

**TEXAS STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT EXAMINERS
BOARD MEETING
November 4, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 11:08 a.m. by the Chairman, Timothy Webb, J.D. Board members present were Michael H. Belgard, PA-C; G. Al Bendeck, PA-C; Pamela W. Clark; Dwight M. Deter, PA-C; and Tony G. Hedges, D.O. Staff members present were Donald W. Patrick, M.D., J.D., Executive Director; Michele Shackelford, General Counsel; Jaime Garanflo, Director of Customer Affairs; and various other staff members.

Agenda item #2, Executive Session. There were no items for executive session.

Agenda item #3, Discussion, Recommendation and Possible Action regarding Physician Assistant Board input on proposed Texas Medical Board rules. Ms. Shackelford reviewed the proposed changes to Medical Board rules that particularly affect physician assistants and that are scheduled for discussion and possible action by the Texas Medical Board on December 3, 2005. Ms. Shackelford solicited comments regarding the proposed rules and explained these comments would be provided to the Medical Board. The Board recommended that staff review whether the definition of protocols set out in 193.2 meets the intent of the requirements in 193.6. After discussion of the changes, the Board directed staff to develop information to be posted on the agency web-site. Particular changes to be noted included changes to Chapter 193.2 Definitions and 193.6 Delegation of the Carrying Out or Signing of Prescription Drug Orders to Physician Assistants and Advanced Practice Nurses.

Agenda item #4, Report of the Physician Assistant Workgroup meeting and presentation and discussion of draft rules. Ms. Shackelford stated that the purpose of the Physician Assistant Workgroup is to solicit and reserve stakeholder input for Board consideration in the development of rules as required by SB 419. Jane McFarland, Manager of Public Information, reported on the results of the Physician Assistant Stakeholders Workgroup meeting held on October 24, 2005.

After discussion of several of the key issues and recommendations from the Workgroup, the Board directed staff to proceed with the development of revision and additions to Chapter 185, Physician Assistants, as follows:

- (1) Establish a three time exam limit for passage of the NCCPA exam;
- (2) Develop requirements for the jurisprudence exam to conform to the physician's jurisprudence model; and
- (3) Establish the following requirements for return to practice after inactive licensure; set application fee at same amount for new license applications; limit time out to five years; and require some demonstration of current competency which might include completion of mini-residency while under a temporary license that is granted after Board appearance.

The Chairman announced that agenda items 5 and 6 would be taken up out of order.

There were no items for agenda items #7 and #8.

Agenda item #9, Consideration and Approval of Agreed Board Orders. Dr. Hedges moved, Ms. Clark seconded, and the motion passed to approve the orders for Gary S. Cook, P.A., and Dana Kingdon, P.A.

Agenda item #10, Consideration and Approval of Modification Request/Termination Request Orders. Dr. Hedges moved, Ms. Clark seconded, and the motion passed to approve the order for Richard R. Collier, P.A.

There were no items for agenda items #11-#16.

Agenda item #17, Consideration and Approval of minutes of the July 29, 2005 Full Board Meeting. Mr. Bendeck moved, Ms. Clark seconded, and the motion passed to approve the July 29, 2005 Full Board Meeting minutes.

Agenda item #18, Consideration and Approval of minutes of the November 4, 2005 Licensure Committee Meeting. Dr. Hedges gave a report. Ms. Clark moved, Mr. Belgard seconded, and the motion passed to approve the November 4, 2005 Licensure Committee Meeting minutes and action items.

Agenda item #19, Consideration and Approval of minutes of the November 4, 2005 Disciplinary and Ethics Committee Meeting. Mr. Webb gave a report. Mr. Belgard moved, Ms. Clark seconded, and the motion passed to approve the November 4, 2005 Disciplinary and Ethics Committee Meeting minutes and action items.

Agenda item #5, Discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding increase in Physician Assistant renewal fee and direction for inclusion in revisions to Chapter 175, Fees, Penalties, and Applications to include amendments to 175.2 Renewal Fees and 175.3 Penalties. Ms. Garanflo gave recommendations for possible action regarding Physician Assistant renewal fees. After discussion, Ms. Clark moved, Dr. Hedges seconded, and the motion passed to approve an increase to the Physician Assistant licensure renewal fee to \$225 effective August 2006.

Agenda item #6, Report regarding the formation of a workgroup to review rules related to supervision and scope of practice for Physician Assistants. After discussion, the Board directed the Executive Director to move forward to establish a workgroup to discuss issues related to physician assistant supervision and scope of practice. It was suggested to include representation from the Board of Nurse Examiners, Texas Association of Physician Assistants, Texas Medical Association, Texas Osteopathic Medicine Association, and consumers.

Agenda item #7, Executive Director's Report. Dr. Patrick gave a brief report on the Enforcement numbers for FY2006.

There being no further items the meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.