



# Texas Physician Assistant Board

BOARD MEETING

March 27, 2020

The meeting was called to order on Friday March 27, 2020 at 9:31 a.m. by Karrie L Crosby, PA-C, Presiding Officer. Other board members present were: Melinda Gottschalk, PA-C, Secretary; Clayton "Clay" P. Bulls, PA-C; Jennifer L. Clarner, PA-C; Victor Shen-Pou Ho, M.D.; Lawrence G. Hughes, Ed.D; Cameron J. McElhany; Jorge Martinez; Janeth K. Mills, PA-C.; and Michael D. Reis, M.D. John S. Scott, D.O. arrived at 10:16 a.m. Teralea Jones, PA-C did not attend. Staff members present were Stephen "Brint" Carlton, Executive Director; Scott Freshour, J.D., General Counsel; Robert Bredt, M.D., Medical Director; Taurie Randermann, Governmental Affairs and Public Information Manager; and various other staff.

**Agenda item #1, Mission Statement.** Ms. Crosby read the board's mission statement into the minutes. *Our Mission is to protect and enhance the public's health, safety and welfare by establishing and maintaining standards of excellence used in regulating the practice of medicine and ensuring quality health care for the citizens of Texas through licensure, discipline, and education.*

**Agenda item #2, Board Member Report.**

Liaison signup sheet – Ms. Crosby asked the board members to sign up to attend upcoming Medical Board meetings.

**Agenda item #3, Executive Director's Report.**

Mr. Carlton provided the Budget Report, Internal Audit Report, Opioid Workgroup Update, and an overview on the agency's response to the pandemic.

**Agenda item #4, Medical Director Report. Dr. Bredt reported that the expert process is going well.**

**Agenda item #8, Discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding applicants appearing concerning eligibility.**

- a. **#2372** Ms. Unterborn gave a brief review of the applicant. After discussion, **Dr. Scott moved, Mr. Martinez seconded and the motion passed to grant the appeal and offer a 12 month temporary supervised license. Ms. Gottschalk recused.**
- b. **#2385** Ms. Unterborn gave a brief review of the applicant. After discussion, **Dr. Scott moved, Ms. Gottschalk seconded and the motions passed to go into Executive Session at 11:41am for the purpose of private consultation and advice of counsel concerning pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, and/or legal**

**matters subject to the attorney-client privilege under the authority of the Open Meetings Act Section 551.071, Government Code.** Open session resumed at 12:30 PM. After discussion, **Mr. Bulls moved, Dr. Scott seconded and the motions passed to defer to have an IME completed by a board approved physician within 6 months and regardless of findings appear before the committee.**

**Agenda item #5, Physician Assistant Liaison Report.** Ms. Clarner reported on her attendance at the Opioid Workgroup meeting.

**Agenda item #6, Public Information Update.** Ms. Randermann provided a report.

**Agenda item #7, Consideration and possible action regarding pending litigation.** Mr. Freshour gave an update on pending litigation.

**Agenda item #9, Report on physician assistant licenses issued by board staff.** Ms. Unterborn gave a report on physician assistant licenses issued by Board staff.

**Agenda item #10, Report on physician assistant licensure process statistics.** Ms. Unterborn gave a report on the physician assistant licensure process statistics.

**Agenda item #11, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding referrals and reports from the Texas Physician Health Program.** A report was provided. No action was taken.

There were no items for Agenda item #12.

**Agenda item #13, Review, discussion and possible action regarding appeals of dismissed complaints.**

- a. Jurisdictional-Not-Filed Complaints
  - 20-0408
  - 20-0728

After discussion, **Mr. Bulls moved, Dr. Scott seconded and the motion passed to deny the appeals for 20-0408 and 20-0728.**

**Agenda item #14, Review, discussion and possible action regarding selected files and cases.** After discussion, Mr. Bulls motioned, Mr. Martinez seconded and the motion passed to approve the selected files as directed on the sheets.

There were no items for Agenda item #15.

**Agenda item #16, Consideration and approval of Modification/Termination Request Orders.** After discussion, Mr. McElhaney moved, Ms. Mills seconded and the motion passed to approve the Modification/Termination Request Orders for Laura E. Alvarez, PA and Ethan Tadd Levy, PA.

**Agenda Item #17, Consideration and Approval of Agreed Board Orders.** After discussion, **Mr. Bulls moved, Dr. Scott seconded and the motion passed to approve the Agreed Board Orders for Lawrence Ramsay, PA and Enrique Gonzalez, Jr., PA**

There were no items for Agenda items #18-19.

**Agenda item #20, Consideration and approval of Mediated Settlement Agreed Orders.** After discussion, **Dr. Scott moved, Dr. Ho seconded and the motion passed to approve the Mediated Settlement Agreement Order for Alberto Saucedo, PA.**

There were no items for Agenda items #21.

**Agenda item #22, Consideration and approval of Remedial Plans.** After consideration, **Dr. Scott moved, Mr. Bulls seconded and the motion passed to approve the Remedial Plans for Gustavo A. Bendeck, PA and Steven Ramon Goldhoff, PA. (Ms. Crosby and Ms. Gottschalk recused from the vote on the Bendeck remedial plan.)**

There were no items for Agenda items #23.

**Agenda item #24, Report on Temporary Suspension/Automatic Orders/Automatic Actions.** A report on Temporary Suspension/Automatic Orders/Automatic Actions was provided.

There were no items for Agenda items #25-29

**Agenda item #30, Open Forum for Public Comments.** No one signed in for Public Comments.

**Agenda item #31, Consideration and Approval of November 8, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes.** After consideration, **Ms. Mills moved, Dr. Scott seconded and the motion passed to approve the November 8, 2019 Board Meeting minutes.**

There were no items for Agenda item #32.

**Agenda item #33, Adjourn.** There being no further items, **Dr. Scott moved, Ms. Clarner seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 1:27 p.m.**