

TEXAS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD

BOARD MEETING

November 9, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 1:23 p.m. by Presiding Officer, Margaret Bentley.

Board members present were Anna Arredondo Chapman; Ron Bryce, M.D.; Felix Koo, M.D.; Teralea Jones, PA-C; Michael A. Mitchell, D.O.; Richard R. Rahr, Ed.D, PA-C.; Abelino Reyna, J.D.; and Pamela Welch, PA-C. Staff members present were Donald W. Patrick, M.D., J.D.; Robert Simpson, General Counsel; Jaime Garanflo, Director of Customer Affairs; Mari Robinson, Director of Enforcement; and various other staff members.

Agenda item #2, Board Member Report. Ms. Bentley introduced three new appointees to the board, Felix Koo, M.D.; Teralea Jones, PA-C.; and Abelino Reyna, J.D.

Agenda item #4, Executive Directors Report. Jane McFarland provided an update concerning the agency's budget including the supplemental funding request received during the end of FY 2007. Ms. McFarland noted that the agency only keeps approximately 51% of the general revenue it receives from fees.

Ms. McFarland next discussed the new automated budgeting system to be used by the Finance Dept. in the next few months.

Jaime Garanflo provided an update concerning the high volume of licensure applications currently in process. Ms. Welch mentioned she has received calls from physician assistant applicants concerned about the length of time it takes to complete the licensure process. Ms. Garanflo explained while there has been no halt in terms of the processing of physician assistant applications, priority has been placed on physician licensure applications due to the mandate received from the Legislature. It was suggested that Program Directors be invited to a meeting in the near future for a question and answer session.

Agenda item #3, Executive Session. Dr. Mitchell moved, Ms. Welch seconded, and the motion passed to go into Executive Session at 2:00 p.m. for private consultation and advice of counsel concerning pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, and deliberation concerning licensure applications, and/or disciplinary action under the authority of the Open Meetings Act, Government Code, 551.071 and 551.074; and the Medical Practice Act, TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE ANNOTATED, 152.009, 155.058, 160.006, and 164.007, and 164.203; and Attorney General's Opinion No. H-484. **Open session resumed at 2:10 p.m. and it was announced that no action was taken. A certified agenda was made.**

Agenda item #5, Consideration and Approval of Non-Public Rehabilitation Orders and Modification Request/Termination Request of Non-Public Rehabilitation Orders. After discussion, Mr. Reyna moved, Dr. Mitchell seconded and the motion passed to approve Non-Public Rehabilitation Order # 27. Dr. Rahr recused himself from the vote.

Agenda item #6, Consideration and Approval of Agreed Board Orders. After discussion, Mr. Reyna moved, Dr. Mitchell seconded and the motion passed to approve the Agreed Orders for Manuel A. Puig, P.A. and Ernest M. Obie, P.A. Dr. Rahr and Dr. Koo recused themselves.

There were no items for agenda items #7-#12.

Agenda item #13, Consideration and Approval of minutes of the July 27, 2007 Full Board Meeting. Dr. Bryce moved, Dr. Mitchell seconded, and the motion passed to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2007 Full Board Meeting once the noted typographical error is corrected.

Dr. Mitchell moved, Ms. Welch seconded, and the motion passed to go into Executive Session at 2:17 p.m. for private consultation and advice of counsel concerning pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, and deliberation concerning licensure applications, and/or

disciplinary action under the authority of the Open Meetings Act, Government Code, 551.071 and 551.074; and the Medical Practice Act, TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE ANNOTATED, 152.009, 155.058, 160.006, and 164.007, and 164.203; and Attorney General's Opinion No. H-484. **Open session resumed at 2:30 p.m. and it was announced that no action was taken. A certified agenda was made.**

Agenda item #14, Committee Reports and the consideration and approval of minutes and action items of committees meeting during the board meeting. Ms. Welch gave a report of the Licensure Committee Meeting. **After discussion, Dr. Mitchell moved to approve the Licensure Committee Meeting minutes and action items provided the Order for Licensure Applicant # 589 be amended disallowing the physician assistant from delegated prescriptive authority as well as requiring ten hours of CME in the area of alcohol and drug awareness. Ms. Welch seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

Ms. Chapman gave a report of the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee Meeting. **Ms. Chapman moved, Dr. Bryce seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee Minutes and action items.**

Agenda item #15, Election for Secretary of the Board. After discussion, Ms. Bentley made a motion nominating Dr. Mitchell for the office of Secretary of the Board. The motion was seconded by Dr. Koo. All voted in favor.

Agenda item #16, Adjourn. There being no further agenda items, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.