

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT EXAMINERS  
LICENSURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 20, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Chairman, Tony Hedges, D.O. Committee members present were Michael Belgard, PA-C; G. Al Bendeck, PA-C; and Pamela W. Clark. Jerry Walker, Deputy Executive Director; Robert Simpson, J.D., Assistant General Counsel; Jaime Garanflo, Director, Customer Affairs; Tonie Knight, Manager, Licensure; and various other staff were also present.

**Agenda item #3 regarding review of physician assistant applications for permanent licensure, was considered.** Jaime Garanflo, Director, Customer Affairs, presented to the Committee a list of applicants for physician assistant licensure who had met all requirements. **Mr. Bendeck moved, Mr. Belgard seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that the 47 applicants and one relicensure applicant listed be granted Physician Assistant licensure.**

**Agenda item #5, regarding cancellation of Physician Assistant licenses by request and for nonpayment, was considered.** Ms. Garanflo explained the cancellation procedure. Following discussion, **Ms. Clark moved, Mr. Belgard seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that the licenses listed be approved for cancellation by request and for nonpayment of registration fees.**

**Agenda item #2, Executive Session, was considered. Mr. Bendeck moved, Ms. Clark seconded, and the motion passed at 9:06 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. 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 11:15 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, was considered.**

**Applicant # 383's** physician assistant licensure application was reviewed by the Committee after referral from the Executive Director. Applicant #383's application was reviewed due to the applicant's physical impairment, disability retirement from the Federal Government effective 9/12/03, and major depressive/bipolar disorder. **Ms. Clark moved to recommend to the full board that Applicant #383 be granted an unrestricted license. Mr. Belgard seconded. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**Applicant #384's** physician assistant licensure application was reviewed by the Committee after referral from the Executive Director. Applicant #384's application was reviewed due to the working as a PA with an expired license from May 2004 to June 2004 and time out of practice since June 2003 except for the month of May 2004. **Mr. Bendeck moved to recommend to the full board that Applicant #384 be granted an unrestricted license. Further, Mr. Bendeck added a caveat that the responsibility to renew a license is on the applicant. Ms. Clark seconded. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**Applicant # 385's** physician assistant licensure application was reviewed by the Committee after referral from the Executive Director. Applicant #385's application was reviewed regarding falsification of the application, being disciplined by a health care entity, and the applicant's criminal history. **Ms. Clark moved to recommend to the full board that Applicant #385 be granted an unrestricted license. Mr. Bendeck seconded. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**Applicant #386's** physician assistant licensure application was reviewed by the Committee after referral from the Executive Director. Applicant #386's application was reviewed regarding time out of the practice of medicine since May 2001. **Mr. Belgard moved, Mr. Bendeck seconded, all voted in favor, and the motion passed to recommend to the full board that, based on the fact that the applicant does not meet the requirement set out in Board rule 185.4(d) regarding active practice as a Physician Assistant, Applicant #386 be issued a temporary license with an expiration date that will allow the applicant to obtain at least twelve months of supervised practice on the condition that the applicant only work in a setting that provides continuous full-time, on-site physician supervision. Two weeks prior to the temporary license expiring, the supervising physician will submit to this office a log showing time worked and an evaluation to board staff regarding the applicant's work performance. If this evaluation is favorable, Applicant #386 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, Applicant #386 will be required to appear at the following Board meeting for reconsideration of the application.**

**Applicant # 387's** physician assistant licensure application was reviewed by the Committee after referral from the Executive Director. Applicant #387's application was reviewed due to the applicant's alcohol dependence and arrest history. **Mr. Bendeck moved to recommend to the full board that Applicant #387's application be deferred until such time as the applicant returns from military deployment.** Factors influencing this decision included the applicant's inability to meet the conditions of a rehabilitation order while on deployment. **Mr. Belgard seconded. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**Applicant # 388's** physician assistant licensure application was reviewed by the Committee after referral from the Executive Director. Applicant #388's application was reviewed due to the applicant's impairment due to Obsessive Compulsive Disorder and Major Depression and failure to work as a Physician Assistant since 1981. **Ms. Clark moved to recommend to the full board based on the fact that the applicant does not meet the requirement set out in Board rule 185.4(d) regarding active practice as a Physician Assistant, Applicant #388 be issued a**

**temporary license with an expiration date that will allow the applicant to obtain at least twelve months of supervised practice on the condition that the applicant only work in a setting that provides continuous full-time, on-site physician supervision. The supervising physician will submit to this office a log showing time worked and an evaluation to board staff regarding the applicant's work performance quarterly. Applicant #388 will be required to appear at a Board meeting in nine months time for reconsideration of the application. Mr. Belgard seconded. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**Applicant # 389's physician assistant licensure application was reviewed by the Committee after referral from the Executive Director. Applicant #389's application was reviewed due to the applicant's impairment due to substance abuse, arrest history, academic probation, and falsification of application. Mr. Belgard moved to recommend to the full board that Applicant #389 be granted a restricted license under a private non-disciplinary rehabilitation order. Ms. Clark seconded. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**There being no further business, Ms. Clark moved, Mr. Belgard seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 11:22 a.m.**