

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE EXAMINERS  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 12, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Presiding Officer, Everett G. Heinze, Jr., M.D. Board members present were Cheng Ming Chang, L.Ac.; Pedro (Pete) V. Garcia, Jr.; Everett G. Heinze, Jr., M.D.; Meng-Sheng Linda Lin, L.Ac.; Dee Ann Newbold, L.Ac.; Claire H. Smith; and Marshall D. Voris, Ph.D., Ed.D., L.Ac. Staff members present were F.M. Langley, D.V.M., M.D., J.D., Executive Director; Jerry Walker, Chief Operating Officer; Michele Shackelford, J.D., General Counsel; Jennifer Soffer, J.D., Assistant General Counsel; and various other staff.

**It was announced that Agenda item #2, regarding executive session, was not needed.**

**Agenda item #3, regarding a presentation by Chris Butler, L.Ac., was deferred, at Mr. Butlers request, until the next Acupuncture Board meeting.**

**Agenda item #4, regarding comments on request for Attorney General Opinion relating to acupuncturists performing spinal manipulation, was next.** Mrs. Shackelford briefed the board on comments received from board members relating to the request to comment on this request for an Attorney General Opinion. The board discussed the fact that the type of acupressure treatment used by acupuncturists is not like chiropractic manipulation. Dr. Heinze allowed several people from the audience to comment, including Scott Cotlar, Leslie Meyer, Mark Hanson, and George Nichols. Following discussion, **Mr. Garcia moved, Ms. Smith seconded, and the motion passed to direct counsel to draft a response to the request for comment and make it available to the board members for review.**

**Agenda item #5, regarding the Executive Directors Report, was next.** Dr. Langley reported on the success of the recent holiday project and gave a legislative update, including a report that the legislature is making a recommendation to cut the agency budget.

**Agenda item #6, regarding Board Briefings, was next.** Tim Speer, Manager of Physician Assistant and Acupuncture Licensure, explained the licensure process, outlining common mistakes made by applicants which could delay the process. Mr. Speer also provided the board members with a copy of the Frequently Asked Questions that appear on the web and asked if they had suggestions for additional questions. Ms. Newbold asked that information regarding continuing acupuncture education, including a provider list, be added. She also stated

that the acupuncture association, formerly known as Texas Acupuncture Association, had changed its name to Texas Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, and asked staff to update their records.

**It was announced that there were no orders to be considered for agenda items #7-14.**

**Agenda item #15, regarding the November 13, 2000 board meeting minutes, was considered. Mr. Garcia moved, Mr. Chang seconded, and the motion passed to approve the minutes.**

**Agenda item #16, regarding the November 13, 2000 Executive Committee meeting minutes, was next. Mr. Garcia moved, Dr. Voris seconded, and the motion passed to approve the minutes.**

**Agenda item #17, regarding the November 13, 2000 Education Committee meeting minutes, was next. Ms. Newbold moved, Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed to approve the minutes.**

**Agenda item #18, regarding the November 13, 2000 Licensure Committee meeting minutes, was next. Mr. Garcia moved, Mr. Chang seconded, and the motion passed to approve the minutes.**

**Agenda item #19, regarding a report of the January 12, 2001 Executive Committee meeting, was next.** Dr. Heinze gave an informational report of the meeting. There were no action items.

**Agenda item #20, regarding a report of the January 12, 2001 Education Committee meeting, was next.** Ms. Newbold reported that the committee reviewed the continuing acupuncture education (CAE) application and that the committee is recommending that the board approve individual courses, rather than programs, so that courses can be mixed and matched to meet particular needs, and that these approvals will be for up to three years. There was discussion regarding the criteria to be used when determining the length of a program. This item will be placed on the agenda for the next committee meeting.

**Agenda item #21, regarding a report of the January 12, 2001 Licensure Committee meeting, was next.** Dr. Heinze gave a report and recommended 10 applications for unconditional approval and one for conditional approval. Dr. Heinze also reported that one applicant had been interviewed to determine English proficiency and the committee recommends approval.

**Agenda item #22, regarding a report of the January 12, 2001 Discipline and Ethics Committee meeting, was next.** Since the committee did not meet, there was no report to be given.

**Ms. Newbold moved, Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed to approve the committee reports and action items.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.