



TEXAS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD
BOARD MEETING
April 1, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by Jason Cooper, PA-C, Presiding Officer. Board members present were: Felix Koo, M.D., Secretary; Clayton "Clay" P. Bulls, PA-C; Anna Arredondo Chapman; Jennifer L. Clarner, PA-C; Karrie L. Crosby, PA-C; Maribel De Ponce, PA-C; Melinda Gottschalk, PA-C; Victor Ho, M.D.; Teralea Jones, PA-C; Jorge Martinez; Michael D. Reis, M.D. and R. Blayne Rush. Staff members present include Mari Robinson, J.D., Executive Director; Robert Bredt, M.D., Medical Director; Scott Freshour, J.D., General Counsel; Megan Goode, Governmental Affairs and Public Information Manager and various other staff.

Agenda item #1, Mission Statement. Mr. Cooper 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 Decision. Ella Duru, P.A., SOAH #503-14-3816.PA. Farhan Khan, J.D., staff attorney was present. Ella Duru, P.A., was present. Don E. Lewis, J.D. appeared representing Ms. Duru. Mr. Khan gave a presentation. Mr. Lewis gave a presentation. Ms. Duru gave a presentation. Mr. Khan gave a brief rebuttal presentation. After discussion, **Mr. Rush moved, Ms. Chapman seconded, and the motion passed to adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law recommended by the Administrative Law Judge in the Proposal for Decision, and approve the suggested Final Order filed in this matter by Board Staff.**

There were no items for Agenda item #2.

Agenda item #3, Executive Director's Report.

Budget Update. Ms. Robinson reported the budget remains stable and on track.

Legislative Update. Ms. Robinson reported that staff will begin state strategic planning this month as well as undergo Sunset evaluation; this evaluation will involve all boards that sit within the agency. It was reported that FY16 Internal Audit will begin within the next few months. An update on the implementation of SB202 was given, which has been completed.

Outreach Update. Ms. Robinson presented the current Outreach scheduled for 2016-2017.

Email address. Ms. Robinson informed the board members that there are email addresses available to use for their P.A. business and to contact Ms. Fleharty for complete address and more information.

There were no items for Agenda item #4.

Agenda item #5, Physician Assistant Liaison Report. Ms. Clarner gave a report on the Medical Board March 2016 meeting. The board directed staff to follow the Medical Board procedure to offer Remedial Plans for licensees that fail to provide requested follow-up information. Mr. Cooper requested that the board members contact him if they would like to attend any of the Medical Board upcoming meetings.

Agenda item #6, Public Information Update. Ms. Goode introduced Jarret Schneider, Communications Officer, and advised if there were any newsworthy items to please forward to Ms. Goode or Mr. Schneider. Mr. Schneider gave a brief update on February's bulletin which featured the new board members and the announcement of Jason Cooper, PA, as the new Presiding Officer. The next bulletin will be in June.

Agenda item #7, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding application questions. Ms. Robinson gave a brief summary on proposed application questions. After discussion, the Board gave direction to staff to research the difference between "major depression" and "major depression disorder" to clarify the proposed application questions.

Agenda item #8, Consideration and possible action regarding pending litigation. Mr. Blech gave a brief litigation report that there were no pending litigation cases involving Physician Assistant orders.

There were no items for Agenda item #9.

Agenda item #10, Consideration and Approval of Modification Request/Termination Request orders. After discussion, Ms. Jones moved, Mr. Rush seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Orders Granting Termination for Jonathan Dollison P.A. and Warren C. Dial P.A.; and the Orders Granting Modification for Christopher E. Quirante P.A. as presented.

Agenda item #11, Consideration and Approval of Agreed Board orders. After discussion, Mr. Rush moved, Mr. Gottschalk seconded, and the motion passed to pull the Agreed Board orders Chris Bodily, P.A. After discussion, Dr. Reis moved and Ms. Gottschalk seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Agreed Board orders for Jennie Pham P.A.; and Ramona M. Toussaint P.A., as presented. After further discussion, Mr. Rush moved, Ms. Gottschalk seconded, and the motion passed to go into Executive Session at 12:13 p.m. for private consultation and advice of counsel concerning pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, and/or legal matters subject to the attorney-client privilege under the authority of the Open Meetings Act Section 551.071, Government Code. Open session resumed at 12:24 p.m. and it was announced that no action was taken. A certified agenda was made.

After further consideration, **Mr. Rush moved, and Mr. Bulls seconded to approve the Agreed Board orders for Chris Bodily, P.A. as presented.**

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

Agenda item #14, Consideration and Approval of Mediated Settlement Agreement Orders. After discussion, **Mr. Bulls moved, Ms. De Ponce seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Mediated Settlement Agreed Order for Dianne Torres P.A.; and Kevin F. Kusch P.A., as presented.**

There were no items for Agenda item #15.

Agenda item #16, Consideration and Approval of Remedial Plans. After discussion, Dr. Koo recused from consideration of Erika M. Gonzalez. After discussion, **Ms. Crosby moved, Ms. Clarner seconded, and the motion passed to approve the following Remedial Plans en masse for Wenyan Che P.A.; Ashraf A. Currimbhoy P.A.; and Erika M. Gonzalez as presented.**

There were no items for Agenda item #17

Agenda item #18, Report on Temporary Suspension/Automatic Orders/Automatic Actions. A report was presented on the Temporary Suspension hearings for Carroll J. Green P.A. without notice.

There were no items for Agenda item #19-20

Agenda item #21 was heard earlier in the meeting.

There were no items for Agenda item #22-24.

Agenda item #25, Open Forum for Public Comments. No one signed in and no one was present to give public comments.

Agenda item #26, Consideration and Approval of the November 13, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes. **Mr. Martinez moved, Dr. Koo seconded, and the motion passed to approve the November 13, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes.**

Agenda item #27, Committee reports and the consideration and approval of minutes and action items of committees meeting during the board meeting.

Ms. Jones gave a report of the Licensure Committee. **Ms. Jones moved, Dr. Reis seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Licensure Committee Meeting Minutes and Action Items.**

Mr. Bulls gave a report of the Discipline and Ethics Committee. Mr. Bulls moved, Dr. Koo seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Discipline and Ethics Committee Meeting Minutes and Action Items.

Agenda item #28, Nomination and election of board Secretary. Mr. Cooper called for nominations for Secretary of the Board. **Ms. Gottschalk moved and Mr. Martinez seconded to nominate Karrie L. Crosby as Board Secretary. There being no other nominations, the motion passed and Ms. Crosby accepted and received the office by acclamation.**

Agenda item #29, Adjourn. There being no further agenda items, **Dr. Koo moved, Ms. Chapman, seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn at 12:36 p.m.**