



**TEXAS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD
BOARD MEETING
July 9, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 11:59 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; and Richard R. Rahr, Ed.D, PA-C. Staff members present were Nancy Leshikar, General Counsel; 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. Jones gave a report on the board members warm welcome at the Texas Academy of Physician Assistants meeting and TAPAs interest in open communication. The board discussed that it would take into consideration the opinion of TAPA as an association.

Agenda item #3, Executive Directors Report. Ms. Goode gave a report on the series of Outreach presentations scheduled throughout the state to educate licensees and students about the licensure and enforcement process.

Ms. Goode gave an update of the Legislative Appropriations Request for 2011-15 and the status of the exemption request to the 5% budget cut.

Ms. Bentley requested an update on the clarification of the rules for physician assistants owning clinics with physicians working in the clinic. After discussion, the board directed staff to schedule an ad hoc committee regarding physician assistant owned clinics

Agenda item #4, Physician Health Program update. Ms. Leshikar gave a report on the status of the Physician Health Program that is accepting physician assistant referrals.

Agenda item #5, Budget Report. Ms. Drabek, Chief Fiscal Officer, updated the board on the current status of the budget, stating the agency had spent approximately 75% of the budget, and that expenditures are being tracked closely. She also informed the board of the five percent budget reduction and adjustments, and asked that board members submit any travel vouchers as quickly as possible. She advised that this is so the totals could be as up-to-date and accurate as possible, as projections for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Legislative Appropriations Request are determined..

Agenda item #6, Consideration and Approval of Non-Public Rehabilitation Orders and Modification Request/Termination Request of Non-Public Rehabilitation Orders. Dr. Mitchell moved, Dr. Koo seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Termination Granted of Rehabilitation Orders #23, #31 and #39.

Agenda item #7, Consideration and Approval of Agreed Board Orders. After discussion, **Dr. Mitchell moved, Dr. Koo seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Agreed Board Orders for Danny F. Davis, P.A.; John Garcia, Jr., P.A.; Samuel L. Kovalski, P.A.; Zoe E. Ozments, P.A.; and Tammy Toombs, P.A.**

Agenda item #8, Consideration and Approval of Modification Request/Termination Request Orders. After discussion, **Ms. Jones moved, Mr. Rahr seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Granting Termination Order for Lina Quan-Aston, P.A.**

There were no items for agenda items # 9-13.

Agenda item #14, Consideration and Approval of Determinations of Default. After discussion, **Ms. Chapman moved, Mr. Rahr seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Determination of Default for William Charles Harris, III, P.A.**

There were not items for agenda item #15.

Agenda item #16, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action, including publication in the Texas Register for public comments, regarding Chapter 185, Physician Assistants, with proposed amendments to 185.3, relating to Meetings and Committees.

After discussion, **Ms. Jones moved, Dr. Koo seconded, and the motion passed to approve the proposed amendments to 185.3, relating to Meetings and Committee for publication in the Texas Register for public comments.**

Agenda item #17, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action, including adoption, regarding Chapter 185, Physician Assistants, with proposed published amendments to:

- 1. 185.4, relating to Procedural Rules for Licensure Applicants;**
- 2. 185.7, relating to Temporary License;**
- 3. 185.16, relating to Employment Guidelines;**
- 4. 185.22, relating to Impaired Physician Assistants; and**
- 5. New 185.27, Duty to Report Certain Conduct to the Board.**

No written comments were received and no one signed-in to present oral comments.

After discussion, **Mr. Rahr moved, Dr. Mitchell seconded, and the motion passed to approve and to refer the following proposed published amendments to the Texas Medical Board for adoption:**

- 1. 185.4, relating to Procedural Rules for Licensure Applicants;**
- 2. 185.7, relating to Temporary License;**
- 3. 185.16, relating to Employment Guidelines;**
- 4. 185.22, relating to Impaired Physician Assistants; and**
- 5. New 185.27, Duty to Report Certain Conduct to the Board.**

Agenda item #18, Consideration and Approval of the February 26, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes. After discussion, **Mr. Rahr moved, Ms. Chapman seconded, and the motion passed to approve the February 26, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes.**

Agenda item #19, Committee reports and the consideration and approval of minutes and action items of committees meeting during the board meeting.

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

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

Agenda item #19, Adjourn. There being no further agenda items the meeting, adjourned at 1:07 p.m.