



Texas State Board of Acupuncture Examiners

BOARD MEETING

FRIDAY, September 17, 2021

The meeting was called to order on September 17, 2021 at 9:01 a.m. by Donna S. Guthery, L.Ac., Presiding Officer. Board members present were Grant E. Weidler, MAOM, L.Ac; Elisabeth Lee “Ellee” Carlson, D.A.O.M., L.Ac; Maria M. Garcia; and Rey Ximenes, M.D.

Raymond J. Graham; Sheri J. Davidson, L.Ac; Samantha Gonzalez; and Mary E. Hebert, M.D., did not attend. Staff members present were Stephen “Brint” Carlton, J.D., Executive Director; Scott Freshour, J.D., General Counsel; Robert Breidt, M.D., Medical Director; and various other staff.

Agenda Item #2, Board Member Report.

Ms. Guthery gave an update on committees.

Agenda Item #3, Executive Director’s Report.

Budget update. Mr. Carlton gave an update on the agency’s budget. It is a new fiscal year and biennium.

Internal Audit Update. Mr. Carlton reported that the Internal Audit will be covering TXPHP.

Covid update. Mr. Carlton gave a report on the agency’s response to COVID19.

Agenda Item #4, Medical Director Report. Dr. Breidt reported that there are sufficient acupuncture panelists but recommendations are always needed for physicians.

Agenda Item #5, Consideration and possible action regarding pending litigation. Mr. Freshour provided an update regarding pending litigation.

There were no items for Agenda Items #6-8.

Agenda Item #9, Report from staff of continuing acupuncture education courses approved. Ms. Unterborn presented a report on the course applications that were submitted and approved by staff.

There were no items for Agenda Item #10.

Agenda Item #11, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding applicants for a Texas Acupuncture License. Ms. Unterborn reported that there were 22 applicants who met all requirements to be considered for permanent licensure by the full Board. **Dr. Ximenes moved to recommend that the 22 acupuncture licensure applicants determined to meet eligibility requirements by staff be approved. Mr. Weidler seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.**

Agenda Item #12, Review, discussion, and possible action regarding selected files and cases. After review, Ms. Guthery moved, Dr. Ximenes seconded and the motion passed to dismiss the selected files and cases.

There were no items for Agenda Items #11-14.

Agenda Item #15, Consideration and Approval of Agreed Board Orders. After discussion, Ms. Guthery moved, Mr. Weidler seconded and the motion passed to approve the **Agreed Board Order for Denise Michelle Zamarripa, AC.**

There were no items for Agenda Items #16-23.

Agenda Item #24, Consideration and approval of Remedial Plans. After consideration, Ms. Guthery moved, Ms. Hebert seconded and the motion passed to approve the **Remedial Plans for Shelley Yang Tsai, AC and David Daixun Peng, AC.**

There were no items for Agenda Items #25-26.

Agenda Item #27, Open forum for Public Comments. No one signed in or made public comments.

Agenda Item #28, Consideration and Approval of the May 7, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes. After consideration, Ms. Carlson moved, Mr. Weidler seconded and the motion passed to approve the **January 29, 2021 board meeting minutes.**

Agenda Item #30, Adjourn. There being no further items, Ms. Guthery moved, Mr. Weidler seconded and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at **9:18 am.**