

Texas Physician Assistant Board

BOARD MEETING November 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order on Friday November 8, 2019 at 9:52 a.m. by Karrie L Crosby, PA-C, Presiding Officer. Other board members present were: Melinda Gottschalk, PA-C, Secretary; Jennifer L. Clarner, PA-C; Victor Shen-Pou Ho, M.D.; Lawrence G. Hughes, Ed.D; Teralea Jones, PA-C; Cameron J. McElhany; and Janeth K. Mills, PA-C. Clayton "Clay" P. Bulls, PA-C; Michael D. Reis, M.D.; and John S. Scott, D.O. Jorge Martinez was not present. Staff members present were Stephen "Brint" Carlton, Executive Director; Scott Freshour, J.D., General Counsel; Robert Bredt, M.D., Medical Director; Taurie Randermann, Governmental Affairs and Public Information Manager; and the Assistant General Counsels: Sarah Tuthill, J.D., and Amy Swanholm, J.D. and various other staff.

Agenda item #1, Mission Statement. Ms. Crosby read the board's mission statement into the minutes. *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.*

Agenda item #2, Board Member Report. Ms. Crosby reported that she explored being members/participating with FSMB. Ms. Gottschalk will be attending a meeting with portability of PA license when it comes to telemedicine. Ms. Crosby discussed the opioid crisis and the opioid workgroup. Ms. Gottschalk reported on her attendance of the opioid workgroup. Ms. Crosby asked if anyone is available to attend these groups moving forward. Mr. Carlton discussed rule through the TMB relating to Physician Assistants.

Agenda item #3, Executive Director's Report.

Budget Report. Mr. Carlton reported that the fiscal year just began.

Legislative Report. Mr. Carlton gave an update on rules passed during the last legislature session.

Internal Audit Report. Mr. Carlton updated the board on the search for a new audit team.

Building Move. TMB will be leaving the Hobby building in summer 2022 to a new building across from UT campus.

Agenda item #4, Medical Director Report. Dr. Bredt asked for recommendations from the board for expert specialist.

Agenda item #5, Physician Assistant Liaison Report. Ms. Mills reported on her attendance of the TMB October 18, 2019 meeting.

Agenda item #6, Public Information Report. Ms. Randermann reported that they are currently working on the last bulletin of the year.

Agenda item #7, Consideration and possible action regarding pending litigation. Mr. Freshour gave an update on pending litigation.

Agenda item #8, Discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding proposed licensure orders and remedial plans offered by the Executive Director. After discussion, Ms. Gottschalk moved, Ms. Jones seconded and the motion passed to approve the proposed licensure orders and remedial plans offered by the Executive Director.

Agenda item #9, Report on physician assistant licenses issued by board staff. A report on physician assistant licenses issued by the board staff was presented.

Agenda item #10, Report on physician assistant licensure process statistics. A report on physician assistant licensure statistics was presented.

There were no items for Agenda item #11.

Agenda item #12, Consideration and Approval of Modification/Termination Requests Granted. After consideration, Ms. Jones moved, Ms. Mills seconded and the motion passed to approve the Termination Request Order for Bryan S. Shaver, PA.

Agenda item #13, Consideration and Approval of Agreed Board Orders. After consideration, Mr. McElhany moved, Mr. Hughes seconded and the motion passed to approve the Agreed Board Orders for Laura Ashley Devries, PA; Kristen Wendy Fletcher, PA; Ray Shoulders, PA; John Ashley Kirkus, PA and Scott S. Foxworth, PA.

There were no items for Agenda items #14-15.

Agenda item #16, Consideration and approval of Mediated Settlement Agreement Orders. After consideration, Ms. Gottschalk moved, Ms. Clarner seconded and the motion passed to approve the Mediated Settlement Order for Kari E. Hartmann, PA.

There were no items for Agenda item #17.

Agenda item #18, Consideration and Approval of Remedial Plans. After consideration, Dr. Ho moved, Mr. McElhany seconded and the motion passed to approve the Remedial Plans for Julie Ann Burgman, PA; Carinthia J. Guirdy-Williams, PA; Elisabeth N. McManus, PA; Charles M. Menger, PA (Ms. Gottschalk and Ms. Mills recused); Maria Adriana Sustayta, PA; and Manuel D. Hernandez, PA. After consideration, Ms. Gottschalk moved, Ms. Mills seconded and the motion passed to approve the Remedial Plans for Tami Ray Wieland, PA with the addition of the JP Exam. Mr. Hughes opposed.

There were no items for Agenda item #19.

Agenda item #20, Report on Temporary Suspension/Automatic Orders/Automatic Actions. A report on Temporary Suspension/Automatic Orders/Automatic Actions was presented.

There were no items for Agenda items #21-26.

Agenda item #27, Open Forum for Public Comments. No one signed in for Public Comments.

Agenda item #28, Consideration and Approval of July 12, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes. After consideration, Mr. Hughes moved, Ms. Clarner seconded and the motion passed to approve the July 12, 2019 Board Meeting minutes.

Agenda item #29, Committee reports and the consideration and approval of minutes and action items of committees meeting during the board meeting. After consideration, Ms. Gottschalk moved, Mr. McElhany seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Discipline and Ethics committee meeting minutes and action items.

Agenda item #30, Adjourn. There being no further items, Dr. Ho moved, Ms. Mills seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m.