

TEXAS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD
LICENSURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 19, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chairman, Dwight M. Deter, PA-C. Committee members present were Stephen D. Benold, M.D. and Timothy Webb, JD.

Staff requested direction from the Committee regarding the number of hours per week an applicant who has been out of practice and is being granted a temporary license with full-time continuous supervision should be required to work. The Committee discussed determining this on a case-by-case basis.

Agenda Item 2, Executive Session, was considered. Dr. Benold moved, Mr. Webb seconded, and the motion passed at 9:17 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 9:39 a.m. and the Chair announced that no final action or decision was taken during executive session. A certified agenda was made.

Agenda Item 4 - Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding licensure applicants referred to the Licensure Committee by the Executive Director for determination of eligibility of licensure.

The Licensure Committee conducted hearings to review applicants appearing concerning eligibility. The hearings were conducted in Executive Session for deliberations concerning licensure applications and consideration of possible rehabilitation orders under the authority of

the Open Meetings Act, GOVERNMENT CODE, §551.071; and the Medical Practice Act, TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE ANNOTATED, §§152.009, 155.058, 160.006, 164.007 and 164.203; and Attorney General's Opinion No. H-484. Following the hearings, the Committee reconvened and considered the applications.

Applicant #455 appeared before the Committee in executive session after referral by the Executive Director. In open session, **Dr. Benold moved to recommend to the full board that Applicant #455 be granted the request to amend the number of hours worked to 10 hours per week for 22 weeks and 20 hours per week for seven months thereafter. Mr. Webb seconded. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

The Committee directed staff to draft language for future motions for temporary licenses to allow the Committee to determine, on a case-by-case basis, the specific number of hours per week and the number of weeks per year that each applicant will be required to work.

Agenda Item 3 - Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding review of physician assistant applications for permanent licensure. There were 30 applicants and 2 relicensure applicants who met all requirements to be considered for permanent licensure by the full Board. **Dr. Benold moved to recommend to the full board that all 30 applicants and 2 relicensure applicants for permanent licensure be approved. Mr. Webb seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Agenda Item 5 - There being no further business, **Mr. Webb moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Benold seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.**