

**TEXAS STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT EXAMINERS
DISCIPLINARY AND ETHICS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 25, 2002**

The meeting was called to order at 10:47 a.m. by the Chairman, Michael H. Belgard, PA-C. Stephen D. Benold, M.D. was present and Ms. Margaret K. Bentley was absent. Staff members present were Lloyd E. McRae, Chief of Investigations; Jon Porter, JD, Chief of Compliance and various other staff.

Agenda item #2, the reporting of the November and December, 2001 Enforcement reports, was considered. This was an informational item only and no vote was necessary.

Dr. Benold moved, Mr. Belgard seconded, and the motion passed to go into executive session at 11:02 a.m. for private consultation and advice of counsel concerning pending or contemplated litigation, deliberations concerning licensure applications, and/or possible disciplinary action under the authority of the Open Meetings Act, GOVERNMENT CODE, 551.071; and the Physician Assistant Licensing Act, TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE ANNOTATED, 204.208 and 204.254; and Attorney Generals Opinion No. H-484. Open session resumed at 11:18 a.m. and it was announced that no action was taken during executive session.

Dr. Benold moved, Mr. Belgard seconded, and the motion passed, to recommend investigative file #02-0078 to be closed for lack of sufficient legal evidence of a violation of the Physician Assistant Licensing Act and Case files #01-0264, 02-0084 for dismissal.