

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT EXAMINERS
LICENSURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MAY 21, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 10:22 a.m. by Acting Chairman, Pamela W. Clark. To insure a quorum Margaret K. Bentley and Dwight Deter PA-C were appointed to the committee. Jerry Walker, Deputy Executive Director; Jennifer Kaufman, J.D., Assistant General Counsel; Jaime Garanfio, Director, Customer Affairs; Tonie Knight, Manager, Licensing, Permits and Registration; Tim Speer, Team Leader, Physician Assistant/Acupuncture Division; and various other staff were also present.

Agenda item #2, Executive Session, was considered. Mr. Deter moved, Ms. Bentley seconded, and the motion passed at 10:23 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 it was announced that no action was taken during Executive Session. A certified agenda was made.

Agenda item #4, regarding licensure applicants referred to the Licensure Committee by the Executive Director for determination of eligibility of licensure, was considered. Applicant #PA-46 appeared before the Committee for the consideration of his application for licensure and to discuss his arrest history. Applicant #PA-46 answered questions regarding his arrests for narcotics paraphernalia and larceny in 1987, and for driving while intoxicated in 2003. It was determined that despite being charged with DWI there was no final conviction. In addition, it was determined that the DWI was a single occurrence and that there was no indication that Applicant #PA-46 has an alcohol problem or would pose a threat to the public by his practice as a physician assistant.

Following discussion, **Mr. Deter moved, Ms. Bentley seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full board that Applicant #PA-46 be granted an unrestricted license.**

The application for applicant #286 was considered. Mr. Deter moved, Ms. Bentley seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full board that a decision for Applicant # 286 be deferred until the next board meeting. Due to substance abuse, the committee stated that Applicant # 286 must submit to an independent psychiatric evaluation with a psychiatrist specializing in addiction and approved by the Executive Director. The committee also stated that Applicant #286 is required to personally appear before the licensure committee at the next meeting to discuss the applicant's application further after the results of the psychiatric evaluation has been reviewed by the committee members.

Agenda item #3 regarding review of physician assistant applications for permanent licensure, was considered. Tim Speer, Manager of Physician Assistant Licensure, presented to the Committee a list of applicants for physician assistant licensure who had met all requirements. Mr. Deter moved, Ms. Bentley seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that the 64 applicants and 3 relicensure applicants listed be granted Physician Assistant licensure.

There being no further business, Ms. Bentley moved, Mr. Deter seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 11:36 a.m.