



TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD TEXAS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD

LICENSURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m. by Committee Chair, Teralea Jones, PA-C. Committee members present were Karrie L. Crosby, PA-C, Jennifer L. Clarner, PA-C, Melinda Gottschalk, PA-C, Lawrence G. Hughes, Ed.D. and Michael D. Reis, M.D.

Agenda Item 2 – Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding applicants appearing concerning eligibility.

Applicant #2317 appeared before the Committee, with counsel, on referral by the Executive Director as the PA program the applicant attended lost ARC-PA accreditation due to non-compliance in several areas. The applicant was allowed to sit for the PANCE per NCCPA guidelines. 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 granted a Texas physician assistant license. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Ms. Crosby also directed staff to research potential policy changes that would allow the Executive Director discretion to consider similar cases.

Applicant #2207 appeared before the Committee to request reinstatement of her physician assistant license. The applicant presented a brief summary and the Committee members asked questions.

Ms. Crosby moved, Ms. Gottschalk seconded that the Committee close the meeting to the public and continue in Executive Session for deliberations concerning Applicant #2207.

The motion passed. Ms. Jones announced that the meeting would be closed for deliberations at 9:58 a.m. concerning licensure applications and the character and fitness of applicants under the authority of The Medical Practice Act Sections 152.009 and 155.058, Occupations Code, and that while in executive session, the Board may not take any action, make any decision, or vote with regard to any matter that may be considered or discussed. A certified agenda of any executive session will be made.

The Executive Session ended at 10:40.

In open session, **Ms. Gottschalk moved that the committee recommend to the full Board that the applicant's physician assistant license be reinstated subject to an Agreed Order due to the applicant's disciplinary history with the Board and time out of practice.**

- **The Agreed Order will have the following conditions:**
 - **For five years from the date the Agreed Order is approved, Applicant is prohibited from reapplying for DEA controlled substances registration.**
 - **For a period of 2 years, Applicant shall work full time, only in 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 cannot have any Board disciplinary history in the last 5 years related to prescribing.**
 - **Applicant shall provide a copy of the Agreed Order to the supervising physician.**
 - **Applicant can petition for modification of DEA controlled substances registration restriction 3 years from the date the Agreed Order is approved.**
 - **Applicant cannot seek modification or early termination for remaining terms of the order.**

Dr. Reis seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Agenda Item 3 – Proposed Orders Offered by the Executive Director. - There are none.

Agenda Item 4 – Report on physician assistant licenses issued by Board Staff. Ms. Johnston reported that staff issued 184 licenses from April 2019 through June 2019.

Agenda Item 5 - Report on physician assistant licensure process statistics. Ms. Johnston reported that 181 physician assistant licenses were issued in the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2018 in an average of 35 days. In the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2019, 137 physician assistant licenses were issued in an average of 30 days.

Agenda Item 6 - Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding Board Rules.
There are none.

Agenda Item 7 - There being no further business, **Dr. Reis moved to adjourn the meeting at 10: 48 a.m.** Ms. Crosby seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.