

**TEXAS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD  
LICENSURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
November 3, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 8:37 a.m. by Chairman, Dwight M. Deter, PA-C. Committee members present were Timothy Webb, J.D., and Pamela Welch, PA-C.

**Agenda Item 2, Executive Session, was considered. Mr. Webb moved, Ms. Welch seconded, and the motion passed at 8:40 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.**

There was no final action, decision, or vote with regard to any matter considered or discussed in executive session. The executive session ended at 12:25 p.m. A certified agenda of the executive session was made.

**Agenda Item 4 - 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 General's Opinion No. H-484. Following the hearings, the Committee reconvened and considered the applications.

**Applicant #518** appeared before the Committee in executive session after referral by the Executive Director. In open session, **Ms. Welch moved to recommend to the full board that applicant #518 be granted a physician assistant license. Mr. Webb seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**Applicant #523** appeared before the Committee in executive session after referral by the Executive Director. In open session, **Ms. Welch moved to recommend to the full board that the applicant #523 be granted a physician assistant license. Mr. Webb seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**Applicant #500** appeared before the Committee in executive session after referral by the Executive Director. In open session, **Mr. Webb moved to recommend to the full board, regarding Applicant # 500, that the application for a license be deferred and that the Applicant be granted a temporary physician assistant license for a period of one year that**

requires 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 the applicant's work performance. If this evaluation is favorable, a temporary license will be issued for a period of time to allow the applicant's name to 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. This recommendation is due to being out of practice since 2000. Factors contributing to this recommendation include the applicant's failure to comply with the Board's rules regarding active practice. **Ms. Welch seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**Applicant #516** appeared before the Committee with counsel in executive session after referral by the Executive Director. In open session, **Mr. Webb moved to recommend to the full board, regarding Applicant #516, that the application for a license be deferred and that the Applicant be granted a temporary physician assistant license for a period of six months that requires 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 the applicant's work performance. If this evaluation is favorable, a temporary license will be issued for a period of time to allow the applicant's name to 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.** This recommendation is due to being out of practice since August 2003. Factors contributing to this recommendation include the applicant's failure to comply with the Board's rules regarding active practice. **Ms. Welch seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**Applicant #517** appeared before the Committee in executive session after referral by the Executive Director. In open session, **Ms. Welch moved to recommend to the full board regarding Applicant # 517, that the applicant be determined ineligible.** This recommendation is due to being out of practice since 1988. Factors contributing to this recommendation include the length of time the applicant has been out of the practice with no acceptable maintenance of skills. **Mr. Webb seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**Applicant #519** appeared before the Committee in executive session after referral by the Executive Director. In open session, **Ms. Welch moved to recommend to the full board that applicant #519 be granted a physician assistant license. Mr. Webb seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**Applicant #510** appeared before the Committee in executive session after referral by the Executive Director. In open session, **Mr. Webb moved to recommend to the full board that applicant #510 be granted a physician assistant license. Ms. Welch seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**Applicant #515** appeared before the Committee in executive session after referral by the Executive Director. In open session, **Mr. Webb moved to recommend to the full board that action on this request for reactivation from Inactive status be deferred for no longer than one year, assuming the applicant is in a position to return to work within that time. Staff is directed to maintain the application materials and fees until that time. Upon the applicant's indication of readiness, the applicant can be issued a temporary license with an expiration date that will allow the applicant to obtain at least one year of supervised practice on the condition that the applicant 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 the applicant's work performance. If this evaluation is favorable, board staff is directed to reactivate the Texas Physician Assistant license. If the evaluation is unsatisfactory, the applicant will be required to appear at the following Board meeting for reconsideration of the reactivation application.** This recommendation is due to applicant's physicians assistant license being inactive since 2000. Factors contributing to this recommendation include the applicant's failure to comply with the Board's rules regarding active practice. **Ms. Welch seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**Applicant #520** appeared before the Committee in executive session after referral by the Executive Director. In open session, **Ms. Welch moved to recommend to the full board that applicant #520 be granted a physician assistant license. Mr. Webb seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**Applicant #521** appeared before the Committee in executive session after referral by the Executive Director. In open session, **Ms. Welch moved to recommend to the full board that applicant #521 be granted a physician assistant license. Mr. Webb seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**Applicant #522** appeared before the Committee in executive session after referral by the Executive Director. In open session, **Ms. Welch moved to recommend to the full board that applicant #522 be granted a physician assistant license. Mr. Webb seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**Agenda Item 3** - Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding review of physician assistant applications for permanent licensure. There were 166 applicants and 2 relicensure applicants who met all requirements to be considered for permanent licensure by the full Board. **Mr. Webb moved to recommend to the full board that all 166 applicants and 2 relicensure applicants for permanent licensure be approved. Ms. Welch seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**Agenda Item 5** - Report regarding growth of PA applications and licensees. Ms. Garanflo presented a report demonstrating the continued yearly growth in the number of PA applications received and licenses issued.

Agenda Item 6 - Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding Chapter 185.6, Physician Assistants, Annual Renewal of License, regarding cancellation of licenses after expiration. Mr. Webb moved to recommend to the full Board that the Board publish the rules as proposed in the Texas Register for public comment. Ms. Welch seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Agenda Item 7 - There being no further business, Mr. Webb moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Welch seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.