

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

**MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2023**

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, Consumer Member  
  Kathy Buchanan, P.A., Member  
  Christine Miller, D.O., Member

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

The Committee voted to adopt the agenda.

Hawkins/Miller, 4/0/0  
Motion carries

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

The Committee voted to APPROVE the December 8, 2022, minutes as written.

Buchanan/Hawkins, 4/0/0  
Motion carries

The following committee members voted aye:  
Bret Cornn, Tim Hawkins, Kathy Buchanan, Christine Miller

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

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The following were voted into office beginning with the June 2023, meeting.

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

Buchanan/Hawkins, 4/0/0  
Motion carries

The following committee members voted aye:  
Bret Cornn, Tim Hawkins, Kathy Buchanan, Christine Miller  
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 in person regarding her probationary order issued by the Committee and was not represented by counsel.

Ms. Boone informed the Committee that she is not currently employed as she is on disability and is living at home with her parents.

She indicated she is doing continuing education.

She continues to attend AA/NA meetings and sees her psychiatrist twice a month. She also sees her therapist weekly.

The Committee thanked her for her appearance.

### **PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

The following personal appearance was continued:

- Nazeeka Baksh, P.A. – Initial Application - Positive Response

#### **Brian Rafferty, Initial Application – Failure to Disclose:**

Mr. Rafferty appeared via WebEx before the Committee and was not represented by counsel.

The Committee requested Mr. Rafferty appear because he didn't report a malpractice action on his application.

Mr. Rafferty indicated he had forgotten about the malpractice action as it was back in 2011. He saw a patient in New York and his insurance settled a suite for \$425,000 due to a minor permanent injury to the patient.

He indicated he works in urgent care and travels to many states. He is currently licensed in NY, PA, OH, IL, MI. No issues on any of the licenses.

After discussion, the Committee moved to APPROVE Mr. Rafferty's physician assistant application.

Hawkins/Miller, 4/0/0  
Motion carries

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

### **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

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

Respondent appeared in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Petition to Withdraw the Order of Probation 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 was Margie Addington with Accurate Reporting Services.

Ms. Pfister license was placed on probation by settlement agreement. She failed to obtain a controlled substances registration and DEA license. Her collaborating agreement indicated she would be prescribing controlled substances.

Dr. Stanley is still her collaborating physician. She has been with him for twenty-eight years.

She stated she has completed all the terms of her probation order.

After having considered the evidence presented, and taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence, and orders in this matter the Committee moved to WITHDRAW the Order of Probation from Ms. Pfister's license.

Hawkins/Buchanan, 4/0/0  
Motion carries

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

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **Rules:**

Elizabeth Walker, Deputy Staff Counsel with IPLA addressed the Committee regarding the new process that has been put in place for rules.

A sub-committee will be formed which consists of Elizabeth, Board Director, 1 Committee Member, and Advisory Counsel. A representative from the association is also welcome to be a part of the sub-committee.

The committee will come up with a list of changes that need to be done. Elizabeth will then communicate the changes to OMB who will then draft the rules for the Committee to review. They can either approve the draft or request changes. If everything is approved, Elizabeth will file the notice of intent, then the Board Director will take over and complete the rules process.

#### **Reports:**

The Committee reviewed both the Board Director's report and the AG's report.

The Committee and staff discussed the chart review information and when it needs to be in the collaborative agreements.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

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Bret Cornn, P.A., Chairman