

TEXAS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD
LICENSURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 4, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 9:14 a.m. by Chairman, Tony Hedges, D.O. Committee members present were Michael Belgard, PA-C, G. Al Bendeck, PA-C, and Pamela W. Clark.

Agenda Item 2, Executive Session, was considered. Mr. Belgard moved, Ms. Clark seconded, and the motion passed at 9:15 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. 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 10:04 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 review of physician assistant applications for permanent licensure. There were 129 applicants and one relicensure applicant who met all requirements to be considered for permanent licensure by the full Board. **Ms. Clark moved to recommend to the full board that all 129 applicants and one relicensure applicant for permanent licensure be approved. Mr. Belgard seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Agenda item 5 Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding cancellation of Physician Assistant licenses by request and for nonpayment. Following discussion, **Mr. Bendeck moved, to recommend to the full Board that the 46 licenses listed be approved for cancellation by request and for nonpayment of registration fees. Ms. Clark seconded. All voted in favor, and the motion passed**

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.

Agenda Item 4 PDiscussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding licensure applicants referred to the Licensure Committee by the Executive Director for determination of eligibility of licensure.

Applicant #430 appeared before the Committee in executive session after referral by the Executive Director. In open session, **Ms. Clark moved to recommend to the full board that Applicant #430 be granted an unrestricted license. Mr. Belgard seconded. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Applicant #429 appeared before the Committee in executive session after referral by the Executive Director. In open session, **Mr. Belgard moved to recommend to the full board that Applicant #429 be granted an unrestricted license. Ms. Clark seconded. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Applicant #434 appeared before the Committee in executive session after referral by the Executive Director. In open session, **Mr. Bendeck moved to recommend to the full board that, based on the fact that the applicant does not meet the requirement set out in Board rule 185.4(d) regarding active practice as a Physician Assistant, Applicant #434 be issued a temporary license with an expiration date that will allow the applicant to obtain at least twelve 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, Applicant #434 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, Applicant #434 will be required to appear at the following Board meeting for reconsideration of the application. This recommendation is due to the applicant's failure to actively practice as a Physician Assistant in either of the two years preceding application. Factors contributing to this recommendation include the applicant's failure to pass the NCCPA exam until the 7th attempt, and the applicant's volunteer work and favorable evaluations from a physician with whom the applicant has volunteered. **Mr. Belgard seconded. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Applicant #428 appeared before the Committee in executive session after referral by the Executive Director. In open session, **Ms. Clark moved to recommend to the full board that, based on the fact that the applicant does not meet the requirement set out in Board rule 185.4(d) regarding active practice as a Physician Assistant, Applicant #428 be issued a temporary license with an expiration date that will allow the applicant to obtain at least six 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, Applicant #428 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, Applicant #428 will be required to appear at the following Board meeting for reconsideration of the application.** This recommendation is due to the applicant's failure to actively practice as a Physician Assistant in either of the two years preceding application. Factors contributing to this recommendation include the applicant's failure to actively practice since March 1996, and the applicant's current certification and maintenance of CME requirements. **Mr. Belgard seconded. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Agenda Item 6 - There being no further business, **Mr. Belgard moved to adjourn the meeting.**
Mr. Bendeck seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.