

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT EXAMINERS
LICENSURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 2, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 10:17 a.m. by Acting Chairman, Dwight Deter, PA-C. Committee members present were Michael H. Belgard, PA-C and Timothy Webb, J.D. who were appointed to the committee to ensure a quorum. Donald W. Patrick, M.D., Executive Director; Jerry Walker, Deputy Executive Director; Michele Shackelford, J.D., General Counsel; Jennifer Soffer, J.D., Assistant General Counsel; Tim Speer, Manager, Physician Assistant/Acupuncture Division; and various other staff were also present.

Agenda item #2, Executive Session, was considered. Mr. Webb moved, Mr. Belgard seconded, and the motion passed at 10:18 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. Open session resumed at 10:31 a.m. and it was announced that no action was taken during Executive Session. A certified agenda was made.

Agenda item #4, regarding licensure applicants referred to the Licensure Committee by the Executive Director for determination of eligibility of licensure, was considered. Applicant #PA-11 appeared before the Committee for the consideration of their application and to discuss their arrests in 1980 and 1983 for driving while intoxicated. Applicant #PA-11 made a statement and answered committee members' questions. **Mr. Belgard moved, Mr. Webb seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Applicant #PA-11 be granted a Physician Assistant license.**

Applicant #PA-12 appeared before the Committee for the consideration of their application to reactivate their physician assistant license and to discuss being out of practice since January 2000. Mr. Deter made a statement that while he has known Applicant #PA-12 for many years he did not feel that his knowledge of Applicant #PA-12 required recusal. Applicant PA-12 made a statement to the committee and answered committee members' questions. Following discussion, **Mr. Belgard moved, Mr. Webb seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Applicant #PA-12 be granted a temporary license, with the stipulation that Applicant #PA-12 work directly under a supervising physician until the next Board meeting and that the full board, at the next meeting, grant Applicant #PA-12 a full Physician Assistant license upon receipt of a satisfactory evaluation from their supervising physician and verification from NCCPA that Applicant #PA-12 passed the NCCPA recertification examination.**

Applicant #PA-13 appeared before the Committee for the consideration of her application and to discuss being out of practice since 1998. Applicant #PA-13 made a statement and answered committee members' questions. **Mr. Deter moved, Mr. Webb seconded, and the motion passed at 10:57 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.** Open session resumed at 11:16 a.m. and it was announced that no action was taken during Executive Session. A certified agenda was made. **Mr. Webb moved, Mr. Belgard seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Applicant #PA-13's application be deferred for up to one year and that they be given a temporary license with the requirement that Applicant #PA-13 may serve as a physician assistant only under direct physician supervision for a**

minimum of 500 hours and that they present a satisfactory evaluation from each supervising physician in order to be considered for full licensure.

Agenda item #3 regarding review of physician assistant applications for permanent licensure, was considered. Tim Speer, Manager of Physician Assistant Licensure, presented to the Committee a list of applicants for physician assistant licensure who had met all requirements. **Mr. Belgard moved, Mr. Webb seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that the 60 applicants listed be granted Physician Assistant licensure.**

Agenda item #5 regarding proposed changes to Rules 185.2, 185.4, 185.5, 185.6, 185.7, 185.8, and 185.17, was considered. Ms. Soffer and Mr. Speer reviewed the proposed rule changes with the Committee. **Mr. Webb moved, Mr. Belgard seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that the proposed rule changes, as recommended by counsel, be approved.**

There being no further business, **Mr. Belgard moved, Mr. Webb seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 11:37 a.m.**