

**TEXAS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD
LICENSURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
March 2, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 10:55 a.m. by Chairman, Dwight M. Deter, PA-C. Committee members present were Stephen D. Benold, M.D., Michael A. Mitchell, D.O., and Timothy Webb, J.D.

Agenda Item 2, Executive Session, was considered. Dr. Mitchell moved, Mr. Webb seconded, and the motion passed at 10:56 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'T 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.

There was no final action, decision, or vote with regard to any matter considered or discussed in executive session. The executive session ended at 11:30 a.m. A certified agenda of the executive session was made.

Agenda Item 3 - Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding licensure applicants referred to the Licensure Committee by the Executive Director for determination of eligibility of licensure.

The Licensure Committee conducted hearings to review applicants appearing concerning eligibility. The hearings were conducted in Executive Session for deliberations concerning licensure applications and consideration of possible rehabilitation orders under the authority of the Open Meetings Act, GOVERNMENT CODE, §551.071; and the Medical Practice Act, TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE ANNOTATED, §§152.009, 155.058, 160.006, 164.007 and 164.203; and Attorney General's Opinion No. H-484. Following the hearings, the Committee reconvened and considered the applications.

Applicant #544 appeared before the Committee in executive session after referral by the Executive Director. In open session, **Dr. Benold moved to recommend to the full board, regarding Applicant # 544, that the applicant be issued a temporary license with an expiration date that will allow the applicant to obtain at least one year 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, the applicant's name 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, the applicant will be required to appear at the following Board meeting for reconsideration of the application.** This recommendation is due to being out of practice since 2003. Factors contributing to this recommendation include the applicant's failure

to comply with the Board's rules regarding active practice. **Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Applicant #461 appeared before the Committee in executive session after referral by the Executive Director. In open session, **Mr. Webb moved to recommend to the full board, regarding Applicant # 461, that the applicant be granted an unrestricted physician assistant license. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Agenda Item 4 - Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding review of physician assistant applications for permanent licensure. There were 109 applicants and 3 relicensure applicants who met all requirements to be considered for permanent licensure by the full Board. **Dr. Mitchell moved to recommend to the full board that all 109 applicants and 3 relicensure applicants for permanent physician assistant licensure be approved. Dr. Benold seconded the motion. All voted in favor. 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 format of Texas Physician Assistant Jurisprudence Examination. Ms. Garanflo presented a plan to use a testing service for the physician assistant jurisprudence examination to better educate prospective licensees about medical law in Texas. Staff proposes that a pool of questions be created to address what the board, staff, and stakeholders determine to be the most critical for licensees to learn. The pool of questions would be published on the web along with answers. At the testing center the applicants would be presented with a random 50 questions from the pool. This would direct the prospective licensees' learning to focus on the issues of the greatest importance. Ms. Garanflo discussed options for creation of the pool of questions. The committee directed staff to proceed with this plan.

| **Agenda Item 7 -** There being no further business, **Mr. Webb moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.**