

TEXAS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD
LICENSURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 28, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Chairman, Dwight M. Deter, PA-C. Committee members present were Timothy Webb, J.D. and Pamela Welch, PA-C.

Agenda Item 2, Executive Session, was considered. Mr. Webb moved, Ms. Welch seconded, and the motion passed at 10:16 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, GOV'T 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 General's Opinion No. H-484.

Open session resumed at 11:15 a.m. and the Chair announced that no final action or decision was taken during executive session. A certified agenda 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 General's Opinion No. H-484. Following the hearings, the Committee reconvened and considered the applications.

Applicant #480 appeared before the Committee in executive session after referral by the Executive Director. In open session, **Mr. Webb moved to recommend to the full board that Applicant #480 be allowed to withdraw the application for licensure, and resubmit it providing truthful and complete answers.** This recommendation is due to falsification of application. Factors contributing to this recommendation include the applicant's demonstration to the Board that the applicant's failure to disclose academic probation was not intentional. **Ms. Welch seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Applicant #388 appeared before the Committee in executive session after referral by the Executive Director. In open session, **Mr. Webb moved to recommend to the full board that the applicant be issued a temporary license with an expiration date that will allow the applicant to obtain at least 3 months of supervised practice on the condition that the applicant only work in a setting that provides continuous full-time, on-site physician supervision. Two weeks prior to the temporary license expiring, the supervising physician will submit to this office a log showing time worked and an evaluation to board staff regarding the applicant's work performance. If this evaluation is favorable, the applicant's 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 the desire of the board to allow the applicant more time in a supervised setting. The motion failed for lack of a second.**

Ms. Welch moved to recommend to the full board that Applicant #388 be granted an unrestricted license. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Webb moved to recommend to the full board that the applicant complete 12 months under his current temporary license which requires continuous full-time, on-site physician supervision. Two weeks prior to the temporary license expiring, the supervising physician will submit to this office a log showing time worked and an evaluation to board staff regarding the applicant's work performance. If this evaluation is favorable, a temporary license will be issued for a period of time to allow the applicant's name to 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. Mr. Deter 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 106 applicants and 3 relicensure applicants who met all requirements to be considered for permanent licensure by the full Board. Ms. Welch moved to recommend to the full board that all 106 applicants and 3 relicensure applicants for permanent licensure be approved. Mr. Webb seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Agenda Item 5 - Report regarding Texas Tech/TDCJ hiring policies and licensure status of physician assistants. Ms. Garanflo presented the report and stated that the material provided appeared to address all of the issues of concern.

Agenda Item 6 - There being no further business, Mr. Webb moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Welch seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.