

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT EXAMINERS
LICENSURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 27, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chairman, Tony Hedges, D.O. Committee members present were G. Al Bendeck, PA-C; Pamela W. Clark and Dwight Deter, PA-C. Michele Shackelford, J.D., General Counsel; Jennifer Kaufman, J.D., Assistant General Counsel; Jaime Garanflo, Director, Customer Affairs; Tim Speer, Manager, Physician Assistant/Acupuncture Division; and various other staff were also present.

Agenda item #2, Executive Session, was considered. Mr. Bendeck moved, Mr. Deter seconded, and the motion passed at 9:36 a.m. to go into executive session for private consultation and advice of counsel concerning pending or contemplated litigation, deliberations concerning licensure applications, possible disciplinary action and/or possible rehabilitation order under the authority of the Open Meetings Act, GOV'T CODE, §551.071; and the Medical Practice Act, TEX. OCC. CODE ANN., §152.009; and the Physician Assistant Licensing Act, TEX. OCC. CODE ANN., §§204.208, 204.254, 204.305, and 204.306; and Attorney General's Opinion No. H-484. Open session resumed at 10:03 a.m. and it was announced that no action was taken during Executive Session. A certified agenda was made.

Agenda item #4, regarding licensure applicants referred to the Licensure Committee by the Executive Director for determination of eligibility of licensure, was considered. Applicant #PA-40 appeared before the Committee for the consideration of their application and to discuss being out of practice since May 1995. Applicant #PA-40 made a statement and answered committee members' questions. The committee asked Applicant #PA-40 how she has kept up with her medical knowledge. Applicant #PA-40 indicated that she had nine months of extensive course of study, enrolled in a Western University review course, and has been shadowing a physician for the last three months. The committee asked Applicant #PA-40 what her employment plans were in Texas.

Applicant #PA-40 responded that she planned to work for a physician that she had worked with previously in internal medicine. **Mr. Bendeck moved, Mr. Deter seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full board that based on the fact that Applicant #PA-40 does not meet the requirement set out in Board rule 185.4(d) regarding active practice as a Physician Assistant, Applicant #PA-40 be issued a temporary license with an expiration date that will allow her to obtain at least 12 months of supervised practice on the condition that she only work in a setting that provides continuous full-time, on-site physician supervision. Two weeks prior to the temporary license expiring, the supervising physician will submit to this office a log showing time worked and an evaluation to board staff regarding Applicant #PA-40's work performance. If this evaluation is favorable, Applicant #PA-40's name may be placed on a list of applicants who have met all requirements for licensure to be considered at the following board meeting. If the evaluation is unsatisfactory, Applicant #PA-40 will be required to appear at the following Board meeting for reconsideration of her application.**

Applicant #PA-41 appeared before the Committee for the consideration of their application and to discuss being out of practice since graduation in October 1999. Applicant #PA-41 made a statement and answered committee members' questions. The committee asked Applicant #PA-41 why they have not practiced as a physician assistant since graduation. Applicant #PA-41 indicated that he was a Canadian citizen and has immigration issues. Applicant #PA-41 stated that he has been working as a physician assistant in California for the last four months and had worked as a nurse for the last three years. The committee asked Applicant #PA-41 what his employment plans were in Texas. Applicant #PA-41 indicated that he plans to work neurology group with pre-operative and post-operative patients. **Mr. Deter moved, Ms. Clark seconded and the motion passed to recommend to the full board that Applicant #PA-41 be granted an unrestricted Physician Assistant license.**

Applicant #PA-42 appeared before the Committee for the consideration of their application and to discuss being out of practice since May 2000. Applicant #PA-42 made

a statement and answered committee members' questions. Applicant #PA-42 worked as a physician assistant from August 1991 through May 2000 when she chose to stay home to care for her children. The committee asked Applicant #PA-42 what her employment plans were in Texas. Applicant #PA-42 indicated that she plans to work part-time in an internal medicine clinic in Lewisville. The committee asked Applicant #PA-42 how she has kept up with her medical knowledge. Applicant #PA-42 indicated that she had just re-certified with the NCCPA and felt comfortable with going back to a clinical setting. **Mr. Bendeck moved, Ms. Clark seconded and the motion passed to recommend to the full board that Applicant #PA-42 be granted an unrestricted Physician Assistant license.**

Applicant #PA-43 appeared before the Committee for the consideration of their application and to discuss being out of practice since June 1999. Applicant #PA-43 made a statement and answered committee members' questions. The committee asked Applicant #PA-43 about their history as a physician assistant. Applicant #PA-43 indicated that they worked as a Physician Assistant for 6 years before starting their own business in the pearl wholesale industry. They did work as a physician assistant on two occasions for a total of eight months in the past four years while out of practice to supplement their income. The committee asked Applicant #PA-43 what their employment plans were in Texas. Applicant #PA-43 responded by saying that they plan to work for the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. **Ms. Clark moved, Mr. Deterseconded and the motion passed to recommend to the full board that Applicant #PA-43 be granted an unrestricted Physician Assistant license.**

Applicant #PA-44 appeared before the Committee for the consideration of their application and to discuss being out of practice since October 2001. Applicant #PA-44 made a statement and answered committee members' questions. The committee asked Applicant #PA-44 about their history. Applicant #PA-44 indicated that they had graduated on August 19, 2000 and took five attempts to pass the PANCE exam. The committee asked Applicant #PA-44 what their employment plans were in Texas. Applicant #PA-44 responded by saying that they had a job offer with a gastroenterologist

they had been shadowing but is still looking at other options. **Mr. Deter moved, Ms. Clark seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full board that based on the fact that Applicant #PA-44 does not meet the requirement set out in Board rule 185.4(d) regarding active practice as a Physician Assistant, Applicant #PA-44 be issued a temporary license with an expiration date that will allow them to obtain at least 12 months of supervised practice on the condition that they only work in a setting that provides continuous full-time, on-site physician supervision. Two weeks prior to the temporary license expiring, the supervising physician will submit to this office a log showing time worked and an evaluation to board staff regarding Applicant #PA-44's work performance. If this evaluation is favorable, Applicant #PA-44's name can be placed on a list of applicants who have met all requirements for licensure to be considered at the following board meeting. If the evaluation is unsatisfactory, Applicant #PA-44 will be required to appear at the following Board meeting for reconsideration of their application.**

Applicant #PA-45 appeared before the Committee for the consideration of their application and to discuss being out of practice since November 2000. Applicant #PA-45 made a statement and answered committee members' questions. The committee asked Applicant #PA-45 about their history. Applicant #PA-45 indicated that she has kept up with her continuing education and is currently employed in sales at a medical research company. The committee asked Applicant #PA-45 what her employment plans were in Texas. Applicant #PA-45 responded by saying that she plans to work in Internal Medicine or Family practice in a controlled setting. **Mr. Bendeck moved, Ms. Clark seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full board that based on the fact that Applicant #PA-45 does not meet the requirement set out in Board rule 185.4(d) regarding active practice as a Physician Assistant, Applicant #PA-45 be issued a temporary license with an expiration date that will allow her to obtain at least 12 months of supervised practice on the condition that he only work in a setting that provides continuous full-time, on-site physician supervision. Two weeks prior to the temporary license expiring, the supervising physician will submit to this office a log showing time worked and an evaluation to board staff regarding**

Applicant #PA-45's work performance. If this evaluation is favorable, Applicant #PA-45's name can be placed on a list of applicants who have met all requirements for licensure to be considered at the following board meeting. If the evaluation is unsatisfactory, Applicant #PA-45 will be required to appear at the following Board meeting for reconsideration of her application.

Ms. Clark moved, Mr. Deter seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Patrick Petray be granted an unrestricted Physician Assistant license.

Agenda item #3 regarding the review of physician assistant applications for permanent licensure, was considered. Tim Speer, Manager of Physician Assistant Licensure, presented to the committee a list of applicants who had met all requirements. **Ms. Clark moved, Mr. Webb seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that the 119 applicants listed be granted Physician Assistant licensure.**

Sergio Lozano and Applicant #PA-36 were issued temporary licenses for six months allowing them to obtain six months of continuous onsite supervision. Satisfactory evaluations were submitted for both applicants. **Ms. Clark moved, Mr. Bendeck seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full board to grant Mr. Lozano and Applicant #PA-36 unrestricted Physician Assistant licenses.**

There being no further business, **Ms. Deter moved, Ms. Clark seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 p.m.**