



**TEXAS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD
BOARD MEETING
December 4, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 11:14 a.m. by Presiding Officer, Margaret K. Bentley. Board members present were Ron Bryce, M.D.; Anna Chapman; Teralea Jones, PA-C; Felix Koo, M.D.; Michael A. Mitchell, D.O.; Richard R. Rahr, Ed.D, PA-C; Abelino Abel Reyna, J.D.; and Edward W. Zwanziger, PA-C. Staff members present were Mari Robinson, Executive Director; Alan Moore, M.D., Medical Director; Nancy Leshikar, General Counsel; Tonie Knight, Manager of Licensure; Jennifer Kaufman, Assistant General Counsel; and various other staff members.

Agenda item #2, Board Member Report. Ms. Bentley gave a report on the appointment of Melinda Moore, P.A., to the Texas Physician Health Program Governing Board to represent physician assistants.

Agenda item #3, Executive Directors Report. Ms. Robinson announced the retirement of Jane McFarland, Chief of Staff, and expressed her gratitude for Ms. McFarlands service and dedication.

Ms. Robinson gave a report on the proposed new amendments to 187.14, Informal Resolution of Disciplinary Issues Against a Licensee, which amends the composition and functions of the Quality Assurance Committee (QA) to review investigated complaints filed with the Board and how it relates to the physician assistants.

Agenda item #4, Physician Health Program update. Ms. Robinson gave a report on the status of the Physician Health Program that will begin accepting referrals for licensees the beginning of 2010 that do not include violations of the standard of care.

Agenda item #5, Budget report. Ms. Robinson presented the Budget Report.

Agenda item #6, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding defining licensure orders as non-disciplinary. After discussion, the board directed staff to draft licensure orders effective Monday, December 7, 2010, to comply with statute. Licensure applicant orders with a restriction on the license will be a public disciplinary order.

Agenda item #7, Consideration and Approval of Non-Public Rehabilitation Orders and Modification Request/Termination Request of Non-Public Rehabilitation Orders. After discussion, Dr. Koo moved, Ms. Chapman seconded, and the motion passed to go into Executive Session at 11:36 a.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. The executive session ended at 11:46 a.m. There was no final action,

decision, or vote with regard to any matter considered or discussed in executive session. A certified agenda of the executive session was made.

After discussion, **Mr. Reyna moved, Dr. Koo seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Non-Public Rehab Orders #49 and #51.**

Agenda item #8, Consideration and Approval of Agreed Board Orders. After discussion, **Mr. Rahr moved, Ms. Jones seconded, and the motion passed to approve the following agreed orders en masse for James D. Drees, P.A.; Melissa Garza, P.A.; Robert D. Stocks, P.A.; and Maricela Mazuca, P.A.**

There were no items for agenda items # 9-14.

Agenda item #15, Report on Temporary Suspension/Automatic Orders/Automatic Actions.

Ms. Leshikar gave a report on the Automatic Order for Thad William Houseman, P.A.

There were no items for agenda item #16.

Agenda item #17, Consideration and Approval of board member absences. The board discussed the procedure for notification of board member absences from board meetings.

Agenda item #18, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding board meeting calendar. After discussion, Mr. Zwanziger moved, Ms. Chapman seconded the motion to reschedule the February 26, 2010 board meeting to another date due to a conflict with the Texas Association Physician Assistant meeting. The vote failed. The next scheduled board meeting is February 26, 2010.

Agenda item #19, Nomination and Election of Secretary. After discussion, **the board nominated and elected Dr. Mitchell unanimously as Secretary of the board.**

Agenda item #20, Consideration and Approval of July 17, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes. After consideration, **Ms. Chapman moved, Dr. Mitchell seconded, and the motion passed to approve the July 17, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes.**

Agenda item #21, Committee reports and the 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. Bryce seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Discipline and Ethics Committee meeting minutes 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.**

Agenda item #22, Adjourn. There being no further items the meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.