

TEXAS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD BOARD MEETING February 18, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 10:28 a.m. by Presiding Officer, Margaret K. Bentley. Board members present were Anna Chapman; Teralea Jones, PA-C; Felix Koo, M.D.; Michael Mitchell, D.O., PA-C; Richard R. Rahr, Ed.D, PA-C; and Edward Zwanziger, PA-C. Staff members present were Mari Robinson, Executive Director; Linda Gage-White, M.D., Medical Director; Jaime Garanflo, Director of Customer Affairs; Jennifer Kaufman, Assistant General Counsel; Megan Goode, Manager of Special Projects; and various other staff members.

Agenda item #2, Board Member report. Ms. Bentley presented the Board Resolution for Abelino "Abel" Reyna thanking him for his dedication and service to the board.

Agenda item #3, Executive Director's report.

Introduced Medical Director. Ms. Robinson introduced and welcomed new Medical Director, Dr. Linda Gage-White, who gave a brief statement.

Legislative Update. Ms. Robinson gave an update on proposed key legislation related to the board.

Agenda item #4. Budget update. Ms. Drabek gave a budget update and a report on the new mail procedures implemented to save time and lower costs. Ms. Drabek reported that the Texas Department of Rural Affairs will no long continue to receive the annual \$112,000 transfer from the General Revenue for the Rural Physician Assistant Loan Reimbursement program.

Agenda item #5. Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding licensure from an unaccredited physician assistant program. After discussion, the Board directed staff to request a status update from any licensee who was granted a license from an unaccredited physician assistant program. The Board directed staff to revise the application form for future applicants to confirm that the physician assistant program is accredited at the time of graduation.

There were no items for Agenda Item #.6

Agenda item #7, Consideration and Approval of Agreed Board Orders. After discussion, Mr. Rahr moved, Dr. Mitchell seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Agreed Board Orders for Derrick Goodwill, P.A.; T. Franklin Haynes, P.A.; Rachel E. Wheeler, P.A.; and Manuel Puig, P.A., as written.

Agenda item #8, Consideration and Approval of Mediated Settlement Agreement Orders. After discussion, Mr. Rahr moved, Dr. Koo seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Modification Granted Order for Joycelyn A. Gordon, P.A., as written.

There were no items for Agenda Item #9 - #17.

Agenda item #18, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action, including publication in the Texas Register for public comments, regarding Chapter 185, Physician Assistants, with proposed amendments to \$185.4, relating to Procedural Rules for Licensure Applicants. Ms. Kaufman gave a brief summary of the amendments. After discussion, Dr. Koo moved, Dr. Mitchell seconded, and the motion passed to approve Chapter 185, Physician Assistants, with proposed amendments to \$185.4, relating to Procedural Rules for Licensure Applicants, and \$185.6, relating to Annual Renewal of License as published in the Texas Register for comments and to refer to the Texas Medical Board for adoption.

There were not items for Agenda Item #19.

Agenda item #20, Consideration and Approval of the December 3, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes. After discussion, Ms. Chapman moved, Mr. Rahr seconded, and the motion passed to approve the minutes.

Agenda item #21, Committee reports and the consideration and approval of minutes and action items of committees meeting during the board meeting.

Ms. Jones gave a Licensure Committee report. Ms. Jones moved, Dr. Mitchell seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Licensure minutes and action items.

Ms. Chapman gave a Discipline and Ethics Committee report. Ms. Chapman moved, Dr. Mitchell seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Discipline and Ethics Committee minutes and action items.

Agenda item #21, Adjourn. There being no further agenda items the meeting, adjourned at 11:21 p.m.