

TEXAS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD
LICENSURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by Chair, Pamela Welch, PA-C. Committee members present were Teralea Jones, PA-C, Michael A. Mitchell, D.O., and. Abelino Abel Reyna, J.D.

Agenda Item 2, Executive Session, was considered. Dr. Mitchell moved, Mr. Reyna seconded, and the motion passed at 9:41 a.m. to go into executive session for private consultation and advice of counsel concerning pending or contemplated litigation, deliberations concerning licensure applications, possible disciplinary action and/or possible rehabilitation order under the authority of the Open Meetings Act, GOVT CODE, 551.071; and the Medical Practice Act, TEX. OCC. CODE ANN., 152.009; and the Physician Assistant Licensing Act, TEX. OCC. CODE ANN., 204.208, 204.254, 204.305, and 204.306; and Attorney Generals Opinion No. H-484.

There was no final action, decision, or vote with regard to any matter considered or discussed in executive session. The executive session ended at 11:22 a.m. A certified agenda of the executive session was made.

Agenda Item 3 Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding licensure applicants referred to the Licensure Committee by the Executive Director for determination of eligibility of licensure.

The Licensure Committee conducted hearings to review applicants appearing concerning eligibility. The hearings were conducted in Executive Session for deliberations concerning licensure applications and consideration of possible rehabilitation orders under the authority of the Open Meetings Act, GOVERNMENT CODE, 551.071; and the Medical Practice Act,

TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE ANNOTATED, 152.009, 155.058, 160.006, 164.007 and 164.203; and Attorney Generals Opinion No. H-484. Following the hearings, the Committee reconvened and considered the applications.

Applicant #585 appeared before the Committee in executive session after referral by the Executive Director. In open session, **Dr. Mitchell moved to recommend to the full Board that, upon compliance with all further requirements of licensure, the applicant be granted a Texas physician assistant temporary license with an expiration date that will allow the applicant to obtain at least 12 months of supervised practice, subject to the following conditions: that the applicant work only in a setting that provides continuous full-time, on-site physician supervision; the supervising physician shall submit, one month prior to the temporary license expiring, a log showing time worked and an evaluation regarding the applicants work performance; if the evaluation is favorable, the applicants name may be placed on a list of applicants who have met all requirements for licensure to be considered at the following board meeting; if the evaluation is unsatisfactory, the applicant will be required to appear at the following Board meeting for reconsideration of the application.** This recommendation is due to not having actively practiced within either of the last two years. Factors contributing to this recommendation include being out of practice from December 2003 to the present and attending CME events 1-2 times per month as a member of the Central Texas Physician Assistant Society. **Mr. Reyna seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Applicant #602 appeared before the Committee in executive session after referral by the Executive Director. In open session, **Mr. Reyna moved to recommend to the full Board that, upon compliance with all further requirements of licensure, the applicant be granted a Texas physician assistant temporary license with an expiration date that will allow the applicant to obtain at least 12 months of supervised practice, subject to the following conditions: that the applicant work only in a setting that provides continuous full-time, on-site physician supervision; the supervising physician shall submit, one month prior to the**

temporary license expiring, a log showing time worked and an evaluation regarding the applicants work performance; if the evaluation is favorable, the applicants name may be placed on a list of applicants who have met all requirements for licensure to be considered at the following board meeting; if the evaluation is unsatisfactory, the applicant will be required to appear at the following Board meeting for reconsideration of the application.

This recommendation is due to not having actively practiced within either of the last two years. Factors contributing to this recommendation include being out of practice from October 2004 to the present and maintaining certification with the NCCPA and membership in the TAPA and AAPA. **Ms. Welch seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Applicant #592 appeared before the Committee in executive session after referral by the Executive Director and on appeal of the Executive Directors determination of ineligibility. In open session, **Mr. Reyna moved to recommend to the full Board that, upon compliance with all further requirements of licensure, the applicant be granted a Texas physician assistant temporary license subject with an expiration date that will allow the applicant to obtain at least 12 months of supervised practice, subject to the following conditions: that the applicant work only in a setting that provides continuous full-time, on-site physician supervision; the supervising physician shall submit, one month prior to the temporary license expiring, a log showing time worked and an evaluation regarding the applicants work performance; the applicant will be required to work a minimum of 30 hours per week for 40 weeks in the 12 month period with no more than 2 consecutive weeks without patient contact in the 12 month period; the applicant will be required to complete at least one 5 to 7 day refresher course approved by the Board; the applicant will be required to appear at the Board meeting prior to the temporary license expiring for consideration of reissuance of another temporary license.** This recommendation is due to not having actively practiced within either of the last two years. Factors contributing to this recommendation include being out of practice from 1997 to the present, and the applicant only having practiced for one year prior to leaving practice. **Ms. Welch seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Applicant #599 appeared before the Committee in executive session after referral by the Executive Director. In open session, **Ms. Jones moved to recommend to the full Board that, upon compliance with all further requirements of licensure, the applicant be granted a Texas physician assistant temporary license with an expiration date that will allow the applicant to obtain at least 12 months of supervised practice, subject to the following conditions: that the applicant work only in a setting that provides continuous full-time, on-site physician supervision; the supervising physician shall submit, one month prior to the temporary license expiring, a log showing time worked and an evaluation regarding the applicants work performance; if the evaluation is favorable, the applicants name may be placed on a list of applicants who have met all requirements for licensure to be considered at the following board meeting; if the evaluation is unsatisfactory, the applicant will be required to appear at the following Board meeting for reconsideration of the application.** This recommendation is due to not having actively practiced within either of the last two years. Factors contributing to this recommendation include being out of practice from licensure in November of 2004 to the present and working as a medical assistant in a physicians office from December 2005 to December 2006; currently working as a medical assistant, and keeping current with CME. **Mr. Reyna seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Applicant #589 appeared before the Committee with counsel in executive session after referral by the Executive Director. In open session, **Dr. Mitchell moved to recommend to the full Board that, upon compliance with all further requirements of licensure, the Applicant be granted a Texas physician assistant license under a 5 year public order subject to the following restrictions: the applicant may not be delegated prescriptive authority; the applicant must take 10 hours of ethics CME approved by the Executive Director, and 10 hours of drug and alcohol awareness CME approved by the Executive Director; the applicant may work only in a setting that provides continuous full-time, on-site physician supervision; and the supervising physician shall submit quarterly performance reports.**

This recommendation is due to unprofessional or dishonorable conduct. Factors contributing to this recommendation include disciplinary action by the Texas Board of Nurse Examiners; and administrative removal from Goodfellow AFB. **Mr. Reyna seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Applicant #582 appeared before the Committee in executive session after referral by the Executive Director. In open session, **Ms. Welch moved to recommend to the full Board that, upon compliance with all further requirements of licensure, the applicant be granted a Texas physician assistant temporary license with an expiration date that will allow the applicant to obtain at least 12 months of supervised practice, subject to the following conditions: that the applicant work only in a setting that provides continuous full-time, on-site physician supervision; the supervising physician shall submit, one month prior to the temporary license expiring, a log showing time worked and an evaluation regarding the applicants work performance; the applicant will be required to appear at the Board meeting prior to the temporary license expiring for consideration of reissuance of another temporary license.** This recommendation is due to not having actively practiced within either of the last two years. Factors contributing to this recommendation include being out of practice from 1999 to the present and attending chiropractic school, and practicing as a chiropractor since 2003. **Mr. Reyna seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Agenda Item 4 - Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding review of physician assistant applications for permanent licensure. There were 164 applicants who met all requirements to be considered for permanent licensure by the full Board. **Dr. Mitchell moved to recommend to the full board that all 164 applicants for permanent licensure be approved. Ms. Welch seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Agenda Item 5 Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding reactivation of physician assistant licenses. There were none.

Agenda Item 6 Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding FCVS verification of physician assistant credentials. Ms. Garanflo presented a letter from the Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS) asking the Board to agree to allow applicants to use the FCVS service to obtain core credentials and to accept the FCVS packet as primary source verification of those credentials. **Dr. Mitchell moved to recommend to the full board that the Texas Physician Assistant Board allow PA applicants to Texas to use the Federation Credentials Verification Service.** Ms. Jones seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

~~Ms. Garanflo explained that Mr. Simpson~~

Agenda Item 78 - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.