



Texas Physician Assistant Board

BOARD MEETING

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020

TELEPHONIC

Notice for March 27, 2020

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The Physician Assistant Board is posting the following Notice per Texas Government Code Sec. 551.041, 551.045, and 551.125.

On March 13, 2020, the Governor of Texas certified COVID-19 as posing an imminent threat of disaster to the public health and safety and declared a state of disaster in all counties of Texas. Therefore, an emergency or public necessity exists within the meaning of Texas Government Code Section 551.045. Further, travel limitations necessary to mitigate the risk of exposure to COVID-19 render the convening at one location of a quorum of the PA Board, an advisory board to the Medical Board, difficult or impossible.

Additionally, there is an urgent public necessity for the Physician Assistant Board to carry out the functions and duties of the Board, pursuant to Tex. Occ. Code Sec. 204.101, including, but not limited to, licensing physician assistants, who are needed to provide patient care and ensure adequate staffing at healthcare facilities. In addition, there are a number of disciplinary actions pending that need to be considered and reviewed for possible Board action in order for the Board to effectively and efficiently resolve such pending matters and monitor those licensees.

*Accordingly, the meeting will proceed by telephone conference, as allowed under Texas Government Code, Sec. 551.125(b). The public should first call the PRIMARY number listed below to connect to the meeting. **IF AND ONLY IF THE PRIMARY NUMBER DOES NOT WORK**, an alternative number has been provided below and will provide the **SOLE** connection to the meeting.*

The public and members may attend by telephone. The **PRIMARY** telephone number for the March 27, 2020 meeting is:

Primary Toll-Free: 888-431-3632

Access Code: 2580660

IF AND ONLY IF THE PRIMARY NUMBER LISTED ABOVE DOES NOT WORK, PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO CONNECT TO THE March 27, 2020 meeting:

Call in Number: **(415) 762-9988** or **(646) 568-7788**

Meeting ID: 446 299 491

Password: 03272020

- 9:30 a.m.
1. Full Board Call to Order, Roll Call and Mission Statement.
Our Mission is to protect and enhance the public's health, safety and welfare by establishing and maintaining standards of excellence used in regulating the practice of medicine and ensuring quality health care for the citizens of Texas through licensure, discipline, and education.
 2. Board Member Report.
Liaison signup sheet
 3. Executive Director's Report.
Budget Report
Internal Audit Report
Opioid Workgroup Update
 4. Medical Director Report.
 5. Physician Assistant Liaison Report.
 6. Public Information Update.
 7. Consideration and possible action regarding pending litigation.
- Agenda item #8 at 9:45 a.m.**
8. Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding applicants appearing concerning eligibility.
 9. Report on physician assistant licenses issued by Board staff.
 10. Report on physician assistant licensure process statistics.
 11. Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding referrals and reports from the Texas Physician Health Program.
 12. Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding Rule Review and proposed changes to the following chapters in Title 22 of the Texas Administrative Code.
 13. Review, discussion and possible action regarding appeals of dismissed complaints.
 14. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding selected files and cases.
 15. Consideration and Approval of Non-Public Rehabilitation Orders and Modification Request/Termination Request of Non-Public Rehabilitation Orders.
 16. Consideration and Approval of Modification/Termination Request Orders.
 17. Consideration and Approval of Agreed Board Orders.
 18. Consideration and Approval of Reinstatement Request Orders.
 19. Consideration and Approval of Nunc Pro Tunc Orders.

20. Consideration and Approval of Mediated Settlement Agreement Orders.
21. Consideration and Approval of Termination of Suspension Orders.
22. Consideration and Approval of Remedial Plans.
23. Consideration and Approval of Administrative Agreed Orders.
24. Report on Temporary Suspension/Automatic Orders/Automatic Actions.
25. Report on Rehearing Requests.
26. Consideration and Approval of Cease and Desist Orders.
27. Consideration and Approval of Determinations of Default.
28. Consideration and possible action for Proposal for Decisions.
29. Discussion, recommendation, and possible action, including rule review and adoption of proposed amendments to 22 T.A.C. Chapter 185, Physician Assistants.
30. Open Forum for Public Comments.
31. Consideration and Approval of the November 8, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes.
32. Committee reports and the consideration and approval of minutes and action items of committees meeting during the board meeting.
33. Adjourn.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

The Physician Assistant Board may close the meeting to the public and continue in executive session for the following reasons:

- a. Deliberations concerning licensure applications under the authority of Occupations Code Section 204.0585.
- b. Deliberations concerning disciplinary action under the authority of Occupations Code Section 204.0585.
- c. Private consultation and advice of counsel concerning pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, and/or legal matters subject to the attorney-client privilege under the authority of the Open Meetings Act Section 551.071, Government Code.
- d. Deliberations concerning personnel matters under the authority of the Open Meetings Act Section 551.074, Government Code.

While in executive session, the Board will not take any action, make any decision, or vote with regard to any matter that may be considered or discussed. A certified agenda of any executive session will be made.