

TEXAS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD

TEXAS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD LICENSURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES November 14, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 8:50 a.m. by Acting Chair, Teralea Jones, PA-C. Committee members present were Abelino Abel Reyna, J.D., and Anna Arredondo Chapman.

Agenda Item 2 Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding licensure applicants referred to the Licensure Committee by the Executive Director for determination of eligibility of licensure.

Ms. Erika Gonzalez appeared before the Committee after referral by the Executive Director. Mr. Reyna moved to recommend to the full Board that a decision on this application for licensure be deferred and application expiration dates and fees be extended for 6 months to allow the applicant time to complete an independent psychiatric examination by a consultant approved by the Executive Director. Upon completion of this examination the applicant will be required to reappear before the Licensure Committee for consideration of licensure. This recommendation is due to the applicants criminal history and concerns about moral character. Factors contributing to this recommendation include multiple arrests involving theft, possession of drug paraphernalia, and DWI and failure to disclose her 2007 arrest to her physician assistant program and to those who wrote letters of reference on her behalf. Ms. Chapman seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Ms. Jocelyn Gordon appeared before the Committee after referral by the Executive Director. Mr. Reyna moved to recommend that this application for a physician assistance license be referred to the full Board for a determination of eligibility. This recommendation is due to disciplinary action by the State of California. Factors contributing to this recommendation include 17 cases of gross negligence, and repeated negligent acts. Ms. Chapman seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Ms. Nila Kahn appeared before the Committee after referral by the Executive Director. Mr. Reyna moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant be granted an unrestricted license. Ms. Chapman seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Ms. Suzanne Racz appeared before the Committee after referral by the Executive Director. Ms. Chapman moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant be granted an unrestricted license. Mr. Reyna seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Ms. Shannon Ruth appeared before the Committee after referral by the Executive Director. Mr. Reyna moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant be granted an unrestricted license. Ms. Chapman seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Mr. Rodney Shultz appeared before the Committee after referral by the Executive Director. Ms. Chapman moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant be granted an unrestricted license. Mr. Renya seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Agenda Item 3 - Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding review of physician assistant applications for permanent licensure. There were 154 applicants and 7 relicensure applicants who met all requirements to be considered for permanent licensure by the full Board. Mr. Reyna moved to recommend to the full board that all 154 applicants and 7 relicensure applicants be approved for permanent licensure. Ms. Chapman seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Agenda Item 4 Discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding proposed orders offered by the Executive Director

Mr. Simpson reported on two orders offered by the Executive Director. Mr. Reyna moved to recommend to the full Board that both orders be approved. Ms. Chapman seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Agenda Item 5 - Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding reactivation of physician assistant licenses.

There were none.

Agenda Item 6 - Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding Board Rule 185.6(i), Expired Annual Registration Permits.

Ms. Chapman moved to recommend to the full Board that the Board publish the rules as proposed in the Texas Register for public comment. Mr. Reyna seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Agenda Item 6 - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.