

**Graduate Medical Education Residency Expansion Board**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 15, 2024**

**Minutes of Meeting**

The May 15, 2024 regular meeting of the Graduate Medical Education Residency Expansion Board (GMERE Board) was held virtually via zoom. Dr. Sherry Turner called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m., with a quorum present.

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

Board members absent: Sharmila Makhija

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 2:01 p.m. and a quorum was present.

A motion was made by Dr. Gilmore to approve the minutes from the 30 April 2024 meeting. Dr. Branscum seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by all.

**New Business**

- Rules/Bylaws - Alisha Price gave an update on the progress of the rules and pending approvals. She also let the board know that election of officers can be completed without the rules and the board can work on the application packets.
- Election of Officers – The floor was opened to nominations for Board Chair. Dr. Deel nominated Dr. Turner for Board Chair. No other nominations were presented. All voted in favor of Dr. Turner as Board Chair. The floor was then opened to nominations for Board Vice-Chair. Andy Davis nominated Dr. Phillip Gilmore for Vice-Chair. No other nominations were presented. All voted in favor of Dr. Gilmore being Vice-Chair. No other positions were elected.
- GME in Arkansas – Dr. Turner discussed residency programs within the state of Arkansas and the spreadsheet that was distributed earlier. 99 total programs between fellowships and residencies. There are currently 3 programs (Crossett, Mercy Ft. Smith, and Unity Health in White County) that could apply by July 1, 2024.
- Review of other state programs – discussion of other state programs and application examples that were previously distributed. Andy Davis volunteered to assist in reviewing other application packets.
- Deadlines –
- Meeting schedule – The previously scheduled May 28th meeting was canceled and rescheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. The Board agreed to schedule a future meeting date on June 4<sup>th</sup>. The Board agreed to meet virtually until applications are ready for review. An in-person meeting would be best for the application review.
- The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.