

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT EXAMINERS
LICENSURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 25, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by acting Chairman, Dwight Deter, PA-C. Committee members present were Pamela W. Baker and Dwight Deter, PA-C. Donald W. Patrick, M.D., Executive Director; Michele Shackelford, J.D., General Counsel; Jennifer Soffer, J.D., Assistant General Counsel; Tim Speer, Manager, Physician Assistant/Acupuncture Division; and various other staff were also present.

Agenda item #2, Executive Session, was considered. Ms. Baker moved, Mr. Deter seconded, and the motion passed at 10:03 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. Mr. Bendeck arrived during the Executive Session and Mr. Deter requested him to join the Committee to ensure a quorum. Open session resumed at 10:33 a.m. and it was announced that no action was taken during Executive Session. A certified agenda was made.

Agenda item #3 regarding review of physician assistant applications for permanent licensure, was considered. Tim Speer, Manager of Physician Assistant Licensure, presented to the Committee a list of applicants for physician assistant licensure who had met all requirements. **Ms. Baker moved, Mr. Bendeck seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that the applicants listed be granted Physician Assistant licensure.**

Agenda item #4, regarding licensure applicants referred to the Licensure Committee by the Executive Director for determination of eligibility of licensure, was considered. Applicant #PA-1 appeared before the Committee for the consideration of their application and to discuss the malpractice suits filed against them, evaluations received by the board containing derogatory information, and falsification of their application for licensure. Following discussion, **Mr. Bendeck moved, Ms. Baker seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Applicant #PA-1 be granted a temporary license until the next board pending a psychological evaluation by a Texas licensed psychologist, who has been approved by the Executive Director and evaluations from all supervising physicians that Applicant #PA-1 works for during this time.**

Applicant #PA-2 appeared before the Committee for the consideration of their application and to discuss that the Physician Assistant program they attended was not accredited at the time of their graduation. Following discussion, **Mr. Bendeck moved, Ms. Baker seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Applicant #PA-2 be granted Physician Assistant licensure.**

Applicant #PA-3 appeared before the Committee for the consideration of their application and to discuss their time out of practice. Following discussion, **Mr. Bendeck moved, Ms. Baker seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Applicant #PA-3 be granted a temporary license until the next board meeting pending evaluations from all supervising physicians they work for during this time and require that their supervising physicians be on site with them at all times.**

Applicant #PA-4 appeared before the Committee for the consideration of their application and to discuss evaluations received by the board containing derogatory information, and falsification of their application for licensure. Applicant #PA-4 answered Committee Members' questions.

Applicant #PA-5 appeared before the Committee for the consideration of their application and to discuss their being disbarred by the Nebraska State Bar Association. Applicant #PA-5 answered Committee Members' questions.

Executive Session, was considered. Ms. Baker moved, Mr. Bendeck seconded, and the motion passed at 11:39 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., §§204.058, 204.208, 204.254, 204.305, and 204.306; and Attorney General's Opinion No. H-484. Open session resumed at 12:05 p.m. and it was announced that no action was taken during executive session. A certified agenda was made.

Following discussion, **Mr. Bendeck moved, Ms. Baker seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Applicant #PA-4 be granted a temporary license until the next board pending a psychological evaluation by a Texas licensed psychologist, who has been approved by the Executive Director and evaluations from all supervising physicians that Applicant #PA-4 works for during this time.**

Following discussion, **Mr. Bendeck moved, Ms. Baker seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Applicant #PA-5 be granted Physician Assistant licensure.**

There being no further business, **Ms. Baker moved, Mr. Bendeck seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 12:11 p.m.**