

TEXAS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD
LICENSURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 22, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 8:44 a.m. by Acting Chair, Michael A. Mitchell, D.O. Committee members present were Teralea Jones, PA-C and Abelino Abel Reyna, J.D.

Agenda Item 2 Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding licensure applicants referred to the Licensure Committee by the Executive Director for determination of eligibility of licensure.

Executive Session, was considered. Mr. Reyna moved, Ms. Jones seconded, and the motion passed at 8:45 a.m. to go into executive session for private consultation and advice of counsel concerning pending or contemplated litigation, deliberations concerning licensure applications, possible disciplinary action and/or possible rehabilitation order under the authority of the Open Meetings Act, GOVT CODE, 551.071; and the Medical Practice Act, TEX. OCC. CODE ANN., 152.009; and the Physician Assistant Licensing Act, TEX. OCC. CODE ANN., 204.208, 204.254, 204.305, and 204.306; and Attorney Generals Opinion No. H-484.

There was no final action, decision, or vote with regard to any matter considered or discussed in executive session. The executive session ended at 10:05 a.m. A certified agenda of the executive session was made.

The Licensure Committee conducted hearings to review applicants appearing concerning eligibility. The hearings were conducted in Executive Session for deliberations concerning licensure applications and consideration of possible rehabilitation orders under the authority of the Open Meetings Act, GOVERNMENT CODE, 551.071; and the Medical Practice Act, TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE ANNOTATED, 152.009, 155.058, 160.006, 164.007 and

164.203; and Attorney Generals Opinion No. H-484. Following the hearings, the Committee reconvened and considered the applications.

Applicant #632 appeared before the Committee in executive session after referral by the Executive Director. In open session, **Mr. Reyna moved to recommend to the full Board that, upon compliance with all further requirements of licensure, the applicant be granted a Texas physician assistant license subject to the following restrictions: successful completion of the terms of Louisiana state probation and demonstration of that successful completion to the Texas PA Board.** This recommendation is due to suspension of the applicants license for one year by Louisiana Board and two years probation after reinstatement. Factors contributing to this recommendation include that the applicant was suspended for generating records identifying the applicant as a physician assistant at a time when the applicant was not licensed. **Ms. Jones seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Applicant #619 appeared before the Committee in executive session after referral by the Executive Director. In open session, **Mr. Reyna moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant be granted an unrestricted Texas physician assistant license. Ms. Jones seconded the motion.** In discussion, Mr. Reyna wanted to point out that in the event that any complaints regarding the applicants conduct are made in the future, the events that were reviewed regarding the applicants licensure would be taken into account and not viewed favorably. **All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Applicant #611 appeared before the Committee in executive session after referral by the Executive Director. In open session, **Ms. Jones moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant be allowed to withdraw the application, in order to allow the applicant time to move to this state and secure employment. Upon reapplication, if nothing substantive has changed in the application, and upon compliance with all further requirements of licensure, the applicant be granted a Texas physician assistant temporary license with an expiration date that will allow the applicant to obtain at least 12 months of supervised**

practice, subject to the following conditions: that the applicant work only in a setting that provides continuous full-time, on-site physician supervision; the supervising physician shall submit, one month prior to the temporary license expiring, a log showing time worked and an evaluation regarding the applicants work performance; if the evaluation is favorable, the applicants name may be placed on a list of applicants who have met all requirements for licensure to be considered at the following board meeting; if the evaluation is unsatisfactory, the applicant will be required to appear at the following Board meeting for reconsideration of the application. This recommendation is due to not having actively practiced within either of the last two years. Factors contributing to this recommendation include being out of practice from August 2003 to the present; maintaining and increasing medical knowledge through related work activities and through obtaining CME; and passage of the NCCPA recertification exam in 2005. **Mr. Reyna seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Applicant #608 appeared before the Committee in executive session after referral by the Executive Director. In open session, **Dr. Mitchell moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant be determined ineligible for a Texas physician assistant license.** This recommendation is due to not having actively practiced within either of the last two years. Factors contributing to this recommendation include being out of practice from 1990 to the present. **Mr. Reyna seconded the motion.** In discussion, Mr. Reyna pointed out that if the applicant were to continue refreshing medical knowledge for at least 6 months that might be considered favorably by the Committee. **All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Agenda Item 3 - Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding review of physician assistant applications for permanent licensure. There were 171 applicants and 6 relicensure applicants who met all requirements to be considered for permanent licensure by the full Board. **Mr. Reyna moved to recommend to the full board that all 171 applicants and 6**

relicensure applicants be approved for permanent licensure. Ms. Jones seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Agenda Item 4 Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding reactivation of physician assistant licenses. There were none.

Agenda Item 5 Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding options for physician assistants that have been out of practice. Ms. Garanflo opened discussion on possible options to be considered in addition to the option of a temporary license for PAs out of the active practice of medicine, such as mini-residencies or some type of postgraduate training. The Board would need to work with PA schools to set up a program. The Committee opted to discuss this item further with the full Board.

~~Ms. Garanflo explained that Mr. Simpson~~

Agenda Item 6⁸ - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.