

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT EXAMINERS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 28, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 1:13 p.m. by the Chairman of the Board, G. Al Bendeck, PA-C. Board members present were Michael H. Belgard, PA-C; Stephen D. Benold, M.D.; Pamela W. Clark; Dwight M. Deter, PA-C; Tony G. Hedges, D.O.; and Timothy Webb. Staff members present were Donald W. Patrick, M.D., J.D.; Jerry T. Walker, Deputy Executive Director; Jennifer Soffer, J.D., Assistant General Counsel; and various other staff.

It was announced that there was no need for the executive session under agenda item #2.

Agenda item #3, Executive Directors report, was next. Dr. Patrick and Mr. Walker reported on legislative and budget issues. Mr. Walker explained in detail the mandate to reduce spending by 7% during the current fiscal year. Mr. Walker also stated that the number of board meetings may need to be reduced in order to save money and asked the board to approve a rule change that would allow the board to meet fewer than four times per year. Following discussion, **Dr. Hedges moved, Ms. Clark seconded, and the motion passed to approve an amendment to Chapter 185, Physician Assistants, §185.3, to reduce the number of board meetings if needed as a cost-saving measure.**

Agenda item #4, a report regarding the Prescriptive Delegation Waiver Advisory Committee, was next. Ms. Jaime Garanfio, Director of Customer Affairs, updated the board members regarding the work of the Prescriptive Delegation Waiver Advisory Committee.

Agenda item #5, consideration of amendments to board rules Chapter 175, was next. Ms. Soffer explained the proposed rule changes to §§175.1 and 175.4 of board rules relating to fees and applications for reissuance of licenses. **Dr. Hedges moved, Mr. Deter seconded, and the motion passed to approve the rule changes to §§175.1 and 175.4 to be sent to the Medical Board for consideration for publication and comment.**

Agenda item #6, consideration of amendments to board rules Chapter 185, was next. Tim Speer, Director of Physician Assistant and Acupuncture Departments, explained the proposed rule changes to §185.16 regarding supervision in emergency room settings. **Dr. Hedges moved, Ms. Clark seconded, and the motion passed to approve the rule changes to §185.16 to be sent to the Medical Board for consideration for publication and comment.**

Agenda item #7, rehabilitation orders, was considered. Ms. Clark moved, Dr. Hedges seconded, and the motion passed to approve the modification request regarding rehabilitation order #16.

Agenda item #8, approval of orders, was next. Following discussion by the board, Mr. Deter moved, Dr. Hedges seconded, and the motion passed to approve the following agreed orders: Lori M. Price-Confer and Jennie M. Volpe.

It was announced that there were no orders to be considered for agenda items #9-#12.

Agenda item #13, termination of suspension orders, was next. Dr. Hedges moved, Dr. Benold seconded, and the motion passed to approve the order on Jerry A. Johnstone.

It was announced that there were no orders on which to be reported for agenda item #14.

Agenda item #15, cancellation of licenses, was next. Dr. Hedges moved, Mr. Deter seconded, and the motion passed to approve the list of physician assistants for cancellation.

Agenda item #16, approval of minutes from the November 15, 2002 full board meeting, was next. Dr. Benold moved, Ms. Clark seconded, and the motion passed to approve the minutes.

Agenda item #17, approval of the November 15, 2002 Licensure Committee minutes, was next. Ms. Clark moved, Dr. Hedges seconded, and the motion passed to approve the minutes.

Agenda item #18, approval of the November 15, 2002 Long Range Planning Committee minutes, was next. Dr. Benold moved, Mr. Webb seconded, and the motion passed to approve the minutes.

Agenda item #19, approval of the November 15, 2002 Disciplinary and Ethics Committee minutes, was next. Mr. Belgard moved, Dr. Hedges seconded, and the motion passed to approve the minutes.

It was announced that there was no report for agenda item #20, as the Long Range Planning Committee did not meet.

Agenda item #21, regarding a report from the Licensure Committee was next. Dr. Hedges reported that the committee recommended 112 applicants for licensure without restrictions; directed the Executive Director to issue a temporary license to 1 applicant in order for the applicant to obtain a current work evaluation; recommended granting one reactivation of a license; and also directed the Executive Director to issue a temporary license to three

applicants following the entering of an agreed order. **Mr. Deter moved, Ms. Clark seconded, and the motion passed to approve the report and the action items.** Ms. Soffer reviewed the terms of the agreed order and the two rehabilitation orders. Following discussion, **Ms. Clark moved, Mr. Belgard seconded, and the motion passed to approve the three orders.**

Agenda item #22, regarding a report from the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee, was next. Mr. Belgard gave a report and stated that the committee reviewed several investigative files, recommended closure of six files, placed one on hold, and provided guidance on several. **Dr. Hedges moved, Mr. Deter seconded, and the motion passed to approve the report and action items.**

Mr. Bendeck reported that there is proposed legislation to grant prescriptive authority for controlled substances to physician assistants under the delegated authority of a physician. The board will continue to monitor activity on the proposed legislation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.