

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT EXAMINERS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 26, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 12:26 p.m. by Chairman, G. Al Bendeck, PA-C. Board members present were Pamela W. Baker; Michael H. Belgard, PA-C; G. Al Bendeck, PA-C; Margaret K. Bentley; Dwight M. Deter, PA-C; Tony G. Hedges, D.O.; and Timothy Webb. Staff members present were Jerry T. Walker, Deputy Executive Director; Jennifer Soffer, J.D., Assistant General Counsel; Jaime Garanflo, Director of Customer Affairs; and various other staff.

Agenda item #2, regarding executive session, was next. It was announced that the executive session was not necessary.

Agenda items #3 and #4, regarding the Executive Directors report and legislative communication, were next. Mr. Walker and Ms. Garanflo reported on budget issues and passed out information regarding legislative communication. The board members were encouraged to inform staff of their legislative contacts.

Agenda item #5, regarding cancellation of physician assistant licenses, was next. Tim Speer, Director of the Acupuncture and Physician Assistant Department, distributed a list of the physician assistants who requested cancellation of their licenses and those who have not renewed their licenses. **Mr. Deter moved, Dr. Hedges seconded, and the motion passed to approve the list of cancellations.**

Agenda item #6, regarding rehabilitation orders, was considered. It was announced that there were no orders to be considered.

Agenda item #7, regarding agreed board orders, was next. Mr. Belgard moved, Mr. Deterseconded, and the motion passed to approve the following orders: Randall G. Webb, John S. Ricci, James Hale, Richard R. Collier, and Gary Russell Broadwater.

Agenda items #8-#13, regarding approval of orders, were next. It was announced that there were no orders to be considered.

Agenda item #14, regarding the January 25, 2002 full board meeting minutes, was next. Dr. Hedges moved, Ms. Bakerseconded, and the motion passed to approve the minutes.

Agenda item #15, regarding the January 25, 2002 Licensure Committee minutes, was next. Mr. Deter moved, Ms. Baker seconded, and the motion passed to approve the minutes.

Agenda item #16, regarding the January 25, 2002 Long Range Planning Committee minutes, was next. Ms. Baker moved, Ms. Bentley seconded, and the motion passed to approve the minutes.

Agenda item #17, regarding the January 25, 2002 Disciplinary and Ethics Committee minutes, was next. Ms. Baker moved, Mr. Belgard seconded, and the motion passed to approve the minutes.

Agenda item #18, regarding a report from the Long Range Planning Committee, was next. Mr. Bendeck gave a report and stated that the committee was recommending a rule change to increase the fee for physician assistant annual registration to \$155 to fund on-line registration. Mr. Belgard moved, Ms. Baker seconded, and the motion passed to approve the report and proposed rule change.

Agenda item #19, regarding a report from the Licensure Committee was next. Dr. Hedges reported that the committee recommended 89 applicants for licensure without restrictions, 1 applicant with restrictions, and deferred action on 2 applicants. Ms. Baker moved, Ms. Bentley seconded, and the motion passed to approve the report and action items.

Agenda item #20, regarding a report from the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee, was next. Mr. Belgard gave a report and outlined the agency's new drug testing program. He stated that there were concerns about the cost to physician assistants and Mr. Walker suggested that the board members share their concerns with staff. There were no action items. Dr. Hedges moved, Mr. Belgard seconded, and the motion passed to approve the report.

Agenda item #21, regarding appointment of Disciplinary Panels, was next. Mr. Bendeck made the following appointments: April-June 2002 Mr. Deter, Mr. Webb, and Dr. Benold; July-September 2002 Mr. Bendeck, Ms. Bentley, and Dr. Benold; and October-December 2002 Mr. Belgard, Ms. Baker, and Dr. Hedges.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.