

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT EXAMINERS
LICENSURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JULY 29, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Chairman, Tony Hedges, D.O. The only Committee member present was Pamela W. Clark. Margaret K. Bentley attended the meeting to ensure a quorum.

Agenda Item 2, Executive Session, was considered. Ms. Clark moved, Dr. Hedges seconded, and the motion passed at 9:32 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 10:53 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 - There were 60 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 60 applicants and one relicensure applicant for permanent licensure be approved. Ms. Bentley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Agenda Item 4 - Applicant #394 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 #394 be approved for relicensure. Ms. Bentley seconded. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Applicant #395 appeared before the Committee in executive session after referral by the Executive Director. Applicant #395's application was reviewed due to time out of practice since graduation, August 2003. 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 #395 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 #395 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 #395 will be required to appear at the following Board meeting for reconsideration of the application. Ms. Bentley seconded. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Applicant #396 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 #396 be granted an unrestricted license. Ms. Bentley seconded. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Applicant #397 appeared before the Committee in executive session after referral by the Executive Director. Applicant #397's application was reviewed due to time out of practice since June 1997. 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 #397 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 #395 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 #395 will be required to appear at the following Board meeting for reconsideration of the application. Ms. Bentley seconded. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Applicant #398 appeared before the Committee in executive session after referral by the Executive Director. Applicant #398's application was reviewed regarding impairment due to alcohol dependence. In open session, **Ms. Clark moved to recommend to the full board that Applicant #398 be granted a restricted license under a private non-disciplinary rehabilitation order for 5 years.** Factors influencing this motion include applicant's history of alcohol abuse and four years sobriety. **Ms. Bentley seconded. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Agenda Item 5 - There were no Physician Assistant licensure applicants to be considered for cancellation by request or nonpayment of fees.

Agenda Item 6 - There being no further business, **Ms. Clark moved to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Bentley seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.**