

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT EXAMINERS
LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 25, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 12:16 p.m. by the Chairman, G. Al Bendeck, PA-C. Committee members present were G. Al Bendeck, PA-C; Stephen D. Benold, M.D.; and Timothy Webb, J.D. The following staff were also present: Donald W. Patrick, M.D., J.D., Executive Director; Michele Shackelford, J.D., General Counsel; Jennifer Soffer, J.D., Assistant General Counsel; and various other staff.

Agenda item #3, regarding tracking information relating to a physician assistant's practice at an alternate site, was considered. Ms. Shackelford reported that this information would not be used very much and recommended not spending the resources on this project at this time.

Agenda item #2, regarding a report relating to proposed rule changes to §193.6, was next. Ms. Shackelford and Ms. Soffer reported on the comments that were received following publication of the proposed rule change relating to delegation of prescriptive authority at alternate sites. Based on the comments, staff recommended incorporating additional amendments to the rule. Dr. Patrick and Ms. Shackelford explained that this was an informational item only and that the rule would be considered by the Medical Board at its meeting in February.

Agenda item #4, regarding an update on legislative issues, was next. Dr. Patrick reported that several articles about the board had been published in the Dallas Morning News. He explained several ongoing projects to improve the agency's processes. Dr. Patrick also asked the board members for their support in legislative issues and agency funding needs.

Agenda item #5, regarding committee assignments, was next. Mr. Bendeck announced the following committee assignments: add Mr. Webb as a member of the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee and Mr. Bendeck to the Licensure Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m.