



Texas Physician Assistant Board

BOARD MEETING

333 GUADALUPE, TOWER 2, SUITE 225

AUSTIN, TEXAS

March 29, 2019

The meeting was called to order on Friday, March 29, 2019 at 11:31 a.m. by Karrie Lynn Crosby, MPAS, PA-C, Presiding Officer. Other board members present were: Clayton "Clay" P. Bulls, PA-C; Melinda Gottschalk, PA-C; Victor Ho, M.D.; Lawrence G. Hughes, Ed.D; Teralea Jones, PA-C; Jorge Martinez; Cameron J. McElhany; Janith K. Mills, PA-C; Michael D. Reis, M.D.; and John S. Scott, D.O. Jennifer L. Clarner, PA-C was absent. Staff members present were Stephen Brint Carlton, J.D., Executive Director; Robert Bredt, M.D., Medical Director; Megan Goode, Governmental Affairs and Public Information Manager; and the Assistant General Counsels: Sarah Tuthill, J.D., Wendy Pajak, J.D., Amy Swanholm, J.D., and Yvette Yarbrough, J.D.; and various other staff.

Agenda item #1, Mission Statement. Ms. Crosby read the board's mission statement into the minutes. *Our Mission is to protect and enhance the public's health, safety and welfare by establishing and maintaining standards of excellence used in regulating the practice of medicine and ensuring quality health care for the citizens of Texas through licensure, discipline, and education.*

Agenda item #2, Board Member Report.

- a. **Presentation & Resolution.** Ms. Crosby announced Board Resolutions and Texas plaques would be sent to Jason Cooper, PA-C; Anna Chapman; Felix Koo, M.D.; and Maribel De Ponce in appreciation for their service on the board.

Agenda item #3, Executive Director Report.

Budget Report. Ms. Corrales presented the budget report and reported that the budget remains on track.

Legislative Update. Mr. Carlton gave an update on the current legislative session. Ms. Goode gave a brief summary and history of the Sunset Bill and a brief summary on the legislative process.

Audit Report. Mr. Carlton gave a brief update on the findings of the previous year's audit regarding Physician Health Program. Ms. Goode reported the current topic adopted by the Medical Board for this year's audit is the complaint process.

Agenda item #4, Medical Director Report. Dr. Bredt reported that there are now 43 PA expert panelists. He requested additional panelist suggestions for physician experts.

Agenda item #5, Physician Assistant Liaison Report. Ms. Crosby gave a report on her attendance at the March 1, 2019 Medical Board meeting. She gave a summary on the presentation provided by the Federation of State Medical Board and expressed exploring physician assistants participation in FSMB meetings.

Ms. Jones inquired about a Medical Board liaison. Mr. Carlton reported options will be explored with Dr. Zaafran.

Agenda item #6, Public Information Update. Ms. Goode reported that in addition to information provided on the website, a bulletin/newsletter is published four to five times a year. The bulletin includes summaries of disciplinary actions, information regarding new board members, and timely and newsworthy information.

Agenda item #20, Consideration and Approval of Determinations of Default at 12:07 PM. Christopher Palazola gave a brief overview of the SOAH process and a summary of the case. After consideration, **Mr. Bulls moved, Dr. Scott seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Final Default Order for Darren Michael Mayer, PA, revoking his license.**

Agenda Item #22, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding rule review and proposed amendments to 22 T.A.C. Chapter 185, including approval for publication of proposed rule in the Texas Register: There were no items for Agenda Item #22.

Agenda Item #23, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action, including rule review and adoption of proposed amendments to 22 T.A.C. Chapter 185, Physician Assistants.

- **§185.32 Physician Assistants Training for Radiological Procedures**
Sarah Tuthill, Assistant General Counsel, presented a brief summary and review of the proposed rules for adoption. Written comments were received and reviewed. James Delaney, Texas Association of Physician Assistants, Isuri Weerasinghe, Radiology Associates of North Texas, and Matt Boutte, Texas Associates of Physician Assistants, signed-in and presented oral comments in favor of the rule as published. After consideration, **Ms. Gottschalk moved, Mr. Martinez seconded, and the motion passed to adopt 22 T.A.C. Chapter 185, Physician Assistants as published, and refer to the Medical Board for consideration and possible approval.**

Agenda item #7, Consideration and possible action regarding pending litigation.
There was no report for Agenda item #7.

Agenda item #8, Consideration and Approval of Non-Public Rehabilitation Orders and Modification Request/Termination Request of Non-Public Rehabilitation Orders.
There were no items for Agenda Item #8.

Agenda Item #10, Consideration and Approval of Agreed Board Orders. After consideration, **Dr. Ho moved, Mr. Bulls seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Agreed Board Order for Keith A. Buller, PA; Craig J. Swenson, PA; Tiffany G. Locke, PA; Ashley A. Trabon, PA.**

Agenda item #9, Consideration and Approval of Modification/Termination Request Orders. After consideration, Mr. Martinez moved, Dr. Ho seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Modification Order for Thomas R. Cook, PA. Dr. Scott and Mr. Bulls oppose the motion.

Agenda item #11, Consideration and Approval of Reinstatement Request Orders. There were no items for Agenda Item #11.

Agenda item #12, Consideration and Approval of Nunc Pro Tunc Orders. After consideration, Dr. Ho moved, Ms. Mills seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Nunc Pro Tunc Order for Kantrell R. Harris, PA

Agenda item #13, Consideration and Approval of Mediated Settlement Agreement Orders. There were no items for Agenda Item #13.

Agenda item #14, Consideration and Approval of Termination of Suspension Orders. There were no items for Agenda Item #14.

Agenda Item #15, Consideration and Approval of Remedial Plans. After consideration, Dr. Scott moved, Ms. Mills seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Remedial Plans for Jerry Lopez, PA; Alicia C. Dies, PA; Jennifer L. Olivarez, PA.

Agenda Item #16, Consideration and Approval of Administrative Agreed Orders. There were no items for Agenda Item #16.

Agenda Item #17, Report on Temporary Suspension/Automatic Orders/Automatic Actions. There were no items for Agenda Item #17.

Agenda item #18, Report on Rehearing Requests. There were no items for Agenda Item #18.

Agenda item #19, Consideration and Approval of Cease and Desist Orders. There were no items for Agenda Item #19.

Agenda item #21, Consideration and possible action for Proposal for Decisions. There were no items for Agenda Item #21.

Agenda Item #24, Open Forum for Public Comments. No one signed in to present public comments.

Agenda item #25, Nomination and election for the Secretary of the Board. Mr. Martinez nominated Melinda Gottschalk, PA-C for the Secretary of the Board. After consideration, Ms. Gottschalk was elected Secretary of the Board by acclamation.

Agenda item #26, Consideration and Approval of the November 2, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes. After consideration, **Dr. Reis moved, Dr. Scott seconded, and the motion passed to approve the November 2, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes.**

Agenda item #27, Committee reports and the consideration and approval of minutes and action items of committees meeting during the board meeting.

Ms. Jones gave a report of the Licensure Committee. **Ms. Jones moved, Dr. Reis seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Licensure Committee Meeting Minutes and Action Items.**

Mr. Bulls gave a report of the Discipline and Ethics Committee. **Mr. Bulls moved, Ms. Gottschalk seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Discipline and Ethics Committee Meeting Minutes and Action Items.**

Agenda item #28, Adjourn. There being no further agenda items, **Mr. Martinez moved, Dr. Scott seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 1:34 p.m.**