



**TEXAS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD  
BOARD MEETING**

**July 17, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 11:36 a.m. by Presiding Officer, Margaret K. Bentley. Board members present were Anna Chapman; Teralea Jones, PA-C; Felix Koo, M.D.; Michael A. Mitchell, D.O.; Richard R. Rahr, Ed.D, PA-C; Abelino Abel Reyna; and Edward W. Zwanziger, PA-C. Staff members present were Mari Robinson, Executive Director; Alan Moore, M.D., Medical Director; Nancy Leshikar, General Counsel; Jaime Garanfio, Director of Customer Affairs; Jennifer Kaufman, Assistant General Counsel; and various other staff members.

**Agenda item #2, Board Member Report.** The board presented a board resolution for Pamela Welch, PA-C, for her dedicated service to the board.

New board member, Edward W. Zwanziger, PA-C, was introduced and welcomed to the board.

Ms. Bentley announced new committee member assignments and welcomed board members interested in changes to their committee assignments. Ms. Bentley announced the nomination and vote for the board Secretary would be held at the next board meeting.

After discussion, the board directed staff to add an item to board meeting agendas to review and approve absences.

**Agenda item #3, Executive Directors Report.** Ms. Robinson gave a report that licensees would receive a proposed \$28.00 per year increase on all applications for revenue requirements.

Ms. Robinson gave a report on the Medical Board retreat held in June to discuss and consider new processes and procedures to review cases.

**Agenda item #4, Legislative update.** Ms. Robinson gave a legislative update of SB1331 establishing a physician health program and SB532 relating to a physician's delegation of prescriptive authority to physician assistants. After discussion, the board directed staff to research and draft guidelines to address the supervision of a physician assistant when the physician assistant is the employer of the physician.

**Agenda item #5, Budget Report.** Ms. Robinson gave a budget report.

**Agenda item #6, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding the Physician Health and Rehabilitation program.** After discussion, the board directed staff to notify board members of the stakeholder group meeting for the creation of the new Texas Physician Health Program established in SB1331.

**Agenda item #7, Consideration and Approval of Non-Public Rehabilitation Orders and Modification Request/Termination Request of Non-Public Rehabilitation Orders.** After discussion, **Mr. Reyna moved, Mr. Rahr seconded, and the motion passed to approve en masse the following: the Non-Public Rehabilitation Order #42; the Non-Public Rehabilitation Order #43; Modification Granted of Rehabilitation Order #37; Non-Public Rehabilitation Order #45; and Non-Public Rehabilitation Order #46.**

**Agenda item #8, Consideration and Approval of Agreed Board Orders.** After discussion, **Mr. Rahr moved, Mr. Reyna seconded, and the motion passed to approve the following agreed orders en masse for: Israel D. Custodio, P.A.; Lewis B. Hopson, P.A.; Arnold D. Kolman, P.A.; Adrana Polasek, P.A.; and Anita D. Shrout, P.A.**

There were no items for agenda items # 9-15.

**Agenda item #16, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding rule review of Chapter 185 and proposed amendments to the following sections that were published in the Texas Register for public comment:**

- Sec. 185.4 Procedural Rules for Licensure Applicants
- Sec. 185.5 Relicensure
- Sec. 185.6 Annual Renewal of License
- Sec. 185.13 Notice of Intent to Practice and Supervise
- Sec. 185.16 Employment Guidelines
- Sec. 185.19 Administrative Penalties
- Sec. 185.23 Third Party Reports to the Board
- Sec. 185.26 Voluntary Relinquishment or Surrender of Physician Assistant License

There were no written comments received. No one was present to present oral comments. After discussion, **Dr. Mitchell moved, Mr. Reyna seconded, and the motion passed to approve the proposed rule review and amendments of Chapter 185, and to publish in the Texas Register as adopted rules.**

**Agenda item #17, Consideration and Approval of the March 20, 2009 board meeting minutes.** After discussion, **Mr. Rahr moved, Dr. Koo seconded, and the motion passed to approve the March 20, 2009 Board Meeting minutes.**

**Agenda item #18, Committee reports and the consideration and approval of minutes and action items of committees meeting during the board meeting.**

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

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

Agenda item #19, Adjourn. There being no further agenda items the meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.