

TEXAS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD
LICENSURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 27, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Chairman, Dwight M. Deter, PA-C. Committee members present were Michael A. Mitchell, D.O., and Pamela Welch, PA-C.

Agenda Item 2, Executive Session, was considered. Dr. Mitchell moved, Ms. Welch seconded, and the motion passed at 10:10 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 12:17 p.m. A certified agenda of the executive session was made.

Agenda Item 3 Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding licensure applicants referred to the Licensure Committee by the Executive Director for determination of eligibility of licensure.

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 #563 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, upon compliance with all further requirements of licensure, the applicant be granted a temporary physician assistant 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 July 1999 to the present and applicants extensive CME and clinical preparation. **Ms. Welch seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Applicant #573 appeared before the Committee in executive session after referral by the Executive Director. In open session, **Ms. Welch moved to recommend to the full Board that, upon compliance with all further requirements of licensure, the applicant be granted a temporary physician assistant 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 2000 to the present and the applicants recent re-entry into practice in another state. **Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Applicant #562 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 upon compliance with all further requirements of licensure, the applicant be granted a temporary physician assistant 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 board meeting prior to the temporary license expiring, a log showing time worked and an evaluation regarding the applicants work performance; the applicant will be required to appear at the Board meeting prior to the temporary license expiring for consideration of reissuance of another temporary license.** This recommendation is due to not having actively practiced within either of the last two years. Factors contributing to this recommendation include that the applicant has never practiced since graduation in 2004. **Ms. Welch seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Applicant #561 appeared before the Committee in executive session after referral by the Executive Director. In open session, **Ms. Welch moved to recommend to the full Board that, upon compliance with all further requirements of licensure, the applicant be granted a temporary physician assistant 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 meet the terms of a previous Agreed Order which required the applicant to**

make payment for outstanding registration fees, currently \$500; 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; the applicant will be required to appear at the Board meeting prior to the temporary license expiring for consideration of reissuance of another temporary license. This recommendation is due to suspension of license by Board and not having actively practiced within either of the last two years. Factors contributing to this recommendation include that the suspension of license was for failure to complete CME and subsequent cancellation for non-payment; and being out of practice from 1997 to the present. **Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Applicant #574 appeared before the Committee in executive session after referral by the Executive Director. In open session, **Ms. Welch moved to recommend to the full Board that, upon compliance with all further requirements of licensure, the applicant be granted a temporary physician assistant 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; the applicant will be required to appear at the Board meeting prior to the temporary license expiring for consideration of reissuance of another temporary 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 January 2004 to the present and the applicants prior practice was exclusively part time. **Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Agenda Item 4 - Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding review of physician assistant applications for permanent licensure. There were 77 applicants who met all

requirements to be considered for permanent licensure by the full Board. **Dr. Mitchell moved to recommend to the full board that all 77 applicants for permanent licensure be approved. Ms. Welch seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Agenda Item 5 Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding reactivation of physician assistant licenses. There were none.

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

Agenda Item 68 - There being no further business, Dr. Mitchell moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Welch seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.