



TEXAS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD

LICENSURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 1, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by the Chair, Teralea Jones, PA-C. Committee members present were Karrie L. Crosby, PA-C, Jennifer L. Clarner, PA-C, Raymond B. Rush, Michael D. Reis, M.D. and Victor Shen-Pou Ho, M.D.

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.

Applicant #1771 appeared before the Committee, with counsel, on referral by the Executive Director. The applicant and counsel presented a brief summary and the Committee members asked questions. **Mr. Rush moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant be reissued a Texas physician assistant supervised temporary license under the same terms and duration as her previous temporary license, specifically: with an expiration date that will allow the applicant to obtain at least 20 hours a week supervised practice for at least 40 weeks in a 12-month period, subject to the following restrictions: that the applicant work full time, only in a setting that provides continuous full-time, on-site physician supervision; the applicant be under the direct supervision of one supervising physician; the applicant be restricted from prescribing controlled substances; the supervising physician shall submit, quarterly reports regarding the applicant's work performance; the supervising physician shall submit, one month prior to the temporary license expiring, a log showing time worked regarding the applicant's work performance. If the evaluations are 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 the applicant's failure to comply with the requirements of the supervised temporary license issued in November 2014 and the applicant failed to ensure that the supervising physicians were appropriately documented and provided continuous on-site supervision. **Dr. Ho seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Applicant #1432 appeared before the Committee, with counsel, to appeal the Executive Director determination of ineligibility. The applicant and counsel presented a brief summary and the Committee members asked questions. **Dr. Reis moved that the committee recommend to the full Board that the applicant's appeal be denied and the original determination of ineligibility stands.** This recommendation is due to the applicant's criminal history, disciplinary history, impairment and falsification of an application to the Board. **Ms. Crosby seconded the motion. Dr. Reis, Ms. Crosby, Ms. Jones and Ms. Clarner voted in favor. Dr Ho and Mr. Rush were opposed. The motion passed.**

Applicant #1785 appeared before the Committee on referral by the Executive Director. The applicant presented a brief summary and the Committee members asked questions. Following discussion, **Dr. Reis moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant be determined ineligible for a Texas physician assistant license.** This recommendation is due to the applicant's disciplinary history, criminal history and falsification of his application for a license. **Ms. Crosby seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Applicant #1784 appeared before the Committee on referral by the Executive Director. The applicant presented a brief summary and the Committee members asked questions. **Dr Reis moved to recommend to the full Board that after the applicant completes 90 days of shadowing and then be granted a Texas physician assistant supervised temporary license with an expiration date that will allow the applicant to obtain at least 20 hours a week supervised practice for at least 40 weeks in a 12-month period subject to the following restrictions: that the applicant work full time, only in a setting that provides continuous full-time, on-site physician supervision; the applicant be restricted from prescribing controlled substances; the supervising physician shall submit, quarterly reports regarding**

the applicant's work performance; the supervising physician shall submit, one month prior to the temporary license expiring, a log showing time worked regarding the applicant's work performance. If the evaluations are 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 the applicant's criminal history, disciplinary history, not practicing as a physician assistant since graduating from a physician assistant program in 2003 and academic history. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Rush moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant be granted a Texas physician assistant license under an Agreed Order for an indefinite period but no less than three years subject to the following terms and conditions:

- **Work full time, only in a setting that provides continuous full-time, on-site physician supervision.**
- **The applicant be restricted from prescribing controlled substances.**
- **The supervising physician shall submit reports regarding the applicant's work performance monthly the first year and then quarterly thereafter.**
- **Attend Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at least 2 times a week.**
- **Obtain counseling by a counselor approved by the Executive Director with quarterly report submitted to the Board from the counselor.**
- **Cannot treat family or friends.**
- **Submit to drug testing through a service approved by the Board.**
- **No petition for modification allowed for at least 3 years.**

Factors contributing to this recommendation include the applicant's criminal history, disciplinary history, not practicing as a physician assistant since graduating from a physician assistant program in 2003 and academic history. **Dr. Ho seconded the motion. Mr. Rush, Dr. Ho and Ms. Jones and Dr. Reis voted in favor. Ms. Crosby and Ms. Clarner opposed. The motion passed.**

Agenda Item 3 - Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding review of Physician Assistant applications for permanent licensure. Ms Sonen reported there were 240 regular applicants and 5 relicensure applicants who met all requirements to be considered for permanent licensure by the full Board. **Dr Reis moved to recommend to the full board that all 240 regular applicants and 5 relicensure applicants be approved for permanent licensure. Mr. Rush seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item 4 – Proposed Orders Offered by the Executive Director – Ms. Robinson reported on one physician assistant licensure order offered by the Executive Director and accepted by the applicant. **Mr. Rush moved to recommend to the full Board that the order be approved. Dr. Reis seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item 5 - Report on physician assistant licensure process statistics – Ms. Robinson reported that 191 physician assistant licenses were issued in the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2016 in an average of 21 days. In the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2016 (as of March 28, 2016) 42 physician assistant licenses were completed in an average of 23 days.

Agenda Item 6 - Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding board rules:

- a. §185.2 Definitions
- b. §185.4 Procedural Rules
- c. §185.6 Annual Renewal
- d. §185.7 Temporary License

Dr. Ho moved to recommend to the full Board that the rule as written be published in the Texas Register for public comment. Ms. Crosby seconded. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Agenda Item 7 - Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding report of determinations made by the Executive Director and Licensure Chair. Ms. Jones provided the new board members a hand-out that explained the referrals by the Executive Director to the Licensure Committee.

Agenda Item 8 – Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding staff issuance of Physician Assistant Licenses. Ms. Robinson explained that board staff should be able issue physician assistant licenses late this year.

Agenda Item 9 - There being no further business, Dr. Reis moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:43a.m. Mr. Rush seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

PA APPLICANTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL

ID NUM	LAST NAME #	FIRST NAME	SUF	PA APPSTAT CD
596444	ABUBAKER	SUMMER NADIA		CS
597667	ADAMS	IAAN		CS
644284	ADCOCK	SAMANTHA JO		CS
597568	ALEGRIA	ARLENE		CS
597041	ALLRED	MORRIS DUANE	JR	CS
595692	AMBURGEY	LAUREN MICHELLE		CS
595559	ANAND	KIMBERLY GAYLE		CS
548421	ANDA	VICTOR		CS
598268	ANSARI	SERENE		CS
598553	AROCHA	DALE QUINAIN		CS
596727	BARAN	CAITLIN		CS
598969	BARRON	KEVIN ANDREW		CS
642963	BEAL	JEFFREY DAVID		CS
643503	BEATTY	LAUREN LEIGH		CS
598650	BECKMANN	MOLLY		CS
597741	BENSEN	SHYALA		CS
591108	BEQUILLARD	DANIEL JAMES		CS
597142	BIEHL	CHRISTOPHER DAVID		CS
596323	BLEVINS	MONICA NICOLE		CS
596379	BONFOEY	SHAUNA ASHLEY		CS
595669	BONGIORNO	JOSEPH ROGER		CS
596976	BRAWNER	KATHERINE		CS
598649	BRIGGS	ASHLEY MICHELLE		CS
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598760	BROEKER	SARAH		CS
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597712	BURKETT	CORI MICHELLE		CS
584423	BURNETT	EARLA MAHALIA		CS
595949	BURNS	TORI LIZANNA		CS
594703	BUTLER	MARY KATHRYN		CS
597905	CALIMANO	MICHAEL JOHN		CS
596860	CALLAHAN	CATHERINE REID		CS
596442	CAMERON	KELCEE LAUREN		CS
597040	CAMPOS	HEATHER		CS
597819	CARRILLO	EDGAR RICARDO		CS
596443	CARROLL	MORGAN NICOLE		CS
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595560	CARTER	STEVIE MICHELE		CS
596571	CARVAJAL	CAROLINA		CS

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597666	CHEN	TONY		CS
596863	CHEUNG	JANICE MANSUM		CS
595990	COX	MATTHEW ALLEN		CS
596218	COX ROMANELLO	TIFFANY BROOKE		CS
596376	CROFF	AMY ANN		CS
643320	CROMWELL	KAITLIN MARIE		CS
596065	CROWDER	NATHAN ANDREW		CS
597708	CUNNINGHAM	LAUREN		CS
595900	CZELUSTA	CRAIG JASON		CS
598648	DAUCK	HANNAH JANÉE		CS
596649	DAUME	MARGARET		CS
597742	DAVENPORT	IRA LENDON		CS
548546	DE LA VEGA	MICHAEL J		CS
599404	DEBORD	KATELYN MICHELLE		CS
598853	DEY	DENNIS DEENESH		CS
598503	DIEHL	SHANNON		CS
597614	DOHERTY	NEIL ANDREW		CS
576301	DOUGHERTY	KATHERINE LOUISE		CS
596569	DOWLING	ERIN KATHLEEN		CS
597143	DRANGINIS	DARIUS		CS
594579	DURANI	AMBER		CS
598321	DUTROW	JAMES ANTHONY		CS
596319	ETTINGER	DAVID		CS
598029	FAJARDO	GABRIELA CRISTINA		CS
596355	FANNING	MICHAEL JAMES		CS
597254	FONTANA	ANN		CS
595882	FORD	BAILEY SLATER		CS
596728	FRANCOIS	MARISA		CS
592255	FREIBERG	SARAH		CS
597744	GARCIA	DANIELA ELENA		CS
570772	GARCIA	EDGAR		CS
596095	GARCIA	OSCAR RENE		CS
597174	GARRISON	ALICIA		CS
597232	GARZA	LAURA ITURBE		CS
596858	GERTH	KAYLYN JOELLE		CS
596822	GUG	TIMOTHY		CS
599491	HALFORD	CLAYTON RAY		CS

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596469	HERLIHY	PAIGE MILLER		CS
597711	HERNANDEZ	LAUREN RENEE		CS
596377	HOLBROOK	KOURTNEY E		CS
594575	HOLLEY	DAVID		CS
597364	HOLMQUIST	JESSICA L		CS
596761	HOOVER	CAITLIN		CS
599083	HORNBERGER	CAROLINE VAUDELLE		CS
597255	HUGHEY	JORDAN DAVID		CS
597821	ISENBERG	ELSA CORTEZ		CS
595880	JACKSON	MEAGAN ELIZABETH		CS
597176	JESTER	KATHRYN SIMS		CS
588793	JHA	ANUPAM		CS
585246	JIAN	SARAH ELIZABETH		CS
596540	JORDAN	MICHELLE CHRISTINE		CS
599206	KEIRSTED	KATRINA JOAN MARY		CS
597951	KHAN	SADIA		CS
598755	KING	KATHRYN ELIZABETH KENNY		CS
598171	KINSLEY	KARA LYNNE		CS
598759	KOELEWYN	SARAH		CS
598758	KOKOLIS	STEPHANIE		CS
643321	KRYWAY	ELISABETH		CS
597814	LALONDE	JORDAN		CS
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588856	LE	SUSAN THI		CS
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597253	LEROUX	JULIE		CS
597366	LEWIS	RYAN		CS
523434	LILLARD	BRITTANY CHRISTINA		CS
596491	LOGAN	REBECCA ANN		CS
597668	LOOMIS	AMANDA RAE		CS
595899	LOPEZ	MAYRA ALEJANDRA		CS
594392	LOPEZ-ROMAN	CRISTINA YVONNE		CS
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599675	LYON	KIMBERLY ANN		CS
594270	MA	LI		CS
598270	MACKSOUD	ELYSE EMILIA		CS
595264	MANNING	TANYA		CS

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597173	MARDAKH	HANNA		CS
586202	MARKLAND	JOSEPH B		CS
597670	MARSHALL	SUSAN BRASSIL		CS
596246	MARTIN	DIANNA CAROL		CS
598693	MARTIN	JESSICA		CS
598134	MARTINEZ	HECTOR JAVIER	JR	CS
597817	MASCORRO	DIEGO		CS
594513	MATHEW	EBBY		CS
642960	MATHEW	SHIJI VARGHESE		CS
598694	MAY	TIFFANY		CS
643006	MCCORD	SARAH ELIZABETH		CS
598215	MCGUINN	KAITLYN		CS
597948	MELIAN	TAYLOR ANN		CS
599261	MENEFEE	KELLEY K.		CS
598920	MERAZ	VICTORIA ALEXANDRA		CS
596249	MICHEALSON	CRYSTAL		CS
597323	MILES	ANGELA		CS
599125	MILLER	KERI LYNNE		CS
585755	MIMS	SUSAN LYNN		CS
644202	MONAGHAN	SHANNON		CS
597777	MORENO	JENNIFER MARIE		CS
595513	MORENO	LISA ANN		CS
597071	NAILLING	BRIAN BENJAMIN		CS
594209	NASCHKE	ALEXANDRA E		CS
596467	NEAL	HEATHER A		CS
595288	NEICHERIL	DON M.		CS
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597953	NGUYEN	VINCENT		CS
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598133	O'BRIEN	JOHN		CS
643995	ODELL	MELISSA SUE		CS
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594627	OLIVIERO	NATALIE MARIE		CS

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596150	PATEL	NEHA BHIKHABHAI		CS
597822	PATEL	NINA R		CS
596378	PENA	PRISCILLA		CS
596324	PEREIRA	LINDSEY MARIE		CS
596280	PEREZ	JOSE MANUEL	II	CS
594649	PEREZ	STEVEN		CS
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596247	PETERSON	CHELSEA IRENE		CS
599025	PETERSON	KENDALL CLARE		CS
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597776	PHAM	THY		CS
599171	PHILLIPS	SOPHIE		CS
595597	PIRATELLO	MARIANA		CS
596763	PITTMAN	SAMUEL LANDIS		CS
596149	QUIGLEY	JOHN		CS
595697	RAMOS	JEAN ROSE YUZON		CS
596409	RASMUSSEN-BOLLNER	MEGAN		CS
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598375	RUBY	MEGAN KATHLEEN		CS
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596905	RULEY	JAMES ALAN		CS
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599405	SHAHAN	JAIME LYNN MAST		CS

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597363	SHETKA	ANDREW W		CS
598132	SIERRA	JAIME ARTURO		CS
596568	SINGLETARY	KIONA		CS
596439	SIRIANNI	VALERIE R		CS
594472	SMITH	ALEXANDRA ESTHER		CS
596011	SPERRING	RALEIGH DEANNA		CS
596073	SPRINKLE	LINDSEY MARIE		CS
596762	STANKES	SARAH MCKINNEY		CS
598450	STAUB	SAMANTHA LAUREN		CS
596468	STEELE	CLEATUS MATTHEW		CS
595466	STULL	SIERRA BRIANN		CS
598854	SUMNER	VERONICA LYNETTE		CS
597172	SWENSON	ANDREW PAUL		CS
599977	TAHIR	ZAFAR		CS
591110	TERASAKI	CHRISTINE		CS
587741	TEYE	JACOB AKWETEH		CS
599640	THORKELSON	KATHRYN HANAN		CS
598761	TIMMONS	MELISSA		CS
597004	TRAYLOR	MONICA RAE		CS
596069	UDAZE	STEVEN		CS
597005	URBEN SNODGRASS	OLIVIA LANE		CS
597779	VEGA	ASHLEY		CS
597709	VILLARREAL	ANGELINA LIZETTE		CS
599169	VINTINNER	JACOB		CS
595101	VUOLO	ALEX L		CS
599674	WAGNER	CRYSTAL		CS
592343	WALDROP	ASHLEY MARIE		CS
599362	WANG	YONGTAO		CS
596974	WARR	BRADLEY J		CS
596904	WEBB	TIFFANY RENEE		CS
597992	WEDESKY	MELISSA ANN		CS
597569	WHETSTONE	CASSANDRA SALINAS		CS
595558	WIKE	JOHN BRYSON		CS
597528	WILLIAMS	LARISSA LASHELLE		CS
595800	WILLIAMS	TISH K		CS
598912	WILSON-STRAUSS	KRYSTAL SHAEVON		CS
597207	YUJUICO	CHRISTOPHER SARMIENTO		CS
597003	ZAVERI	GAGANDEEP KAUR		CS

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ID NUM	LAST NAME #	FIRST NAME	SUF	PA APPSTAT CD
530529	DESALVO	MICHELLE LUCIA		TC
480344	FELIX	HEIDI MARIE		TC
576878	NEVIN	JULIA		TC
537307	NYREN	NATALIE REYNA		TC
542973	ROBINSON	JENELLE NICOLE		TC

Agenda Item 04 – Proposed orders offered by the Executive Director

April 2016

Applicant #

1763

Type of Application

Physician Assistant

Type of Order

Licensure Agreed Order

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§185.2. Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

- (1) Act--The Physician Assistant Licensing Act, Texas Occupations Code Annotated, Title 3, Subtitle C, Chapter 204 as amended.
- (2) Agency--The divisions, departments, and employees of the Texas Medical Board, the Texas Physician Assistant Board, and the Texas State Board of Acupuncture Examiners.
- (3) Alternate physician--A physician providing appropriate supervision on a temporary basis.
- (4) APA--The Administrative Procedure Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001 as amended.
- (5) Applicant--A party seeking a license from the Texas Physician Assistant Board.
- (6) Board or the "physician assistant board"--The Texas Physician Assistant Board.
- (7) Executive Director--the Executive Director of the Agency or the authorized designee of the Executive Director.
- (8) Good professional character--an applicant for licensure must not be in violation of or committed any act described in the Physician Assistant Licensing Act, §§204.302-204.304, Texas Occupations Code Annotated.
- (9) Medical Board--The Texas Medical Board.
- (10) Medical Practice Act--Texas Occupations Code Annotated, Title 3, Subtitle B, as amended.
- (11) Military service member-- A person who is on active duty. ~~A person who is currently serving in the armed forces of the United States, in a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, including the National Guard, or in the state military service of any state.~~
- (12) Military spouse--A person who is married to a military service member. ~~who is currently on active duty.~~
- (13) Military veteran--A person who served on active duty ~~in the army, navy, air force, marine corps, or coast guard of the United States, or in an auxiliary service of one of those branches of the armed forces~~ and who was discharged or released from active duty.
- (14) Open Meetings Act--Texas Government Code Annotated, Chapter 551 as amended.
- (15) Party--The physician assistant board and each person named or admitted as a party in a hearing before the State Office of Administrative Hearings or contested case before the physician assistant board.
- (16) Physician assistant--A person licensed as a physician assistant by the Texas Physician Assistant Board.
- (17) Prescriptive authority agreement--An agreement entered into by a physician and an advanced practice registered nurse or physician assistant through which the physician delegates to the advanced practice registered nurse or physician assistant the act of prescribing or ordering a drug or device. Prescriptive authority agreements are required for the delegation of the act of prescribing or ordering a drug or device in all practice settings, with the exception of a facility-based practice, pursuant to §157.054 of the Act.
- (18) Presiding Officer--The physician assistant member of the Board appointed by the Governor to serve as the presiding officer of the board.
- (19) State--Any state, territory, or insular possession of the United States and the District of Columbia.
- (20) Submit--The term used to indicate that a completed item has been actually received and date-stamped by the board along with all required documentation and fees, if any.
- (21) Supervising physician--A physician licensed by the medical board who has an active and unrestricted license and assumes responsibility and legal liability for the services rendered by the physician assistant,

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and who has notified the Medical Board of the intent to supervise a specific physician assistant and of the termination of such supervision.

(22) Supervision--Overseeing the activities of, and accepting responsibility for, the medical services rendered by a physician assistant. Supervision does not require the constant physical presence of the supervising physician but includes a situation where a supervising physician and the person being supervised are, or can easily be, in contact with one another by radio, telephone, or another telecommunication device.

(23) Unrestricted medical license--A license held by a physician issued by the Medical Board that is not subject to an order with restrictions that would impair a physician's ability to supervise a PA inconsistent with the public's well-being that could harm patients.

(24) Active duty--A person who is currently serving as full-time military service member in the armed forces of the United States or active duty military service as a member of the Texas military forces, as defined by Section 437.001, Government Code, or similar military service of another state.

(25) Armed forces of the United States--Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, or Marine Corps of the United States or a reserve unit of one of those branches of the armed forces.

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185.4. Procedural Rules for Licensure Applicants.

(f) Alternative License Procedure for Military Service Members, Military Veterans, Military and Military Spouses.

(1) An applicant who is a military service member, military veteran, or military spouse ~~who is the spouse of a member of the armed forces of the United States assigned to a military unit headquartered in Texas~~ may be eligible for alternative demonstrations of competency for certain licensure requirements. Unless specifically allowed in this subsection, an applicant must meet the requirements for licensure as specified in this chapter.

(2) To be eligible, an applicant must be a military service member, military veteran, or military spouse ~~an applicant must be the spouse of a person serving on active duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States~~ and meet one of the following requirements:

(A) holds an active unrestricted physician assistant license issued by another state that has licensing requirements that are substantially equivalent to the requirements for a Texas physician assistant license; or

(B) within the five years preceding the application date held a physician assistant license in this state ~~that expired and was cancelled for nonpayment while the applicant lived in another state for at least six months.~~

(3) The executive director may waive any prerequisite to obtaining a license for an applicant described in this subsection after reviewing the applicant's credentials.

~~(3)~~ (4) Applications for licensure from applicants qualifying under paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection shall be expedited by the board's licensure division. Such applicants shall be notified, in writing or by electronic means, as soon as practicable, of the requirements and process for renewal of the license.

~~(4)~~ (5) Alternative Demonstrations of Competency Allowed. Applicants qualifying under paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection:

(A) in demonstrating compliance with subsection (d) of this section must only provide sufficient documentation to the board that the applicant has, on a full-time basis, actively practiced as a physician assistant, has been a student at an acceptable approved physician assistant program, or has been on the active teaching faculty of an acceptable approved physician assistant program, within one of the last three years preceding receipt of an Application for licensure;

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(B) notwithstanding the one year expiration in subsection (e)(1) of this section, are allowed an additional 6 months to complete the application prior to it becoming inactive; and

(C) notwithstanding the 20 day deadline in subsection (e)(6) of this section, may be considered for permanent licensure up to 5 days prior to the board meeting.

(g) Applicants with Military Experience.

(1) For applications filed on or after March 1, 2014, the Board shall, with respect to an applicant who is a military service member or military veteran as defined in §185.2 of this title (relating to Definitions), credit verified military service, training, or education toward the licensing requirements, other than an examination requirement, for a license issued by the Board.

(2) This section does not apply to an applicant who:

(A) has had a physician assistant license suspended or revoked by another state or a Canadian province;

(B) holds a physician assistant license issued by another state or a Canadian province that is subject to a restriction, disciplinary order, or probationary order; or

(C) has an unacceptable criminal history.

(h) Re-Application for Licensure Prohibited. A person who has been determined ineligible for a license by the Licensure Committee may not reapply for a license prior to the expiration of one year from the date of the Board's ratification of the Licensure Committee's determination of ineligibility and denial of licensure.

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185.6. Annual Renewal of License

(a) Unchanged

(b)(1)-(8) Unchanged

(b)

(9) A physician assistant, who is a military service member, may request an extension of time, not to exceed two years, to complete any CME requirements.

(c)-(i) Unchanged

(j) A military service member who holds a physician assistant license in Texas is entitled to two years of additional time to complete any other requirement related to the renewal of the military service member's license.

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185.7. Temporary License

- (a) The board, or its designee may issue a temporary license to an applicant who:
- (1) meets all the qualifications for a license under the Act but is waiting for the next scheduled meeting of the board for the license to be issued;
 - (2) seeks to temporarily substitute for a licensed physician assistant during the licensee's absence, if the applicant:
 - (A) is licensed or registered in good standing in another state, territory, or the District of Columbia;
 - (B) submits an application on a form prescribed by the board; and
 - (C) pays the appropriate fee prescribed by the board;
 - (3) has graduated from an educational program for physician assistants or surgeon assistants accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission for the Education of Physician Assistants (ARC-PA) or by the committee's predecessor or successor entities no later than six months previous to the application for temporary licensure and is waiting for examination results from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants; or
 - (4) has not, on a full-time basis, actively practiced as a physician assistant, as defined under 185.4 (c) [~~§185.4(d)~~] of this title (relating to Procedural Rules for Licensure Applicants), but meets guidelines set by the physician assistant board including, but not limited to, length of time out of active practice as a physician assistant and duration of temporary licenses.

Remainder of rule unchanged