

## Texas Physician Assistant Board BOARD MEETING 333 GUADALUPE, TOWER 2, SUITE 225 AUSTIN, TEXAS July 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order on Friday, July 12, 2019 at 11:54 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; Lawrence G. Hughes, Ed.D; Teralea Jones, PA-C; Jorge Martinez, Cameron J. McElhany; Janith K. Mills, PA-C; Michael D. Reis, M.D.; and John S. Scott, D.O. Victor Shen-Pou Ho, M.D. did not attend. Staff members present were Scott Freshour, J.D., General Counsel; Robert Bredt, M.D., Medical Director; Megan Goode, Governmental Affairs and Public Information Manager; and the Assistant General Counsels: Sarah Tuthill, J.D., Wendy Pajak, J.D., and Amy Swanholm, J.D. 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 #21, Consideration and possible action for Proposal for Decisions at 11:55 a.m.

a. Christopher Azubuike Ineama, PA, SOAH #503-17-4377.PA Ms. Rodriguez, Staff Attorney, was present and gave a brief presentation. Mr. Ineama was present with attorney Ryan Ruse. After consideration, Mr. Bull moved, Ms. Clarner seconded and the motion passed to adopt the Findings of Fact and the Conclusions of Law of the Administrative Law Judge in the Determinations of Default for Christopher Azubuike Ineama, PA, and to adopt the staff's suggested final order for revocation.

**Agenda item #5, Physician Assistant Liaison Report.** Ms. Crosby gave a report on her attendance at the June 14, 2019 Medical Board meeting.

## Agenda item #2, Board Member Report.

**FSMB** – Ms. Crosby gave a brief background on FSMB. Ms. Gottschalk reported that she has tried to join the FSMB but was unable to join as an individual. She reported that it would benefit the Physician Assistant Board to join the FSMB.

## Agenda item #3, Executive Director Report.

**Budget Report.** Ms. Goode gave a presented a budget report and reported that the budget remains on track and in good standing.

**Legislative Update.** Ms. Goode gave an update on the legislative session that just ended, priority bills and exceptional items granted.

## Internal Audit Report.

Agenda Items #4, Medical Director Report. Nothing to report.

Agenda item #6, Public Information Update. Ms. Goode gave highlights from last bulletin issued.

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

There were no items for agenda item #8.

Agenda item #9, Consideration and Approval of Modification/Termination Request Orders. After consideration, Mr. Bulls moved, Dr. Scott seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Modification/Termination Request Orders for Alice Vela Hill, PA and John Ashley Kirkus, PA.

Agenda Item #10, Consideration and Approval of Agreed Board Orders. After consideration, Dr. Scott moved, Ms. Gottschalk seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Agreed Board Orders for Cherie Bennett, PA and Chaim Leib Sigler, PA.

There were no items for agenda item #11-12

Agenda item #13, Consideration and Approval of Mediated Settlement Agreement Orders.

After consideration, Mr. Bulls moved, Dr. Reis seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Mediated Settlement Agreement Orders for Rose G Omamogho, PA.

There were no items for agenda item #14.

Agenda Item #15, Consideration and Approval of Remedial Plans. After consideration, Ms. Clarner moved, Ms. Mills seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Remedial Plans for Tzietal Gail Davidson, PA; Alicia L. Flores, PA; and Sarah A. Nguyen, PA.

There were no items for agenda item #16

Agenda Item #17, Report on Temporary Suspension/Automatic Orders/Automatic Actions. A report on Temporary Suspension/Automatic Orders/Automatic Actions was presented.

There were no items for agenda items #18-20.

There were no items for agenda item #22.

Agenda Item #23, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action, including rule review and adoption of proposed amendments to 22 T.A.C. Chapter 185, Physician Assistants.

- §185.4 Procedural Rules for Licensure Applicants
- §185.6. Biennial Renewal of License
- §185.28 Retired License

Ms. Wendy Pajak presented the proposed amendments to 22 T.A.C. Chapter 185, Physician Assistants. No one signed in for oral comments. No written comments were received. After discussion, **Mr. Reis moved**, **Ms. Jones seconded and the motion passed to adopt the amendments to 22 T.A.C. Chapter 185, Physician Assistants.** 

Agenda Item #24, Open Forum for Public Comments. No one signed in for public comments.

Agenda item #25, Consideration and Approval of the March 29, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes.

After consideration, Ms. Mills moved, Ms. Clarner seconded, and the motion passed to approve the March 29, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes.

Agenda item #26, Committee reports and the consideration and approval of minutes and action items of committees meeting during the board meeting.

After consideration, Ms. Jones moved, Dr. Reis seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Licensure committee meeting minutes and action items.

After consideration, Mr. Bulls moved, Dr. Scott seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Discipline and Ethics committee meeting minutes and action items.

Agenda item #27, Adjourn. There being no further agenda items, Ms. Gottschalk moved, Mr. Bulls seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 1:17 p.m.