

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

The meeting was called to order at 12:45 p.m. by Presiding Officer, Everett G. Heinze, Jr., M.D. Board members present were 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 Donald W. Patrick, M.D., J.D., Executive Director; Michele Shackelford, J.D., General Counsel; Jennifer Soffer, J.D., Assistant General Counsel; and various other staff.

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

**Agenda item #4, regarding non-public rehabilitation orders, was next.** It was announced that there were no orders to be considered.

**Agenda item #5, regarding agreed board orders, was next. Ms. Newbold moved, Ms. Smith seconded, and the motion passed to approve the order on Lam Vuu.**

**Agenda item #3, regarding the Executive Director's report, was next.** Dr. Patrick reported that public scrutiny of the agency is heightened, especially regarding the time frame for processing licensure applications and completing investigations. He informed the board that much work has been done to streamline processes and reported on the progress of the Licensure and Investigations Departments. Dr. Patrick also reported that the new drug-testing program has been successful in identifying licensees who have violated the conditions of their board order.

**Agenda items #6-12 were not necessary, as there were no orders or cancellations to be considered.**

**Agenda item #13, regarding the April 12, 2002 Board Meeting minutes, was next. Ms. Newbold moved, Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed to approve the minutes.**

**Agenda item #14, regarding the April 12, 2002 Education Committee Meeting minutes, was next. Ms. Newbold moved, Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed to approve the minutes.**

**Agenda item #15, regarding the April 12, 2002 Licensure Committee Meeting minutes, was next. Mr. Garcia moved, Ms. Lin seconded, and the motion passed to approve the minutes.**

**Agenda item #16, regarding the report from the July 19, 2002 Education Committee meeting, was next.** Ms. Newbold gave a report, stating that the committee recommended approval of several continuing acupuncture education courses and reviewed proposed amendments to Chapter 183. **Ms. Newbold moved, Ms. Smith seconded, and the motion passed to approve the report and action items, and to direct staff to research state education requirements in California, New Mexico, Washington, and New York and report back to the board at the November meeting.**

**Agenda item #17, regarding the report from the July 19, 2002 Licensure Committee meeting, was next.** Dr. Heinze gave a report, stating that the committee recommended approval of 16 licenses and deferred action on three applicants until certain requirements are met. **Ms. Lin moved, Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed to approve the report and action items.**

**Agenda item #18, regarding the report from the July 19, 2002 Discipline and Ethics Committee meeting, was next.** Mr. Garcia gave a report. **Dr. Voris moved, Ms. Smith seconded, and the motion passed to approve the report and action items.**

**Agenda item #19, regarding board meeting dates for 2003, was next.** Mr. Garcia moved, Ms. Newbold seconded, and the motion passed to approve the following dates: **February 21, April 25, July 18, and October 24.**

There was discussion regarding the possibility of including basic medical science courses in continuing acupuncture education requirements. **Mr. Garcia moved, Dr. Voris seconded, and the motion passed to direct staff to research the statute and rules regarding the inclusion of basic medical science courses in continuing acupuncture education.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.