

TEXAS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD
LICENSURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chair, Teralea Jones, PA-C. Committee members present were Michael A. Mitchell, D.O., and Edward Zwanziger, PA-C.

Agenda Item 2 – Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding licensure applicants referred to the Licensure Committee by the Executive Director for determination of eligibility of licensure.

Applicant #1094 appeared before the Committee after referral by the Executive Director. **Dr. Mitchell** moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant be determined ineligible, but recommended that applicant shadow a physician for at least 20 hours a week for 6 months, and then reapply, at which time a 12-month temporary license will be considered.. **Mr. Zwanziger** seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Applicant #1087 appeared before the Committee after referral by the Executive Director. **Mr. Zwanziger** moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant be allowed to withdraw the application for a Texas physician assistant license, due to providing incorrect information to the Board. Factors contributing to this recommendation include the committee's determination that the submission of incorrect information was not intentional. **The applicant** will be allowed to file a new application in which the correct information is provided and the applicant's name may be placed on the list to be considered for full licensure at the next Board meeting. **Dr. Mitchell** seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Agenda Item 3 – Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding applicant appearing for rehearing regarding eligibility. There were none.

Agenda Item 7 – Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding graduates of the Physician Associate Program of Our Lady of the Lake College, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Ms. Garanflo presented verification received by the Board that three recent graduates of the Physician's Assistant program of Our Lady of the Lake College, Baton Rouge, Louisiana who applied for licensure have completed additional coursework so that together with their previously completed degree have fulfilled the requirements of an accredited PA program. The Committee expressed that they have no further concerns regarding licensing the three applicants and that they should be licensed at this meeting.

Agenda Item 4 - Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding review of physician assistant applications for permanent licensure. There were 169 applicants and 1 relicensure applicant who met all requirements to be considered for permanent licensure by the full Board. **Mr. Zwanziger moved to recommend to the full board that all 169 applicants and 1 relicensure applicant be approved for permanent licensure. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Note – subsequent to the adjournment of the Licensure Committee it was discovered that one applicant who met all requirements was inadvertently let off the list of applicants to be licensed. The full Board considered the revised list and approved 170 applicants and 1 relicensure applicant for permanent licensure.

Agenda Item 5 – Discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding proposed orders offered by the Executive Director. There were none.

Agenda Item 6 – Report on physician assistant licensure process statistics – Ms. Garanflo reported that the applicants licensed at this meeting were completed in an estimated average of 25 days.

Agenda Item 8 - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.