

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT EXAMINERS
LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 2, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by the Secretary of the Board, Timothy Webb, J.D. Committee members present were Stephen D. Benold, M.D. and Timothy Webb, J.D. The following staff were also present: Donald W. Patrick, M.D., J.D., Executive Director; Jerry T. Walker, Deputy Executive Director; Michele Shackelford, J.D.; Jennifer Soffer, J.D., Assistant General Counsel; and various other staff.

Agenda item #2, regarding proposed rule changes in Chapter 185, was considered. Ms. Soffer explained that the proposed rule changes involved general clean-up of the chapter and corrections to Occupations Code cites. Following discussion, **Dr. Benold moved, Mr. Webb seconded, and the motion passed to approve the proposed rule changes in §§185.1-.3, 185.8, 185.10-16, and 185.30.**

Agenda item #3, regarding proposed changes in Chapter 175, was considered. Following discussion, **Dr. Benold moved, Mr. Webb seconded, and the motion passed to approve the proposed changes with an amendment to remove the words for cause and add the words or voluntary surrender in §§175.1(a)(3)(D) and 175.4(a)(3)(F).**

Agenda item #4, regarding a report on legislative activities, was next. Dr. Patrick updated the committee members on his visits with legislators, efforts to streamline processes in licensure and investigation procedures, increased activity regarding emergency suspension hearings, and a proposed program for testing current proficiency for physicians.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.