

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE EXAMINERS
LICENSURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 30, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m. by the Chair, Allen Cline, L.Ac. Committee members present were Karen Siegel, L.Ac., Rachelle L. Webb, L. Ac., and Rey Ximenes M.D.

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

Applicant #881 appeared before the Committee on referral by the Executive Director. **Ms. Webb moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant be granted a Texas acupuncture license under a public, agreed order that includes the requirements specified in the Rehabilitation Checklist that has been distributed to the members of the Committee.** This recommendation is due to criminal history including conviction of a felony. Factors contributing to this recommendation include past convictions for disorderly conduct in 1994, 1995, and 1997; possession of drug paraphernalia in 1994, and then in 2000; possession with intent to distribute cocaine and marijuana; possession of an unregistered silencer; unlawful possession of a machine gun; imprisonment for 41 months in 2001-2005 in relation to felony convictions; successful completion of all terms of criminal sentence; favorable prognosis with regard to past substance abuse problem; and rehabilitative potential. **Dr. Ximenes seconded. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Applicant #809 appeared before the Committee on appeal of the Executive Directors determination of ineligibility. **Dr. Ximenes moved to recommend to the full Board that the applicant be allowed to withdraw the application and have the application fees refunded.** This recommendation is due to failure to demonstrate that the acupuncture education obtained by the applicant is consistent with the Boards definition for an acceptable approved acupuncture school, and failure to take and pass all parts of the NCCAOM examination as required for licensure. Factors contributing to this recommendation include failure to complete 450 hours of herbology, and failure to take and pass the Chinese Herbology component of the NCCAOM

examination. The committee also directed staff to research the possibility of creating a limited acupuncture license. **Ms. Siegel seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

Agenda Item 3 Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding applicants for a Texas Acupuncture License: There were 43 licensure applicants and 2 relicensure applicants who met all requirements to be considered for acupuncture licensure by the Texas State Board of Acupuncture Examiners (TSBAE). **Ms. Siegel moved, Ms. Webb seconded and the motion passed to recommend to the full board that the licensure applicants be approved for licenses and that their names be listed as part of the minutes of this committee.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.