



**TEXAS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD
BOARD MEETING
August 3, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 10:53 a.m. by Presiding Officer, Margaret K. Bentley. Board members present were Anna Chapman; Teralea Jones, PA-C; Felix Koo, M.D.; Richard R. Rahr, Ed.D, PA-C. Reginald Baptiste, M.D. and James Endicott, Jr, were not present. Staff members present were Mari Robinson, Executive Director; Robert Bredt, M.D., Medical Director; Tonie Knight, Licensure Manager; Jennifer Kaufman, Assistant General Counsel; Megan Goode, Public Informational and Special Projects Manager and various other staff members.

The boards mission statement was read: *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. Ms. Bentley presented board resolutions in appreciation of Michael A. Mitchell, D.O. and Edward W. Zwanziger, PA-C, for their outstanding service to the board. The resolutions were read and signed by the board members.

Agenda item #3, Executive Directors report. Ms. Robinson introduced Dr. Stanley Wang, M.D., J.D, the Texas Medical Board member appointed as the liaison to the Physician Assistant Board.

Ms. Robinson introduced Robert Bredt, M.D., the new Medical Director.

Legislative Update. Ms. Robinson presented an update on proposed key legislation related to the board. An update was given regarding the meeting with House Public Health Interim Committee. A brief statement was given regarding Senate Bill 7s requirement to create an Institute for Health Care Quality & Efficiency attached to HHSC and requested the boards input regarding an all claims database. Ms. Robinson also gave a summary of the Medical Boards direction to seek self direct semi independent status and asked if there was any objections to pursue this topic, no objections were made.

Status of FSMB Physician Assistant membership category. Ms. Robinson gave a brief update on the status of the Boards request to apply for a Physician Assistant membership category and will be providing the Board with more information as it becomes relevant.

Internal Audit Update. Ms. Robinson provided the Board with an update on the internal audits focus on HR data maintenance and security. The Board was informed of the Texas Workforce Commissions audit with the findings to be reported at the next Board meeting.

Strategic Plan Update. Ms. Robinson informed the board members of the strategic plan being submitted for fiscal years 2013-2017.

Update on improving communications with board members. Ms. Robinson gave an update on the ongoing improvement to have better communication with the board members. Training with the Physician Assistant Board will be planned for the next board meeting. Following August quarterly meetings that were previously discussed will start. Ms. Robinson asked for direction on whether the board would like to count these meetings as CME credit for purposes of the Physician Assistant Board accepting this as CME; the board agreed.

Report on DEA briefing. Ms. Robinson presented the information provided to the Medical Board from a DEA presentation; the presentation was available for the Board to review.

Enforcement guidelines. Ms. Robinson informed the Board of the enforcement guidelines that were created by the Medical Board related to the outcome of cases for consistency purposes and requested the board's direction on whether to create the same guidelines for the Physician Assistant Board and be presented at the next board meeting; the board agreed to create the same guidelines.

Agenda item #4, Medical Director Report. Dr. Bredt summarized his role as Medical Director and welcomed the Board to use him as a resource.

Ms. Robinson introduced Jeff Clausius, IT Manager.

Agenda item # 5, Budget Update. Ms. Robinson presented an updated budget of the General Revenue and General Revenue Dedicated (Combined) FY2012 through July 31, 2012. Ms. Robinson stated the budget was on target to finish the year in good-standing.

Agenda item #6, Nomination and election of the Board Secretary. Ms. Bentley moved, Ms. Jones seconded, and the motion passed to elect Dr. Koo as the Board Secretary unanimously.

Agenda item #7. Consideration and appointment of a liaison for a Physician Assistant Liaison to the Medical Board. After discussion, Richard R. Rahr, Ed.D, PA-C, was appointed and agreed to serve as the liaison to the Medical Board.

Agenda item #8, Consideration and possible action regarding pending litigation. Ms. Kaufman gave a brief update on the one pending lawsuit regarding rule 177.16 related to the grandfather clause of HB2098 for physician assistant ownership of clinics. Ms. Kaufman stated that any board action is set pending until the lawsuit is determined.

There were no items for Agenda #9.

Agenda item #10, Consideration and Approval of Agreed Board Orders. After consideration, Dr. Koo moved, Ms. Chapman seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Agreed Orders en masse for Ali A. Akhlaghi, P.A.; Nichole Cahero, P.A.; Michael T. Dome, P.A.; Kristen W. Fletcher, P.A.; Arnold Jones, P.A.; Emmanuel Nwadeyi, P.A.; and Frank A. Radke, P.A., as written.

Agenda item #11 Consideration and Approval of Modification Request/Termination Request Orders. After consideration, **Dr. Koo moved, Ms. Chapman seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Termination Granted Order for T. Franklin Haynes, P.A.**

There were no items for Agenda items #12-13.

Agenda item #14, Consideration and Approval of Mediated Settlement Agreement Orders. After consideration, Mr. Rahr moved, Ms. Chapman seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Mediated Settlement Agreed Order for Alhaji M. Mumuni, P.A.

There were no items for Agenda item #15.

Agenda item #16, Consideration and Approval of Remedial Plans. Ms. Jones was recused for Carolyn G. Chandler, P.A. Ms. Chapman was recused for Nicole G. Cahero, P.A. After consideration, **Mr. Rahr moved, Dr. Koo seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Remedial Plans for Carolyn G. Chandler, P.A.; Hector J. Valladares, P.A.; and Nicole G. Cahero, P.A.**

There were no items for Agenda items #17-18.

Agenda item #19, Report on Temporary Suspension/Automatic Orders/Automatic Actions. Reports on the Automatic Suspension Order for Jeshua J. Barak, P.A.; and the Temporary Suspension Without Notice of Christopher M. Magill, P.A.

There were no items for Agenda items #20-23

Agenda item #24, Public Comments. No one signed-in to present public comments.

Agenda item #25, Consideration and Approval of the March 9, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes. After consideration, **Mr. Rahr moved, Dr. Koo seconded, and the motion passed to approve the March 9, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes.**

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

Ms. Chapman gave a report of the Discipline and Ethics Committee meeting. **Ms. Chapman moved, Dr. Koo seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Discipline and Ethics Committee meeting and action items.**

Ms. Jones gave a report of the Licensure Committee meeting. **Ms. Jones moved, Dr. Koo seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Licensure Committee meeting minutes and action items.**

There being no further agenda items, the meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.