

**TEXAS STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT EXAMINERS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 29, 2005**

The meeting was called to order on July 29, 2005 at 11:20 a.m. by the Chairman, Timothy Webb, J.D. Board members present were Margaret K. Bentley; Pamela W. Clark; Dwight M. Deter, PA-C; and Tony G. Hedges, D.O. Staff members present were Donald W. Patrick, M.D., J.D., Executive Director; Michele Shackelford, General Counsel; Robert Simpson, Assistant General Counsel; and Jaime Garanfio, Director of Customer Affairs.

There were no items for agenda item #2.

Agenda item #3, Discussion, Recommendation and Possible Action regarding Process and Schedule for receiving Physician Assistant Board input on Medical Board rules as required by SB419. Michele Shackelford presented a summary of the requirements under the Sunset Bill, SB 419, concerning early stakeholder input in the development of rules for the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners. The Texas Physician Assistant Board is one of the identified stakeholders to be included in the process. Discussion was held concerning direction for the Physician Assistant Board's early input. The board directed staff to provide board members a copy for review. The rules to be considered by the Texas Medical Board will be posted on the website for additional stakeholder comments.

Agenda item #4, Discussion regarding Physician Assistant Board Rules Workgroup. Ms. Shackelford reported that the Sunset Bill, SB 419, also requires early stakeholder input for the development of rules by the Physician Assistant Board. After discussion, the board directed staff to form a workgroup for stakeholder rulemaking input and to present the information back to the board. The workgroup composition is to include representation of the following stakeholder groups: consumers, physician assistant school, physician assistant association, hospital association, and medical association.

Agenda item #6, Discussion, Recommendation and Possible Action regarding the Interagency Contract between the Texas Medical Board and the Office of Rural Community Affairs (pRCA) to authorize the funds for transfer to ORCA to administer the Rural Physician Assistant Loan Reimbursement Program. After discussion, **Dr. Hedges moved, Ms. Clark seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Interagency Contract between the Texas Medical Board and the Office of Rural Community Affairs.**

Agenda item #5, Executive Director's Report. Dr. Patrick reported on the expected future of electronic medical records. Ms. Shackelford gave a report of the statistical analysis of the resolution rates for discipline cases heard before informal settlement conferences for the year.

Agenda item #7, Consideration and Approval of Non-Public Rehabilitation Orders and Modification Request/Termination Request of Non-Public Rehabilitation Orders. Dr. Hedges moved, Mr. Deter seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Termination of Non-Public Rehabilitation Order #26. **Ms. Clark moved, Ms. Bentley seconded, and the motion passed to table the motion.**

Agenda item #8, Consideration and Approval of Agreed Board Orders. After discussion, **Dr. Hedges moved, Ms. Clark seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Agreed Board Orders on Brian M. Griswold, P.A.; David C. Brewer, P.A.; and Richard N. Ward, P.A.**

There were no items for Agenda items #9 - #15.

Agenda item #16, Consideration and Approval of minutes of the May 20, 2005 Full Board Meeting. Mr. Deter moved, Ms. Clark seconded, and the motion passed to approve the May 20, 2005 Board Meeting minutes.

Agenda item #17, Consideration and Approval of minutes of the May 20, 2005 Licensure Committee Meeting. Mr. Deter moved, Ms. Clark seconded, and the motion passed to approve the May 20, 2005 Licensure Committee Meeting minutes.

Agenda item #18, Consideration and Approval of minutes of the May 20, 2005 Disciplinary and Ethics Committee Meeting. Ms. Clark moved, Ms Bentley seconded, and the motion passed to approve the May 20, 2005 Disciplinary and Ethics Committee Meeting minutes.

Agenda item #19, Consideration and Approval of minutes of the July 29, 2005 Licensure Committee Meeting. Dr. Hedges gave a report. Dr. Hedges moved, Ms. Clark seconded, and the motion passed to approve the July 29, 2005 Licensure Committee Meeting minutes and action items.

Agenda item #7, continued. After discussion, Dr. Hedges moved, Ms. Bentley seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Termination of Non-Public Rehabilitation Order #26.

Agenda item #20, Consideration and Approval of minutes of the July 29, 2005 Disciplinary and Ethics Committee Meeting. After discussion, Mr. Deter moved, Dr. Hedges seconded, and the motion passed to go into Executive Session at 12:54 p.m. for private consultation and advice of counsel concerning pending or contemplated litigation, deliberations concerning licensure applications, and/or possible disciplinary action under the authority of the Open Meetings Act, Government Code 551.071; and the Medical Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code Annotated, 152.009; and the Physician Assistant Licensing Act, Texas Occupations Code Annotated, 204.208 and 204.254; and Attorney General's Opinion No. H-484. Open session resumed at 1:30 p.m. and it was announced that no action was taken. A certified agenda was made.

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Mr. Deter moved, Dr. Hedges seconded, and the motion passed to approve the July 29, 2005 Disciplinary and Ethics Committee Meeting Minutes and action items with the exception of case 05-0145.

Dr. Hedges moved, Ms. Bentley seconded, and the motion passed to refer case 05-0145 to the State Office of Administrative Hearing concerning an additional allegation.

There being no further items the meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.