

Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee Report

Summary of Request: Consider the nomination of Paula Rupert to serve as the Texas Nurse Practitioners' representative to the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee.

Historical Perspective: The purpose of the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee is to advise the Board on issues and regulations that have or may have an impact on advanced practice registered nurses [Rule 211.6(f)(1)(A)]. This committee reviews issues that may impact either advanced practice nursing education or practice. Members of the committee represent advanced practice nursing professional organizations and advanced practice nursing education for each of the four advanced practice roles as identified in Board Rule. Individuals are nominated by the organizations.

Texas Nurse Practitioners nominated Paula Rupert to replacing Pamela Stewart as its representative to the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee. Ms. Rupert has been a family nurse practitioner since 2003, and is currently practicing at The Methodist Hospital in Houston. She has served as both the president of the Galveston Coalition of Advanced Practice Nurses as well as a regional representative to the Texas Nurse Practitioners Board of Directors.

Pros and Cons: Staff's review of Ms. Rupert's biographical data form indicates that Ms. Rupert is qualified to serve as the Texas Nurse Practitioners' representative to the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee. No cons are noted at this time.

Staff Recommendation: Move to accept and approve the nomination of Paula Rupert to represent Texas Nurse Practitioners on the Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee.