

INDIANA COMMITTEE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

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MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

JoAnn Beecher, P.A., Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. and a quorum was declared in accordance with IC § 25-27.5-3-5, pursuant to public notice posted on line at the Committee's website and on the state calendar at least forty-eight (48) hours before the time of the meeting.

Members Present: JoAnn Beecher, P.A., Vice Chair
Timothy Hawkins, Consumer Member
Bret Cornn, P.A., Member

Member(s) Absent: Steven Jacobs, P.A., Chair
Joseph Fox, M.D., Member

Staff Present: Laura Turner, J.D., Committee Director
Professional Licensing Agency
Jody Edens, Assistant Director
Professional Licensing Agency
Nicole Schuster, J.D. Deputy Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General

The Committee voted by roll call to adopt the agenda.

Beecher/Cornn, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following Committee members voted aye by roll call:

JoAnn Beecher, Bret Cornn, Timothy Hawkins

The following Committee members objected: none

The following Committee members abstained: none

The Committee voted by roll call to adopt the June 11, 2020 minutes as written.

Cornn/Hawkins, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following Committee members voted aye by roll call:

JoAnn Beecher, Bret Cornn, Timothy Hawkins
The following Committee members objected: none
The following Committee members abstained: none

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

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

Respondent appear telephonically and was not represented by counsel regarding a Final Hearing scheduled before the Committee. The State of Indiana was represented by Ryan Eldridge, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter, Lindy Meyer with Accurate Reporting Services also appeared telephonically.

Mr. Black requested that this matter be continued to allow him to obtain counsel.

After having considered the evidence presented and taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence, and orders in this matter the Committee voted by roll call to CONTINUE this matter to the December 10, 2020 meeting. No further continuances will be given.

Beecher/Cornn, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following Committee members voted aye by roll call:

Tim Hawkins, JoAnn Beecher, Bret Cornn

The following Committee members objected: none

The following Committee members abstained: none

Tonya Pfister, P.A., License No. 10000281A, Cause Number 2020 PAC 0002

Respondent appear telephonically and was represented by counsel, Stacy Hanefeld regarding a Final Hearing scheduled before the Committee. The State of Indiana was represented by Ryan Eldridge, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter, Lindy Meyer with Accurate Reporting Services also appeared telephonically.

A proposed settlement agreement between the Respondent, her counsel and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Committee. The proposed settlement agreement included INDEFINITE PROBATION not less than two (2) with terms and conditions.

After reviewing the agreement and taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence, and orders in this matter the Committee moved to APPROVE the SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

Beecher/Hawkins, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following Committee members voted aye by roll call:

Tim Hawkins, JoAnn Beecher, Bret Cornn
The following Committee members objected: none
The following Committee members abstained: none

David Wulff, P.A., License No. 10000305A, Cause Number 2013 PAC 0006

Respondent appear telephonically and was not represented by counsel regarding a request to Withdraw Probation and License Renewal scheduled before the Committee. The State of Indiana was represented by Ryan Eldridge, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter, Lindy Meyer with Accurate Reporting Services also appeared telephonically.

Mr. Wulff stated he paid his \$1,000 fine to the Committee on November 18, 2019, this was verified by staff.

On April 4, 2016, the Committee approved a settlement agreement that the Respondent also agreed to that placed the Respondent's license on INDEFINITE PROBATION for not less than eight (8) years due to issues with controlled substances and felony charges.

Mr. Wulff informed the Committee that his criminal probation is now complete, and he recently passed the NCCPA. He also completed the twelve hours of continuing education that was required in his agreement with the Committee.

After having considered the evidence presented and taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence, and orders in this matter the Committee voted by roll call to DENY the Respondent's request to Withdraw Probation.

Cornn/Hawkins, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following Committee members voted aye by roll call:
Tim Hawkins, JoAnn Beecher, Bret Cornn
The following Committee members objected: none
The following Committee members abstained: none

After further discussion, the Committee further voted by roll call to APPROVE the Respondent's request to Renew his license on Probation.

Cornn/Beecher, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following Committee members voted aye by roll call:
Tim Hawkins, JoAnn Beecher, Bret Cornn
The following Committee members objected: none
The following Committee members abstained: none

PROBATIONARY APPEARANCE(S)

Jennifer Boone, P.A., License No. 10001515A:

Ms. Boone appeared telephonically and was not represented by counsel regarding her probationary appearance before the Committee.

Ms. Boone informed the Committee that her probation is going well. She recently fractured her ankle, so she is meeting with her therapist by telephone.

She is not currently employed.

The Committee thanked her for her appearance.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Heath Ewing, P.A., License No. 10001509A:

Mr. Ewing appeared telephonically and was represented by counsel, Cynthia Marcus regarding a positive response on his renewal application.

Mr. Ewing plead guilty to disorderly conduct in December 2019 after he was arrested with a BAC of .2

His criminal probation will end October 31, 2020.

His sobriety date is September 10, 2019. He was successfully discharged from Pro-Active Resources an IOP program.

After discussion, the Committee voted by roll call to RENEW and FILE A COMPLAINT.

Beecher/Hawkins, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following Committee members voted aye by roll call:

Tim Hawkins, JoAnn Beecher, Bret Cornn

The following Committee members objected: none

The following Committee members abstained: none

Mallory Cross, P.A., License No. 10002240A:

Ms. Mallory appeared telephonically and was represented by counsel, Peter Pogue regarding a positive response on her renewal application.

On February 29, 2020, Ms. Cross was arrested and charged with a DUI. Her BAC was .08. She entered into a plea agreement and has currently met all the terms of the agreement. It will end on November 4, 2020.

She submitted a letter of support from Dr. Sansome.

After discussion, the Committee voted by roll call to APPROVE Ms. Cross' license renewal.

Cornn/Hawkins, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following Committee members voted aye by roll call:

Tim Hawkins, JoAnn Beecher, Bret Cornn

The following Committee members objected: none

The following Committee members abstained: none

Amy Mariacher, P.A., License No. 10000326A:

Ms. Mariacher appeared telephonically regarding her reinstatement renewal application and was not represented by counsel.

Her NCCPA is now active. Her Indiana license expired back in 2004.

After discussion, the Committee voted by roll call to APPROVED Ms. Mariacher's Reinstatement Renewal.

Cornn/Beecher, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following Committee members voted aye by roll call:

Tim Hawkins, JoAnn Beecher, Bret Cornn

The following Committee members objected: none

The following Committee members abstained: none

DISCUSSION

Co-signing prescriptions with APRNs (tabled from December meeting):

The Committee stated that all prescriptions must be signed by the practitioner writing the prescription.

There being no further business the Committee adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Steven Jacobs, P.A., Chair

JoAnn Beecher, P.A., Vice Chair