

TEXAS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD  
LICENSURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 18, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. by Chairman, Dwight M. Deter, PA-C. Committee members present were Anna Arredondo Chapman, and Michael A. Mitchell, D.O.

**Agenda Item 2, Executive Session, was considered. Dr. Mitchell moved, Ms. Chapman seconded, and the motion passed at 9:46 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, GOVT 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 Generals Opinion No. H-484.**

There was no final action, decision, or vote with regard to any matter considered or discussed in executive session. The executive session ended at 10:47 a.m. A certified agenda of the executive session was made.

**Agenda Item 4 - Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding review of physician assistant applications for permanent licensure. There were 47 applicants and 1 relicensure applicant who met all requirements to be considered for permanent licensure by the full Board. Dr. Mitchell moved to recommend to the full board that all 47 applicants and 1 relicensure applicant for permanent licensure be approved. Dr. Benold seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**Agenda Item 5 Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding reactivation of physician assistant licenses. There were none.**

**Agenda Item 3 Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding licensure applicants referred to the Licensure Committee by the Executive Director for determination of eligibility of licensure.**

The Licensure Committee conducted hearings to review applicants appearing concerning eligibility. The hearings were conducted in Executive Session for deliberations concerning licensure applications and consideration of possible rehabilitation orders under the authority of the Open Meetings Act, GOVERNMENT CODE, 551.071; and the Medical Practice Act, TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE ANNOTATED, 152.009, 155.058, 160.006, 164.007 and 164.203; and Attorney Generals Opinion No. H-484. Following the hearings, the Committee reconvened and considered the applications.

**Applicant #554** appeared before the Committee in executive session after referral by the Executive Director. In open session, **Dr. Mitchell moved to recommend to the full board that the applicant be granted an unrestricted physician assistant license. Ms. Chapman seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**Applicant #548** appeared before the Committee in executive session after referral by the Executive Director. In open session, **Dr. Mitchell moved to recommend to the full board that the applicant be issued a temporary license with an expiration date that will allow the applicant to obtain at least 12 months of supervised practice on the condition that the applicant only work in a setting that provides continuous full-time, on-site physician supervision. The 12 month temporary license will be granted under a non-public, non-disciplinary rehabilitation order that includes the requirements specified in the Rehabilitation Checklist that has been distributed to the members of the committee.** This recommendation is due to the applicants history of mental impairment due to Major Depressive Disorder; action taken by a health care entity, and being out of practice since December 2004. **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 the applicants work performance. If this evaluation is favorable, the applicants will be offered a non-public rehabilitation order for a period of four years, and the applicants 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, the applicant will be required to appear at the following Board meeting for reconsideration of the application. Factors contributing to this recommendation include the applicants self-report of mental impairment, the Boards consultant recommendation that the applicant practice in a monitored setting to limit the risk of another episode of depression, and being out of practice since December 2004. **Ms. Chapman seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

~~Ms. Garanflo explained that Mr. Simpson~~

**Agenda Item 68** - There being no further business, **Dr. Mitchell moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Chapman seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.**