Texas Physician Assistant Board
BOARD MEETING
April 10, 2026

The meeting was called to order on Friday, April 10, 2026, at 9:02 a.m. by Karrie L Crosby, PA-C, Presiding Officer. Other board members present were: Shane Bailey, M.D.; Clayton "Clay" P. Bulls, PA-C; Lyle Grimes; Victor Shen-Pou Ho, M.D.; Sandra Longoria, PA-C (left at 10:24am), DMSc; Cameron J. McElhany; Chad Moody MS, PA-C; Andrew W. Sauer, PA-C DMSc; Laura "Lali" Shipley; Richard M. Todd, PA-C *(joined at 9:18 am)* and Jen Wegenhoft, PA-C. Rao K. Ali, M.D. did not attend. Staff members present were Christopher Palazola, J.D., Director of Operations; Scott Freshour, J.D., General Counsel, and various other staff.

Agenda item #1, Mission Statement. Mr. Bulls 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.
Introduce New Members. Ms. Crosby introduced new board members PA Jen Wegenhoft and Shane Bailey, MD.

Agenda item #3, Executive Director's Report.

a. Committee Discussion Ms. Gottschalk discussed minor changes to the committees due to new board members.
b. PA Liaison Report There was nothing to report.

Mr. Joey Estrada, CFO, provided a financial report.

Agenda item #4, Medical Director Report. There was nothing to report.

Agenda item #5, Physician Assistant Liaison Report. There was nothing to report.

Agenda item #6, Public Information Report. Ms. Taurie Sloan, Director of Government Affairs, gave a Public Information Report.

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

Agenda Item #8, Texas Physician Health Program (TXPHP):

A. Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding referrals. There were none.

B. **Report on Emergent Referrals.** There were none.
C. **Other discussion items.** A Program Activity Report was provided.

Agenda item #9, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding licensee requests. There were none.

Agenda item #10, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding applicants appearing concerning eligibility. There were none.

Agenda item #11, Reports and discussion regarding Licensure and Registration Department.

a. **Report on physician assistant licenses issued by Board Staff.** A report on physician assistant licenses issued by Board Staff was provided.
b. **Report on physician assistant licensure process statistics.** A report on physician assistant licensure process statistics was provided.
c. **Report on cancelled/not renewed retired licenses.** A report on cancelled/not renewed retired licenses was provided.

Agenda item #12, Reports and discussion regarding the Investigation, Litigation and Compliance Departments.

A. **Enforcement Activity Report** Mr. Palazola gave a report on Enforcement Activity.
B. **Warning Letters Report** Mr. Palazola gave a report on Warning Letters
C. **Criminal Case Review Report** Mr. Palazola gave a report on Criminal Case Reviews.
D. **Reports Regarding Cases Over One Year Old** Mr. Palazola gave a report on Cases Over One Year Old.
E. **Automatic Orders Report.** Mr. Palazola gave a report on Automatic Orders.
F. **Rehearing Request Report.** Nothing to report.

Agenda item #13, Consideration and approval of membership of the Expert Physician Panel. There were none.

Agenda item #14, Review, discussion and possible action regarding cases recommended for dismissal.

A. **Non-Standard of Care Cases**

After discussion, **Mr. McElhaney moved, Ms. Shipley seconded, and the motion passed to dismiss non-standard of care cases 26-1039 and 26-1856.**

After discussion, **Mr. McElhaney moved, Ms. Shipley seconded, and the motion passed to dismiss non-standard of care cases 25-8684 and 24-0629.**

After discussion, **Ms. Shipley moved, Mr. Moody seconded, and the motion passed to dismiss all non-standard of care cases assigned to Ms. Shipley.**

B. **Standard of Care Cases**.

After discussion, **Mr. Bull moved, Mr. Todd seconded, and the motion passed to approve the dismissal of all standard of care cases assigned to Mr. Bulls, with the exception of 25-6695.**

After discussion, **Dr. Ho moved, Mr. Todd seconded, and the motion passed to approve the dismissal of all standard of care cases assigned to Dr. Ho.**

After discussion, **Mr. Moody moved, Mr. Todd seconded, and the motion passed to approve the dismissal of all standard of care cases assigned to Mr. Moody.**

After discussion, **Mr. Bull moved, Ms. Crosby seconded, and the motion passed to deny the dismissal of 25-6695 and send the case back to investigations for review by a another consultant.**

Agenda Iten #15, Discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding routine follow-up on investigative files previously referred from Discipline and Ethics Committee for follow-up action. After discussion, **Mr. Bulls moved, Mr. Todd seconded, and the motion passed to dismiss case 26-1690.**

Agenda item #16, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding appeals of dismissed complaints.

A. Standard of Case Cases
B. Non-Standard of Care Cases

After discussion, **Mr. McElhaney moved, Mr. Todd seconded, and the motion passed to deny the appeal of all non-standard of care cases assigned to Mr. McElhaney.**

After discussion, **Mr. Bulls moved, Dr. Ho seconded, and the motion passed to deny the appeal of all standard of care cases assigned to Mr. Bulls.**

After discussion, **Dr. Ho moved, Mr. Todd seconded, and the motion passed to deny the appeal of all standard of care cases assigned to Dr. Ho, with the exception of 25-9470 and 26-0073.**

After discussion, **Mr. Moody moved, Mr. Todd seconded, and the motion passed to deny the appeal of all standard of care cases assigned to Mr. Moody.**

After discussion, **Ms. Shipley moved, Ms. Crosby seconded, and the motion passed to grant the appeal of non-standard of care case 25-7267.**

After discussion, **Dr. Ho moved, Mr. Todd seconded, and the motion passed to grant the appeal of standard of care case 25-9470 and send back to investigations.**

After discussion, **Dr. Ho moved, Mr. Sauer seconded, and the motion passed to deny the appeal of standard of care 26-0073.**

Agenda Item #17, Consideration and Approval of Non-Public Rehabilitation Orders and Modification Request/Termination Request of Non-Public Rehabilitation Orders. There were none.

Agenda Item #18, Consideration and approval of Modification/Termination Request Orders. After consideration, **Mr. Bulls moved, Mr. Todd seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Termination Request Orders for Nicolas Aguilar, PA; Douglas Griffith, PA; and Jessica Knussmann, PA.**

Agenda item #19, Consideration and Approval of Agreed Board Orders. After consideration, **Dr. Ho moved, Mr. Todd seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Agreed Orders for Ryan J. Ahr, PA and Joeseph Vaspe, PA.**

Agenda item #20, Consideration and approval of Remedial Plans. After consideration, **Mr. Bulls moved, Mr. Todd seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Remedial Plans for Laura Beatty, PA; Aya Elsaadi, PA; and Justin Hancock, PA.**

After discussion, **Mr. Crosby moved, Mr. Sauer seconded, and the motion passed to send case 26-0163 to a new expert to resolve ambiguities.**

There were no items for Agenda items #21-23.

Agenda item #24, Consideration and Approval of Mediated Settlement Agreement Orders. After consideration, **Mr. Bulls moved, Mr. Todd seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Mediated Settlement Agreement Order for Jacquelyn Thompson, PA.**

There were no items for Agenda item #25-30.

Agenda item #31, Open Forum for Public Comments. No public comments.

Agenda item #32, Consideration and Approval of November 7, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes and action items. After consideration, **Mr. Bulls moved, Mr. Todd seconded, and the motion passed to approve the November 7, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes.**

Agenda item #33, Adjourn. There being no further items, **Mr. Todd moved, Mr. Grimes seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 11:09 am.**