



**TENNESSEE BOARD OF
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS
Summary Suspension Meeting**

September 20, 2021

MINUTES

The summary suspension meeting of the Tennessee Board of Physician Assistants (hereinafter, "the Board") was called to order on September 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the Poplar Room, Ground Floor, MetroCenter Complex, 665 Mainstream Drive Nashville, TN 37243 by Marie Patterson.

Board Members Present: Bret Reeves, PA-C, Chair
 Barbara Thornton, Consumer Member
 Christina Free, PA-C
 Gregory Cain, PA

Staff Present: Angela Lawrence, Executive Director
 Stacy Tarr, Executive Administrative Director
 Candyce Wilson, Executive Administrative Director
 Tracy Alcock, Senior Associate General Counsel
 David Silvus, Office of General Counsel
 James Marrs, Board Administrator

Ms. Angela Lawrence made opening remarks and provided an overview of the requirements for a special meeting electronically. All requirements were satisfied. The electronic meeting was scheduled for the purpose of considering time sensitive matters. Mr. Reeves motioned for approval to conduct the meeting electronically for this purpose and Ms. Thornton seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and it passed. By roll call confirmation, all members present attested that they received all meeting materials prior to the meeting.

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Hector Vega, PA- Mr. Vega had legal counsel present, Jason Long, to hear matters set forth. Ms. Alcock advised that Mr. Vega signed an agreed order and agreed to the following order. Mr. Vega has been licensed in Tennessee as a Physician Assistant. Mr. Vega had worked at All About You Family Medicine in Morristown, TN. Before or around 2018, Mr. Vega began to have a sexual affair with a patient while the treating patient with medications, including controlled substances.

Mr. Vega discharged the patient in August 2020, when he ended the affair. Mr. Vega's fitness to return to practice as a physician assistant should be determined by the recommendations made upon satisfactory completion of primary residential treatment; a neuropsychological evaluation would be indicated as part of any future evaluation of his fitness to practice; completing and maintaining proper boundaries CME course should be essential if return to practice is recommended at completion of primary treatment; and should Respondent return to practice in the future, Mr. Vega should not be permitted initially to practice independently, nor to treat female patients, nor to supervise students, trainees, or any others in a vulnerable position.

The Tennessee physician assistant license of Hector Vega, P.A., license number 475, is hereby summarily suspend, the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requiring it, and Respondent shall cease and desist from practicing as a physician assistant in Tennessee effective the date of entry of this Order by the Board. Mr. Vega understands that this is a formal disciplinary action and will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (N.P.D.B.) and/or similar agency.

Ms. Free made motion to accept the agreed order as written, Mr. Reeves seconded such order. Roll call vote was taken and motion passed.