

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE EXAMINERS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 18, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Presiding Officer, Everett G. Heinze, Jr., M.D. Board members present were Sheng Ting (Sam) Chen; Pedro (Pete) V. Garcia, Jr.; Hoang Xiong Ho, L.Ac.; Sheng Meng Linda Lin, L.Ac.; Dee Ann Newbold, L.Ac.; Terry Glenn Rascoe, M.D.; Claire Smith; and Marshall D. Voris, Ph.D., Ed.D., L.Ac. Staff members present were Jerry T. Walker, Deputy Executive Director; Michele Shackelford, J.D., General Counsel; and various other staff.

Agenda item #2, executive session, was next. It was announced that there was no need for executive session.

Agenda item #3, executive directors report, was next. Mr. Walker reported that the Office of Patient Protection had been established by the 78th Legislature. The new agency, which would provide a liaison between patients and regulatory agencies, would be funded by revenue collected from increased acupuncture renewal fees.

Agenda item #4, rehabilitation orders, was next. It was announced that there were no orders to be considered for this agenda item.

Agenda item #5, agreed orders, was next. Ms. Smith moved, Dr. Voris seconded, and the motion passed to approve the orders on Nancy Wen Feng Wang, L.Ac.; and Ji-Zhou Kang, L.Ac.

It was announced that there were no orders or cancellations to be considered for agenda items #6-12.

Agenda item #13, approval of the April 25, 2003 full board meeting minutes, was next. Dr. Voris moved, Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed to approve the minutes.

Agenda item #14, regarding the April 25, 2003 Education Committee Meeting minutes, was next. Dr. Voris moved, Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed to approve the minutes.

Agenda item #15, regarding the April 25, 2003 Licensure Committee Meeting minutes, was next. Dr. Voris moved, Dr. Rascoe seconded, and the motion passed to approve the minutes.

Agenda item #16, the report from the July 18, 2003 Executive Committee Meeting, was next. Dr. Heinze reported that the committee heard comments from one person regarding licensure requirements relating to board rule 183.4(a)(5). The committee also heard a staff report regarding other states requirements.

Agenda item #17, the report from the July 18, 2003 Licensure Committee meeting, was next. Dr. Heinze reported that the committee gave direction to staff regarding which individuals should be brought before the committee and approved 19 licenses.

Agenda item #18, the report from the July 18, 2003 Education Committee meeting, was next. Ms. Newbold reported that the committee approved several courses, denied one program, and discussed the boards response to the pending request for an Attorney General Opinion made by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board regarding a doctor of acupuncture degree. **Dr. Voris moved, Dr. Rascoe seconded, and the motion passed to approve the action items.**

The board directed staff to work with the Executive Committee to formulate a response regarding the request for an Attorney General Opinion.

Agenda item #19, the report from the July 18, 2003 Discipline and Ethics Committee Meeting, was next. Mr. Garcia reported on the investigative files that were reviewed. **Dr. Voris moved, Ms. Newbold seconded, and the motion passed to approve the action items.**

Agenda item #20, approval of 2004 board meeting dates, was next. Dr. Voris moved, Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed to approve the following dates: January 16, 2004; May 14, 2004; July 16, 2004; and October 29, 2004.

Agenda item #21, election of officers, was next. Mr. Garcia nominated Ms. Lin as Assistant Presiding Officer. Ms. Newbold seconded the nomination. All voted in favor. Mr. Garcia nominated Ms. Smith as Secretary-Treasurer. Dr. Voris seconded the nomination. All voted in favor.

Agenda item #22, appointment of members to the executive committee, was next. Dr. Heinze appointed Ms. Newbold as the additional acupuncturist to the Executive Committee designated by board rule 183.3(g). Dr. Heinze also asked Ms. Lin to serve as an additional member of the Education Committee.

There being no further business, **Ms. Newbold moved, Dr. Voris seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m.**