
 - Possibly emailing various medical facilities about the opportunity.
 - Using Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) to reach out.
- There was no further discussion required. A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Gilmore and seconded by Andy Davis. The meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m.