

**Graduate Medical Education Residency Expansion Board**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**September 3, 2024**

**Minutes of Meeting**

The September 3, 2024, a regular meeting of the Graduate Medical Education Residency Expansion Board (GMERE Board) was held virtually via zoom.

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

Board members absent: Andy Davis and Gregory Smart

Guests present: Alisha Price, ADHE; Lozanne Calhoun, ADHE; Mary Perry, ADE; and My-Ly, Democrat-Gazette, Darren Caldwell, Clark Ellison, and Amanda Story

Dr. Sherry Turner called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and a quorum was present.

A motion was made by Dr. Gilmore to accept the minutes of the July 2, 2024, meeting as written. Dr. Makhija seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by all.

**Old Business/Discussion**

- Rules/Bylaws - Alisha Price gave an update on the progress of the rules and pending approvals. The next step is Governor approval and then approval by the GMERE Board to send the rules for public comment. Public comment lasts for 30 days. We are still several steps away from final approval.
- Dr. Turner asked for any discussion on old business – marketing, requirements, meetings, etc.
  - Dr. Meadors mentioned that UAMS takes transfers from smaller medical facilities and wanted to entertain any residency slots for specialties.
  - Dr. Deel supports Dr. Meadors' statement concerning specialty slots.
  - A brief discussion of rural facilities and specialty slots continued.
  - A brief discussion was held concerning meetings. The board decided to keep regular monthly meetings even if they are short meetings.

**New Business**

- None

**Adjournment**

- There was no further discussion required. A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Deel and seconded by Dr. Meadors. The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m.