

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE EXAMINERS  
LICENSURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 30, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by the Chair, Pedro (Pete) Garcia, Jr. Committee members present were Donald Counts, M.D.; Karen Siegel; and Rachelle L. Webb, L. Ac.

**Agenda Item 2 Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding applicants appearing concerning eligibility.**

Allen Cline, L. Ac. entered the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

**Marcie Brooke Howell** appeared before the Committee on referral by the Executive Director.

**Dr. Counts moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant be granted an unrestricted Texas acupuncture license. Mr. Cline seconded. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

**Continuation of Agenda Item 2 was postponed until later in the meeting as the applicant to appear was not present.**

**Agenda Item 3 Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding applicants for Texas Acupuncture License:** There were 14 licensure applicants who met all requirements to be considered for acupuncture licensure by the Texas State Board of Acupuncture Examiners (TSBAE). **Mr. Cline moved, Ms. Siegel seconded and the motion passed to recommend to the full board that the 14 licensure applicants be approved for licenses and that their names be listed as part of the minutes of this committee.**

**Agenda Item 4 Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding delegation of authority to the Executive Director in cases of mental health, physical health, substance abuse, and submission of false statements or documents during the licensure process to**

**offer orders.** Ms. Garanflo described the processes in place by the Medical and Physician Assistant Boards to delegate authority to the Executive Director to offer certain orders. The Committee directed staff that the Executive Director, in consultation with the Chair of the Licensure Committee, is delegated the authority to offer administrative penalty orders in the amount of \$500 for failure to disclose information on the application other than academic probation. Instances of failure to disclose academic probation should fall under the previously delegated process of offering the applicants the opportunity to withdraw the application and resubmit with correct answers. Further, the Committee directed that the Executive Director, in consultation with the Chair of the Licensure Committee, be allowed to offer private rehabilitation orders for routine substance abuse and mental and physical health cases.

**Agenda Item 2 was resumed.**

**The Committee considered the application of Mario Sergio Silingauskas who was not present.** Mr. Silingauskas application was presented on appeal of the Executive Directors determination of ineligibility. **Mr. Cline moved to recommend to the full Board that the application be allowed to expire, since the applicant was not present. The applicant will have to reapply and pay a new fee to have his application considered. Dr. Counts seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:54 a.m.