



Texas State Board of Acupuncture Examiners

BOARD MEETING
FRIDAY, May 7, 2021

The meeting was called to order on May 7, 2021 at 9:04 a.m. by Donna S. Guthery, L.Ac., Presiding Officer. Board members present were Grant E. Weilder, MAOM, L.Ac; Elisabeth Lee "Ellee" Carlson, D.A.O.M., L.Ac; Sheri J. Davidson, L.Ac; Maria M. Garcia; Samantha Gonzalez; Mary E. Hebert, M.D., and Rey Ximenes, M.D. Raymond J. Graham did not attend. Staff members present were Stephen "Brint" Carlton, J.D., Executive Director; Scott Freshour, J.D., General Counsel; Robert Bredt, M.D., Medical Director; and various other staff.

Agenda Item #2, Board Member Report.

Presentation – Dr. Jeremy Wiseman. A plaque was presented to Dr. Wiseman to thank him for his service on the Acupuncture Board.

The Board welcomed and introduced Ms. Maria M. Garcia and Dr. Rey Ximenes.

Agenda Item #3, Executive Director's Report.

Budget update. Mr. Carlton gave an update on the agency's budget.

Internal Audit Update. Mr. Carlton gave an update on the Internal Audit. The audit is not yet complete.

Covid update. Mr. Carlton gave an update on the agency's response to Covid. The majority of staff continues to work from home and productivity remains strong.

Agenda Item #4, Medical Director Report. Dr. Bredt introduced himself to the new members. Nothing to report.

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.

Agenda Item #7, Report from staff on renewal of approved providers. Ms. Unterborn presented a report on the approved provider that submitted an application to renew their status and was approved by staff.

Agenda Item #8, Report from staff on 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 #9.

Agenda Item #10, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding applicants for a Texas Acupuncture License. Ms. Unterborn reported that there were 9 applicants who met all requirements to be considered for permanent licensure by the full Board. **Dr. Ximenes moved to recommend that the 9 acupuncture licensure applicants determined to meet eligibility requirements by staff be approved. Ms. Davidson seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.**

There were no items for Agenda Items #11-26.

Agenda Item #28, Election of officers. Ms. Guthery motioned to nominate Mr. Weidler as assistant presiding officer, Ms. Carlson seconded. All voted in favor. Ms. Guthery motioned to nominate Ms. Davidson and Secretary/Treasurer, Mr. Weidler seconded. All voted in favor.

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

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

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