

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

MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 2024

Bret Cornn, 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., Chairman
 Timothy Hawkins, J.D., Consumer Member
 Kathy Buchanan, P.A., Member
 Megan Leach, P.A.

Staff Present: Jody Edens, Committee Director
 Professional Licensing Agency
 James Green, Assistant Committee Director
 Professional Licensing Agency
 Claire Dyer, Deputy Attorney General
 Attorney General's Office

The Committee voted to adopt the agenda as amended.

Hawkins/Buchanan, 4/0/0
Motion carries

The following committee members voted aye:
Bret Cornn, Tim Hawkins, Kathy Buchanan, Megan Leach
The following committee members objected: none
The following committee members abstained: none

The Committee voted to APPROVE the September 14, 2023; minutes as written.

Hawkins/Buchanan, 4/0/0
Motion carries

The following committee members voted aye:
Bret Cornn, Tim Hawkins, Kathy Buchanan, Megan Leach

The following committee members objected: none
The following committee members abstained: none

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Hawkins recommended the Chair remain Bret Cornn. Mr. Cornn recommended the Vice Chair remain Timothy Hawkins. The following were voted into office beginning March 14, 2024.

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

Buchanan/Cornn, 4/0/0
Motion carries

The following committee members voted aye:
Bret Cornn, Tim Hawkins, Kathy Buchanan, Megan Leach
The following committee members objected: none
The following committee members abstained: none

PROBATIONARY PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Jennifer Boone, License No. 10001515A, Cause No. 2019 PAC 0001:

Ms. Boone appeared regarding her probationary order issued by the Committee and was not represented by counsel.

She informed the Committee that nothing had changed. She is seeing her addiction counselor about monthly. She remains sober and hasn't had any legal issues with the courts for two (2) years. She also stated she goes regularly to group therapy.

The Committee thanked her for coming.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Martin Stewart, P.A., Initial Application – Positive Response

Mr. Stewart appeared before the Committee and was not represented by counsel regarding a positive response on his initial application.

He explained he has been a physician assistant for eighteen (18) years and served twenty-one (21) years in the military.

He was listed in a malpractice suite that had sever professionals listed. It involved a cardiac issue in the emergency room. His attorney has filed to have him removed from the case.

He stated that he is licensed in Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, New York and Pennsylvania. He had not listed all the states on his application, therefore the Committee requested he obtain the Ohio, Michigan and Pennsylvania license verifications prior to having his license issued.

After discussion, the Committee APPROVED his application for licensure PENDING the receipt of the above listed license verifications.

Hawkins/Buchanan, 4/0/0
Motion carries

The following committee members voted aye:
Bret Cornn, Tim Hawkins, Kathy Buchanan, Megan Leach
The following committee members objected: none
The following committee members abstained: none

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

The following hearing was continued:

Cheyenne Powers, P.A., License No. 10002585A, Cause No. 2020 PAC 0003

Darryll Black, P.A., License No. 10002023A, Cause No. 2020 PAC 0001

Respondent did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Petition to Reinstate his license scheduled before the Committee. The State of Indiana was represented by Kaite Cramer, Certerfied Legal Intern and Ryan Eldridge, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Margie Addington with Accurate Reporting Services.

After discussion, and taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence and orders in this matter, the Board moved to ISSUE a NOTICE OF PROPOSED DISMISSAL as Mr. Black did not appear.

Buchanan/Hawkins, 4/0/0
Motion carries

The following committee members voted aye:
Bret Cornn, Tim Hawkins, Kathy Buchanan, Megan Leach
The following committee members objected: none

The following committee members abstained: none

DISCUSSION

Rules:

Jody Edens, Board Director explained that we have received approval from OMB/SBA to move forward.

The Committee reviewed the final rules and found three (3) items that need to be corrected.

- Page 6: (16) One (1) passport-type photo taken of the applicant within the last eight (8) weeks. **This should be deleted.**

- Page 6: 6 (B) shall review all patient encounters maintained by the physician assistant **as required by IC 25-27.5-6-1**; and This needs to have the original language put back in and then it needs to be marked through with the **as required by IC 25-27.5-6-1 at the end of it. as required by IC 25-27.5-6-1**

- Page 7: (b)(1) be the designated ~~supervising~~ **collaborating** physician for more than two (2) physician assistants; or (2) ~~supervise~~ **collaborate with** more than two (2) physician assistants at one (1) time as the primary or designated ~~supervising~~ **collaborating physician**

** the above in both places that indicate two (2) should be changed to four (4) per statute or just have it all deleted and say per statute...and list the statute.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 a.m.

Bret Cornn, P.A., Chairman