

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT EXAMINERS
LICENSURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 26, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by G. Al Bendeck, PA-C. Committee members present were Tony Hedges, D.O., Chairman, Pamela W. Baker; G. Al Bendeck, PA-C; and Dwight Deter, PA-C, Jerry Walker, Deputy Executive Director; Jennifer Soffer, J.D., Assistant General Counsel; Tim Speer, Manager, Physician Assistant/Acupuncture Division; and various other staff were also present.

Agenda item #2, Executive Session, was considered. Ms. Baker moved, Mr. Deter seconded, and the motion passed at 10:04 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, GOV'T 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 General's Opinion No. H-484. Open session resumed at 10:43 a.m. and it was announced that no action was taken during Executive Session. A certified agenda was made.

Agenda item #4, regarding licensure applicants referred to the Licensure Committee by the Executive Director for determination of eligibility of licensure, was considered. Applicant #PA-6 appeared before the Committee for the consideration of their application and to discuss their past history of alcohol dependence, their suspended privileges at the Naval Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida and the Oklahoma Board Agreement for Licensure. Following discussion **Mr. Deter moved, Ms. Baker seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Applicant #PA-6 be granted Physician Assistant licensure.**

Applicant #PA-7 appeared before the Committee for the consideration of their application and to discuss their arrest record and falsification of their application for licensure. Following discussion, **Mr. Bendeck moved, Ms. Baker seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Applicant #PA-7 be granted Physician Assistant licensure.**

Mr. Speer presented the additional information, requested by the Committee at the last meeting, from Applicant #PA-1. Following discussion, **Ms. Baker moved, Mr. Deter seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Applicant #PA-1 be granted Physician Assistant licensure.**

Executive Session, was considered. Ms. Baker moved, Mr. Deter seconded, and the motion passed at 11:02 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, GOV'T 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 General's Opinion No. H-484. Open session resumed at 11:07 a.m. and it was announced that no action was taken during Executive Session. A certified agenda was made.

Applicant #PA-8 appeared before the Committee for the consideration of their application and to discuss why they have not practiced as a PA since graduation. Following discussion, **Mr. Bendeck moved, Ms. Baker seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Applicant #PA-8's application be deferred for a period of time up to two (2) years and that they appear before the committee at a time when they are ready to begin practice.**

Mr. Speer presented the additional information, requested by the Committee at the last meeting, from Applicant #PA-3. Following discussion, **Mr. Bendeck moved, Mr.**

Deterseconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Applicant #PA-3 be granted Physician Assistant licensure.

Mr. Speer presented the additional information, requested by the Committee at the last meeting, from Applicant #PA-4. Applicant #PA-4 appeared with Dr. Arthur Santos and answered Committee Members' questions. Following discussion, **Mr. Deter moved, Ms. Baker seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Applicant #PA-4 be granted Physician Assistant licensure.**

Mr. Speer presented the additional information, requested by the Committee at the last meeting, from Applicant #PA-9. Following discussion, **Ms. Baker moved, Mr. Deter seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Applicant #PA-9 be granted Physician Assistant Licensure.**

Executive Session, was considered. Ms. Baker moved, Mr. Deter seconded, and the motion passed at 11:29 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, GOV'T 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 General's Opinion No. H-484. Open session resumed at 11:43 a.m. and it was announced that no action was taken during Executive Session. A certified agenda was made.

Applicant #PA-10 appeared before the Committee for the consideration of their application and to discuss that they have been practicing medicine without a license. Applicant #PA-10 answered Committee Members' questions. Following discussion, **Mr. Deter moved, Mr. Bendeck seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Applicant #PA-10 be publicly reprimanded and pay an**

administrative penalty in the amount of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) at which time they can be granted Physician Assistant licensure.

Agenda item #3 regarding review of physician assistant applications for permanent licensure, was considered. Tim Speer, Manager of Physician Assistant Licensure, presented to the Committee a list of applicants for physician assistant licensure who had met all requirements. **Ms. Baker moved, Mr. Deter seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that the applicants listed be granted Physician Assistant licensure.**

There being no further business, **Mr. Deter moved, Mr. Bendeck seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m.**