



Texas Physician Assistant Board
BOARD MEETING
March 28, 2025

The meeting was called to order on Friday, March 28, 2025, at 9:02 a.m. by Karrie L Crosby, PA-C, Presiding Officer. Other board members present were Melinda Gottschalk, PA-C, Secretary/Treasurer; Rao K. Ali, M.D.; Clayton "Clay" P. Bulls, PA-C; Stephanie Corbett, PA-C; Victor Shen-Pou Ho, M.D.; Cameron J. McElhany; Gregory S. Rowin, D.O.; Andrew W. Sauer, PA-C; Laura "Lali" Shipley; and Richard M. Todd, PA-C. Lawrence G. Hughes, Ed.D.; and Sandra Longoria, PA-C did not attend. Staff members present were Brint Carlton, Executive Director; Christopher Palazola, J.D., Director of Operations; Scott Freshour, J.D., General Counsel, and various other staff.

Agenda item #1, Mission Statement. Ms. Crosby read the board's mission statement into the minutes. *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. Nothing to report.

Agenda item #3, Executive Director's Report.

Budget Report. Mr. Joey Estrada, CFO, gave an update on the budget.

Legislative Update. Mr. Carlton provided an update on the Legislative Session.

Internal Audit. Mr. Carlton provided an update on the Internal Audit.

Agenda item #4, Medical Director Report. There was nothing to report.

Agenda item #5, Physician Assistant Liaison Report. Ms. Gottschalk attended the December Medical Board meeting. There was nothing to report.

Agenda item #6, Public Information Update. Ms. Sloan gave an update on the bills the agency is tracking in the legislative session and the rule update.

Agenda item #7, Consideration and possible action regarding pending litigation. Mr. Freshour provided an update on pending litigation.

Agenda Item #8, Texas Physician Health Program (TXPHP):

A. Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding referrals. After discussion, Mr. Bulls moved, Mr. Todd seconded, and the motion passed to accept the recommendation for 24-0908 PA and return the participant to TXPHP.

B. Report on Emergent Referrals. There were none.

C. Other discussion items. Emily Doyle, TXPHP Medical Director, presented the Drug Screening Quarterly Report and Program Activity Report.

Agenda item #9, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding licensee requests. There were none.

Agenda item #10, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding applicants appearing concerning eligibility.

Applicant 2621 and counsel, Alejandro Mora, JD, appeared before the Committee to appeal the Executive Director's determination that the applicant is ineligible for licensure due to criminal history, disciplinary history, active practice, and falsification. Mr. Mora presented a summary, the applicant made a statement and the Committee members asked questions.

At 9:50 am, Ms. Crosby moved, Ms. Gottschalk seconded, and the motion passed to go into Executive Session for the purposes of deliberations concerning licensure applications or disciplinary action under the authority of Occupations Code Section 204.0585.

Open session resumed at 10:12 am.

In open session, **Mr. Bulls moved, Ms. Gottschalk seconded, and the motion passed to deny the applicants appeal of the Executive Director's determination based on prior felony conviction.**

Agenda item #11, Discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding proposed orders offered by the Executive Director. There were none.

Agenda item #12, Report on physician assistant licenses issued by Board staff. Ms. Grace Unterborn, Licensure Manager, provided a report on physician assistant licenses issued by Board staff since the last board meeting.

Agenda item #13, Report on physician assistant licensure process statistics. Ms. Unterborn reported that in Quarter 2 of FY24, 287 physician assistant licenses were issued in an average processing time of 3 days. In Quarter 2 of FY25, 285 physician assistant licenses were issued in an average processing time of 6 days.

Agenda item #14, Report on cancelled/not renewed data/retired licenses. A report on cancelled/not renewed data/retired/retired licenses was provided.

Agenda item #15, Reports and discussion regarding the Investigation, Litigation and Compliance Departments.

A. Enforcement Activity Report Mr. Palazola gave a report on Enforcement Activity.

B. Warning Letters Report Mr. Palazola gave a report on Warning Letters

C. Criminal Case Review Report Mr. Palazola gave a report on Criminal Case Reviews.

D. Reports Regarding Cases Over One Year Old Mr. Palazola gave a report on Cases Over One Year Old.

E. Report Temporary Suspensions/Automatic Orders/Automatic Actions. Mr. Palazola gave a report on Temporary Suspensions/Automatic Orders/Automatic Actions.

F. Report Rehearing Request Nothing to report.

Agenda item #16, Consideration and approval of membership of the Expert Physician Panel.
There were none.

Agenda item #17, Review, discussion and possible action regarding cases recommended for dismissal.

A. Non-Standard of Care Cases

After discussion, **Dr. Rowin moved, Ms. Shipley seconded, and the motion passed to approve the dismissal of all non-standard of care cases assigned to Ms. Shipley.**

After discussion, **Mr. McElhaney moved, Ms. Gottschalk seconded, and the motion passed to approve the dismissal of all non-standard of care cases assigned to Mr. McElhaney.**

B. Standard of Care Cases.

After discussion, **Mr. Bulls moved, Ms. Crosby seconded, and the motion passed to approve the dismissal of all JNF standard of care cases assigned to Mr. Bulls with the exception of 25-3024.**

After discussion, **Mr. Bulls moved, Dr. Ho seconded, and the motion passed to approve the dismissal of all LOE standard of care cases assigned to Mr. Bulls.**

After discussion, **Ms. Corbett moved, Mr. Todd seconded, and the motion passed to approve the dismissal of all JNF standard of care cases assigned to Ms. Corbett.**

After discussion, **Ms. Corbett moved, Ms. Crosby seconded, and the motion passed to approve the dismissal of all LOE standard of care cases assigned to Ms. Corbett.**

After discussion, **Ms. Gottschalk moved, Mr. Todd seconded, and the motion passed to approve the dismissal of all standard of care cases assigned to Ms. Gottschalk.**

After discussion, **Dr. Ho moved, Mr. Todd seconded, and the motion passed to approve the dismissal of all JNF standard of care cases assigned to Dr. Ho.**

After discussion, **Dr. Ho moved, Ms. Gottschalk seconded, and the motion passed to approve the dismissal of all LOE standard of care cases assigned to Dr. Ho with the exception of 25-0691.**

After discussion, **Dr. Rowin moved, Ms. Gottschalk seconded, and the motion passed to approve the dismissal of all standard of care cases assigned to Dr. Rowin.**

After discussion, **Mr. Bulls moved, Dr. Ho seconded, and the motion passed to refer case 25-3024 for expert consultant review.**

After discussion, **Dr. Ho moved, Ms. Crosby seconded, and the motion passed to refer case 25-0691 for a 2nd expert consultant review with directed questions.**

Agenda item #18, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding routine follow-up investigative files previously referred from Discipline and Ethics Committee for follow-up action. There were none.

At 10:39 am, Ms. Crosby moved, Mr. Bulls seconded, and the motion passed to go into Executive Session for the purposes of deliberations private consultation and advice of counsel concerning pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, and/or legal matters subject to the attorney client privilege under the authority of the Open Meetings Act Section 551.071, Government Code

Open session resumed at 11:10 am.

Agenda Item #19, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding appeals of dismissed complaints.

A. Jurisdictional

B. JNF

C. NJ (none)

After discussion, **Ms. Gottschalk moved, Mr. Bulls seconded, and the motion passed to deny appeal for case 24-5062.**

After discussion, **Dr. Rowin moved, Dr. Ho seconded, and the motion passed to deny appeal for case 25-2113.**

After discussion, **Mr. Bulls moved, Mr. Todd seconded, and the motion passed to deny appeal for case 25-2107.**

After discussion, **Ms. Corbett moved, Mr. Bulls seconded, and the motion passed to deny appeal for case 25-1818.**

There was a break from 11:15-11:20 am.

Agenda Item #20, Consideration and Approval of Non-Public Rehabilitation Orders and Modification Request/Termination Request of Non-Public Rehabilitation Orders. There were none.

Agenda Item #21, Consideration and approval of Modification/Termination Request Orders. After consideration, Dr. Ali moved, Ms. Gottschalk seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Termination Request Orders for Jason D. Hinojosa, PA and Javier Suarez Jaramillo, PA.

Agenda item #22, Consideration and Approval of Agreed Board Orders. After consideration, Mr. Bulls moved, Mr. Todd seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Agreed Orders for Steven Aron Brewer, PA and Javier Martinez, PA.

Agenda item #23, Consideration and approval of Remedial Plans. After consideration, **Ms. Gottschalk moved, Dr. Ali seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Remedial Plan for Austin Reed Marshall, PA.**

There were no items for Agenda item #24-30.

There were no items for Agenda item #32-33.

Agenda item #34, Open Forum for Public Comments. No one made public comments.

Agenda item #35, Consideration and Approval of November 8, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes. After consideration, **Dr. Rowin moved, Mr. Todd seconded, and the motion passed to approve the November 8, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes.**

Agenda item #31, Consideration and possible action for Proposal of Decision.

a. Grazyna Maria Thomas, PA, SOAH #503-22-09448.PA

Shane Nelder, Staff Attorney, gave a brief overview of the case. Ms. Thomas was present. After discussion, **Mr. Bulls moved, Mr. Todd seconded, and the motion passed to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Administrative Law Judge in the Proposal for Decision, and approve the suggested Final Order filed in this matter by Board Staff.**

Agenda item #36, Adjourn. There being no further items, **Mr. Bulls moved, Mr. Todd seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 12:13 pm.**