



**TEXAS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD
BOARD MEETING
March 9, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 10:44 a.m. by Presiding Officer, Margaret K. Bentley. Board members present were Anna Chapman; Reginald Baptiste, M.D.; James Endicott, Jr.; Teralea Jones, PA-C; Richard R. Rahr, Ed.D, PA-C. Felix Koo, M.D., Michael Mitchell, D.O., and Edward W. Zwanziger, PA-C, were not present. Staff members present were Mari Robinson, Executive Director; Nancy Leshikar, General Counsel; Tonie Knight, Licensure Manager; Jennifer Kaufman, Assistant General Counsel; Megan Goode, Public Information and Special Projects Manager, and various other staff members.

The board's mission statement: *Our Mission is to protect and enhance the public's health, safety and welfare by establishing and maintaining standards of excellence used in regulating the practice of medicine and ensuring quality health care for the citizens of Texas through licensure, discipline, and education.*

There were no items for Agenda item #2.

Agenda item #3, Executive Directors report.

Legislative Update. Ms. Robinson presented a status update of the implementation of key legislation related to Physician Assistants.

FSMB creating a Physician Assistant membership category. Ms. Robinson reported on the possible creation of a Physician Assistant membership category with the Federation of State Medical Boards. The board directed staff to follow-up applying for a Physician Assistant membership category on behalf of the board.

ISC days vs. number of cases per day. Ms. Robinson requested the board's direction on the number of ISC days vs. number of cases scheduled per day. After discussion, the board directed staff to have flexible earlier start times for the panel members; include a mix of modification and terminations requests; and schedule approximately seven cases for each Informal Settlement Conference date.

Improving Communications with Board & DRC members. Ms. Robinson presented proposed ways to improve communications with the Medical, Acupuncture, and Physician Assistant boards and District Review Committee members. After discussion, the board directed staff to implement the proposed ways to improve communications 1.) schedule a two hour training update session; 2.) send a summary after each board meeting; 3.) schedule quarterly webinars for the board member's mandatory participation of 3 out of 4 webinars subject to the Chair's approval; and 4.) request the Medical Board assign a liaison to share policy information.

Agenda item #4, Budget update. Brandy Smith, Finance Department, presented an updated budget of the General Revenue and General Revenue Dedicated (Combined) FY2011 through March 5, 2012. Ms. Smith stated the budget was in good standing to finish the year on target.

There were no items for Agenda item #7.

Agenda item #5, Consideration and Approval of Non-Public Rehabilitation Orders and Modification Request Termination Request of Non-Public Rehabilitation Orders. After discussion, Ms. Jones moved, Dr. Baptiste seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Modification Granted of Rehabilitation Order #49, as written.

Consideration and Approval of Agreed Board Orders. After discussion, Dr. Baptiste moved, Ms. Jones seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Agreed Orders en masse for Jennie Gonzales, P.A.; Anna M. McClellan, P.A.; and Christopher E. Quirante, P.A., as written.

There were no items for Agenda items #7-9.

Agenda item #10, Consideration and Approval of Mediated Settlement Agreement Orders. After consideration, Dr. Baptiste moved, Ms. Chapman seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Mediated Settlement Agreement Order for Mark Gordon, P.A., as written.

There were no items for Agenda item #11.

Agenda item #12, Consideration and Approval of Remedial Plans. After discussion, Ms. Chapman moved, Dr. Baptiste seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Remedial Plans en masse for Prentiss L. Harrison, P.A.; Diana Mendoza, P.A.; and T. Franklin Haynes, P.A., as written.

There were no items for Agenda item #13-17.

Agenda item #18, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action, including adoption of proposed amendments to Chapter 185, Physician Assistants. a.) 185.4. Procedural Rules for Licensure Applicants. Ms. Kaufman gave a brief summary of the proposed amendments. No one was present to present oral comments. No written comments were received. After discussion, Ms. Jones moved, Dr. Baptiste seconded, and the motion passed to approve the proposed amendments to 185.4, relating to Procedural Rules for Licensure Applicants, as published in the Texas Register for comments and to refer to the Texas Medical Board for adoption.

There were no items for Agenda item #19.

Agenda item #20, Public Comments. No one was present to present public comments.

Agenda item #21, Consideration and Approval of the December 9, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes. After consideration, Mr. Rahr moved, Ms. Jones seconded, and the motion passed to approve the December 9, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes.

Agenda item #22, Committee reports and the consideration and approval of minutes and action items of committees meeting during the board meeting.

Ms. Jones gave a report of the Licensure Committee meeting. **Ms. Jones moved, Mr. Rahr seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Licensure Committee meeting minutes and action items.**

Ms. Chapman gave a report of the Discipline and Ethics Committee meeting. **Ms. Chapman moved, Mr. Endicott seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Discipline and Ethics Committee meeting minutes and action items.**

There being no further agenda items, the meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.