

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE EXAMINERS
LICENSURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JULY 19, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chairman, Everett G. Heinze, Jr., M.D. Committee members present were Meng-Sheng Linda Lin, L.Ac. and Pedro (Pete) V. Garcia, Jr. Donald Patrick, M.D., J.D., Executive Director; Jerry Walker, Deputy Executive Director; Michele Shackelford, J.D., General Counsel; Jennifer Soffer, J.D., Assistant General Counsel; Tim Speer, Manager, Acupuncture/Physician Assistant Division; and various other staff were also present.

Agenda item #2, Executive Session, was considered. Ms. Lin moved, Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed at 9:36 a.m. to go into executive session for private consultation and advice of counsel concerning pending or contemplated litigation, deliberations concerning licensure applications, and/or possible disciplinary action order under the authority of the Open Meetings Act, GOV'T CODE, §551.071; and the Medical Practice Act, TEX. OCC. CODE ANN., §152.009; and TEX. OCC. CODE ANN., §§205.304; and Attorney General's Opinion No. H-484. Open session resumed at 10:12 a.m. and it was announced that no action was taken during executive session. A certified agenda was made.

Agenda item #3, regarding applicants for Texas Acupuncture License, was considered. Applicant #AC-1 appeared with their attorney Susan Henricks to discuss their arrest in 1992 for prostitution, possession of narcotic paraphernalia and marijuana; their arrest 5/94 for possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia, and barbiturates; and their arrest 11/94 for possession of marijuana. Following discussion, **Mr. Garcia moved, Ms. Lin seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Applicant #AC-1's application be deferred until the next board meeting or until the board receives results of an examination by an addictionologist who has been approved in advance by the Executive Director. If the result of the evaluation is**

favorable the Executive Director, at his discretion, may grant a temporary license until the next board meeting.

Mr. Garcia moved, Ms. Lin seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Sy-Ping (Mimi) Fang be issued an acupuncture license.

Ms. Lin moved, Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Connie Sydnie Bryant be issued an acupuncture license.

Mr. Garcia moved, Ms. Lin seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Joan Marie Gregory be issued an acupuncture license.

Ms. Lin moved, Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Nyla F. Jacobs be issued an acupuncture license.

Ms. Lin moved, Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Punita Jhangiani be issued an acupuncture license.

Mr. Garcia moved, Ms. Lin seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Weiping Kuo be issued an acupuncture license.

Ms. Lin moved, Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Zheng Li be issued an acupuncture license.

Ms. Lin moved, Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Douangdara Nachampassak be issued an acupuncture license.

Mr. Garcia moved, Ms. Lin seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Lauren Nicita be issued an acupuncture license.

Ms. Lin moved, Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Carol Dodd Reed be issued an acupuncture license.

Ms. Lin moved, Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Lynda Marline Shannon be issued an acupuncture license.

Applicant AC-2 appeared before the committee and answered committee members' questions regarding being out of practice since 1994. Following discussion, Mr. Garcia moved, Ms. Lin seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full board that Applicant AC-2's application be deferred until they can present evidence of satisfactorily completing 140 hours of acupuncture practice under the supervision of a licensed acupuncturist approved in advance by the Executive

Director. Once this information is received the Executive Director, at his discretion, may grant a temporary license until the next board meeting.

Mr. Garcia moved, Ms. Lin seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Applicant AC-3 be issued an acupuncture license pending completion of the first page of their application.

Applicant AC-4 appeared before the committee and answered committee members' questions regarding being out of practice since 1995. Ms. Lin moved to recommend to the full Board that Applicant AC-4 be issued an acupuncture license. The motion died for lack of a second. Following discussion, Ms. Lin moved, Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full board that Applicant AC-4's application be deferred until they can present evidence of satisfactorily completing 140 hours of acupuncture practice under the supervision of a licensed acupuncturist approved in advance by the Executive Director. Once this information is received the Executive Director, at his discretion, may grant a temporary license until the next board meeting.

Mr. Garcia moved, Ms. Lin seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Guili Zheng be issued an acupuncture license.

Mr. Garcia moved, Ms. Lin seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Ming Zou be issued an acupuncture license.

Mr. Garcia moved, Ms. Lin seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Keum Hwa Chun be issued an acupuncture license.

Ms. Lin moved, Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Ihen Sam Shen be issued an acupuncture license.

Agenda item #4, regarding proposed changes to Rules 183.3 and 183.4 regarding duties of the licensure committee, procedural rules for licensure, licensure documentation, and relicensure, was considered. Ms. Soffer summarized the proposed changes.

There being no further business, Mr. Garcia moved, Ms. Lin seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

