



TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD
TEXAS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD

LICENSURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 13, 2018

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

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

Applicant #2207 appeared before the Committee to appeal the Executive Director's determination of ineligibility for relicensure due to the applicant's failure to demonstrate compliance with applicable statutory requirements for licensure, specifically the applicant does not hold a certificate issued by the NCCPA. The applicant presented a brief summary and the Committee members asked questions. Following discussion, Ms. Crosby moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant's appeal be denied and the original determination of ineligibility stand due to revocation of the applicant's NCCPA certificate. Further the Committee directed staff to allow the applicant's application to remain open for one year during which time the applicant will furnish to the Board a letter from listing the specific requirements that the applicant must fulfill in order to obtain a certificate. The Committee directed the Executive Director to review the letter from the NCCPA and communicate with them regarding the circumstances that led to the cancellation of Applicant's Physician Assistant license in Texas. Dr. Reis seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Applicant #2204 appeared before the Committee on referral by the Executive Director. The applicant presented a brief summary and the Committee members asked questions.

Following discussion, **Ms. Crosby moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant be granted a Texas physician assistant license. Ms. Clarner seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Applicant #2154 appeared before the Committee to appeal the Executive Director's determination of requiring the applicant to practice under a 6 month supervised temporary license due to the applicant's time out of active practice. The applicant presented a brief summary and the Committee members asked questions.

The Committee temporarily deferred on applicant #2154 and moved onto the remaining agenda items so staff could research Board rule and advise the Committee of their options.

Agenda Item 3 – Proposed Orders Offered by the Executive Director.

Ms. Johnston reported on **2 Remedial Plans** offered by the Executive Director and accepted by the applicants. **Ms. Crosby moved to recommend to the full Board that the 2 Remedial Plans be approved. Ms. Clarner seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item 4 – Report on physician assistant licenses issued by Board Staff. Ms. Johnston reported that staff had issued **130** licenses between April 2018 and June 2018. Additionally, there are 37 licenses to be issued later this month.

Agenda Item 5 - Report on physician assistant licensure process statistics – Ms. Johnston reported that 320 physician assistant licenses were issued in the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2017 in an average of 33 days. In the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2018, 181 physician assistant licenses were issued in an average of 35 days. Additionally, in the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2018, as of July 2, 2018, 54 physician assistant licenses have been issued in an average of 17 days.

Agenda Item 6 - Discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding accreditation of Physician Assistant Programs. Ms. Johnston reviewed the previous issue presented to the November 2017 Licensure Committee regarding a physician assistant program voluntarily withdrawing accreditation for non-academic related issues prior to a class completing program

requirements and whether graduates of the program would be eligible for licensure. The Committee had directed staff to confirm with the accrediting body that this program was considered accredited during the “teach out” period. The response staff ultimately received was that the program is not considered accredited during the “teach out” period, but students are considered eligible to sit for the PANCE exam. Following discussion, the Committee directed staff to consider this particular program as accredited for licensure purposes based on students being eligible to sit for the PANCE exam and the fact the school did not lose accreditation due to academic concerns.

Agenda Item 2 resumed and discussion regarding applicant #2154 continued. Following discussion, **Ms. Crosby moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant’s appeal be granted. Further the applicant be granted a Texas physician assistant license based on the 83 hours of Continuing Medical Education the applicant completed in 2017 as allowed under Board Rule 185.4(c)(1). Dr. Reis seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Agenda Item 7 - There being no further business, **Ms. Crosby moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 a.m. Dr. Reis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.**

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Agenda Item 3b – Proposed orders offered by the Executive Director

<u>Applicant #</u>	<u>Type of Application</u>	<u>Type of Order</u>
2217	Physician Assistant	Remedial Plan
2168	Physician Assistant	Remedial Plan