

**INDIANA PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COMMITTEE  
INDIANA GOVERNMENT CENTER SOUTH  
402 WEST WASHINGTON STREET  
Room W064  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204**

**MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2022**

Steve Jacobs, P.A., Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and a quorum was declared in accordance with IC § 25-27.5-3-5, pursuant to public notice posted at the principal office for the Committee, online at the committee's website and on the state calendar at least forty-eight (48) hours before the time of the meeting.

Members Present:                   Bret Cornn, P.A., Member  
  Steven Jacobs, P.A., Chair  
  Timothy Hawkins, J.D., Consumer Member

Members Absent:                   Joseph Fox, M.D., Member

Staff Present:                        Laura Turner, J.D., Committee Director  
  Professional Licensing Agency  
  Christine Cowdin, Assistant Committee Director  
  Professional Licensing Agency  
  Claire Dyer, Deputy Attorney General  
  Attorney General's Office

The Committee voted to adopt the agenda as amended.

Cornn/Hawkins, 3/0/0  
Motion carries

The following committee members voted aye:  
Steve Jacobs, Bret Cornn, Tim Hawkins  
The following committee members objected: none  
The following committee members abstained: none

There were no minutes for approval.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

In preparation for Steve Jacob's retirement, the following were voted into office beginning with the March 10, 2022, meeting.

- Bret Cornn, P.A., Chair
- Tim Hawkins, J.D., Vice Chair

Jacobs/Hawkins, 3/0/0  
Motion carries

The following committee members voted aye:  
Steve Jacobs, Bret Cornn, Tim Hawkins  
The following committee members objected: none  
The following committee members abstained: none

### **PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

The following personal appearance did not show for their appearance:

- Tyson Bubnar – Initial App – positive response
- LeLand Collard – Initial App – positive response

#### **Tiffany Stewart – Initial App – Failure to Disclose:**

Ms. Stewart appeared in person and was not represented by counsel regarding documentation received by the Committee that was not reported on her application and was not represented by counsel.

Ms. Stewart marked 'no' to all the questions on her application, but had information appear on her criminal background check.

She explained the following incidents:

- 4/17/2004 – Disposition – not mandated to be reported – this was an underage incident in a shopping center.
- 4/25/2004 – Disposition – not mandated to be reported – this was another underage incident in a shopping center.
- 4/25/2005 – Disposition – Nolle Prosequi Event – she was 17 at the time of the event that occurred at her grandmother's house. Her Uncle who was an alcoholic and drug abuser started to argue fiercely with her grandmother over borrowing money. Her grandmother refused he became enraged and started to attack her. She got in between them for fear that her grandmother would be physically harmed by her uncle. He pushed her down and she tried to push him off. Her grandmother called the police her uncle but when the officer arrived, she explained she pushed him off her and they were then both arrested. The judge assured her that no prosecution would take place, that no charges would be brought against her, and this was basically dismissed.

- 2/6/2011 – Disposition – Not mandated to be reported - She was driving and was speeding. She was stopped and the Officer asked for her insurance information, which showed that it was expired, therefore automatically suspending her driver's license. She indicated she was not aware the insurance was expired. She later appeared in court and this matter was dismissed.
- 3/22/2013 – Disposition – Stricken off with leave to reinstate. She was driving in an unfamiliar area upon leaving a patient's home for a provider visit. She turned right onto a busy street which was a left turn only street. She was pulled over by the Police. She had up to date Insurance, but has not added an SR22 insurance, which she needed in IL. After she was fingerprinted and released, she had her Insurance Company add the SR22 to her insurance.

After discussing the information that she didn't report to the Board, the Board moved to APPROVE Ms. Stewart's initial application.

Hawkins/Jacobs, 3/0/0  
Motion carries

The following committee members voted aye:  
Steve Jacobs, Bret Cornn, Tim Hawkins  
The following committee members objected: none  
The following committee members abstained: none

**Chelsey Buitrago – Initial App – Failure to Disclose:**

Ms. Buitrago appeared in person and was not represented by counsel regarding documentation received by the Committee that was not reported on her application and was not represented by counsel.

Ms. Buitrago marked 'no' to all the questions on her application, but had information appear on her criminal background check.

She explained the following:

- November 16, 2013, she was speeding and was intoxicated. She was arrested and released that same night. She was charged on November 22, 2013 of OVI first offense within 6 years – misdemeanor 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, which was reduce to Physical Control. The OVI was dismissed
- January 27, 2014, she pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of Physical Control, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Misdemeanor.
- February 5, 2014, she started court probation at Xenia Municipal Community. February 20-23, 2014, she completed a 72-hour weekend intervention program at Wright State University.
- May 21, 2015, the probation was transferred vis Interstate Compact Supervision following the death of her Father.

- June 18, 2014, the probation was successfully completed. She paid all fees/fines and passed all random urine drug screens. She also attended weekly counselling at Counselling Services and Consulting, LLC in Fort Wayne, IN.

She further stated that she answered the question based upon advice from her lawyer. They both felt that the physical control was considered a traffic violation and didn't have to report it because of that.

After discussing the information that she didn't report to the Board, the Board moved to APPROVE Ms. Buitrago's initial application.

Cornn/Hawkins, 3/0/0  
Motion carries

The following committee members voted aye:  
Steve Jacobs, Bret Cornn, Tim Hawkins  
The following committee members objected: none  
The following committee members abstained: none

### **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

**Bridget Williamson, P.A., License No. 10001720A, Cause No. 2021 PAC 0001**  
This settlement agreement has been continued.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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Bret Cornn, P.A., Chairman