



**TEXAS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD
BOARD MEETING
December 9, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m. by Presiding Officer, Margaret K. Bentley. Board members present were Reginald Baptiste, M.D.; James Endicott, Jr.; Teralea Jones, PA-C; Felix Koo, M.D.; Michael Mitchell, D.O.; and Richard R. Rahr, Ed.D, PA-C. Staff members present were Mari Robinson, Executive Director; Linda Gage-White, M.D., Medical Director; Jaime Garanflo, Director of Licensure and Customer Affairs; Jennifer Kaufman, Assistant General Counsel; and various other staff members.

The board's mission statement was read: *Our Mission is to protect and enhance the public's health, safety and welfare by establishing and maintaining standards of excellence used in regulating the practice of medicine and ensuring quality health care for the citizens of Texas through licensure, discipline, and education.*

Agenda item #2, Board Member report. Ms. Bentley welcomed new board members Reginald Baptiste, M.D., and James Endicott, Jr., who presented brief statements of introduction.

Agenda item #3, Executive Directors report.

Legislative Update. Ms. Robinson reported hearings are scheduled in January and February to address Interim Charges from the House of Representatives.

Physician Assistant/Physician Joint Ownership Update. Ms. Robinson reported the forms are completed for physician assistants to report any physician assistant/physician joint clinic ownership. The staff will track the reports to ensure that physician assistants, who were grandfathered, are aware they will be required to come under the current ownership laws, if there are any supervision changes.

Remedial plans. Ms. Robinson outlined the options for the use of remedial plans that are educational in nature. The board directed staff to institute the use of remedial plans for physician assistants.

Agenda item #4, Budget update. Ms. Robinson presented an updated budget of the General Revenue and General Revenue Dedicated (Combined) FY2011 through October 31, 2011.

Agenda item #5, Medical Director Report. Dr. Gage-White thanked the board members for their many referrals of physician assistants as expert panelists.

Agenda item #6, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding remedial training for Physician Assistants. Dr. Gage-White reviewed resources available for

future physician assistant re-education and re-entry programs. The board discussed different options available as re-entry training programs.

There were no items for Agenda item #7.

Agenda item #8, Consideration and Approval of Agreed Board Orders. After discussion, **Mr. Rahr moved, Dr. Koo seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Agreed Board Orders for Bret A. Baker, P.A.; Scott G. Bearden, P.A.; Joel Lueskow, P.A.; Aldo Torrente, P.A.; and Van M. Tunner, P.A., as written.**

There were no items for Agenda items #9-11.

Agenda item #12, Consideration and Approval of Mediated Settlement Agreement Orders. After consideration, **Dr. Koo moved, Mr. Rahr seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Mediated Settlement Agreement Order for Mark H. Kett, P.A., as written.** There were no items for Agenda item #13.

Agenda item #14, Consideration and Approval of Remedial Plans. After discussion, **Dr. Koo moved, Mr. Rahr seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Remedial Plans for Deborah J. Charette, P.A.; Wilson A. Cochrane, P.A.; and Pamela Foster, P.A., as written.**

There were no items for Agenda item #15.

Agenda item #16, Consideration and Approval of Determinations of Default. Scott Freshour, staff attorney, was present and gave a presentation. John M. Chapman, P.A., was not present. No one appeared representing Mr. Chapman. After discussion, **Mr. Rahr moved, Dr. Koo seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Determination of Default Order for John M. Chapman, P.A., as written.**

There were no items for Agenda items #18-21.

Agenda item #22, Public Comments. No one was present to present public comments.

Agenda item #23, Consideration and Approval of the July 8, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes. After consideration, **Dr. Koo moved, Dr. Mitchell seconded, and the motion passed to approve the July 8, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes.**

Agenda item #24, Committee reports and the consideration and approval of minutes and action items of committees meeting during the board meeting.

Dr. Koo gave a report of the Discipline and Ethics Committee meeting. **Dr. Koo moved, Mr. Rahr seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Discipline and Ethics Committee meeting minutes and action items.**

Ms. Jones gave a report of the Licensure Committee meeting. **Ms. Jones moved, Mr. Rahr seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Licensure Committee meeting minutes and action items.**

There being no further agenda items, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.