

**TEXAS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD
BOARD MEETING
March 20, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 12:42 p.m. by Presiding Officer, Margaret K. Bentley. Board members present were Ron Bryce, M.D.; Teralea Jones, PA-C; Richard R. Rahr, Ed.D, PA-C; Abelino Abel Reyna; and Pam Welch, PA-C. Staff members present were Mari Robinson, Executive Director; Alan Moore, M.D., Medical Director; Robert Simpson, General Counsel; Jaime Garanflo, Director of Customer Affairs; Jennifer Kaufman, Assistant General Counsel; and various other staff members.

There were no items for Agenda Item #2.

Agenda item #3, Executive Directors Report. Ms. Robinson gave a report on reappropriation receipt projects. The board directed staff to go forward with the following projects: 1.) licensure verifications to other states and health care entities; 2.) decorative licensure certificates; and 3.) a new study guide with an expanded pool of questions for the jurisprudence exam.

Agenda item #4, Medical Directors Report. Dr. Moore gave a report on a proposed process for consultants to receive continuing medical education for serving in the capacity as a consultant to the board. The board directed staff to implement the process to provide up to six hours of Category I continuing medical education credits for serving in the capacity as a consultant to the board.

Agenda item #5, Legislative Update. Ms. Robinson notified the board that several legislative bills relate to the physician assistant delegation and she gave an update on SB9397. Ms. Robinson reported that the board does not take a position on legislation and will do what the legislature directs.

Agenda item #6, Budget Report. Ms. Robinson gave a budget report.

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, Dr. Bryce seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Non-Public Rehabilitation Order #42.**

There were no items for agenda item #8-11.

Agenda item #12, Consideration and Approval of Mediated Settlement Agreement Orders. After discussion, **Mr. Reyna moved, Mr. Rahr seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Mediated Settlement Agreement Order for Jason Montague, P.A.**

There were no items for agenda items #13-15.

Agenda item #16, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding rule review of Chapter 185 and proposed amendments to the following sections:

- 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

After discussion, **Mr. Reyna moved, Dr. Bryce seconded, and the motion passed to approve the proposed rule review and amendments to Chapter 185 and to publish for public comment.**

Agenda item #17, Consideration and Approval of minutes of November 14, 2008 Board Meeting. After discussion, **Ms. Welch moved, Mr. Reyna seconded, and the motion passed to approve the November 14, 2008 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. Welch gave a report of the Licensure Committee. **Ms. Welch moved, Ms. Jones seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Licensure Committee minutes.**

Mr. Reyna gave a report of the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee. **Mr. Reyna moved, Mr. Rahr seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee minutes.**

Agenda item #19, Adjourn. There being no further agenda items the meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m.