

**TEXAS STATE BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE EXAMINERS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 28, 2005**

The meeting was called to order on January 28, 2005 at 1:45 p.m. by Everett G. Heinze, Jr., M.D., Presiding Officer. Board members present were Pedro (Pete) V. Garcia, Jr.; Hoang Xiong Ho, L.Ac.; Meng-Sheng Linda Lin, L.Ac.; Dee Ann Newbold, L.Ac.; Terry Glenn Rascoe, M.D.; and Claire Smith. Staff members present were Donald W. Patrick, M.D., J.D.; Executive Director; Robert Simpson, Assistant General Counsel; and various other staff.

Agenda item #3, Executive Director's Report. Jaime Garanflo, Manager of Customer Affairs, gave a report on the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board accreditation of Oriental medicine schools to award master's degree in acupuncture and Oriental medicine. Ms. Garanflo reported staff did not present continuing education courses sponsored by Dallas College of Oriental Medicine due to the closing of the school. Dr. Patrick reported on the current legislative session issues involving the Acupuncture Board.

Agenda item #13, Consideration and Approval of October 29, 2004 Board Meeting Minutes. Ms. Newbold moved, Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed to approve the October 29, 2004 Board Meeting Minutes.

Agenda item #14, Consideration and Approval of October 29, 2004 Licensure Committee Meeting Minutes. Mr. Garcia moved, Mr. Ho seconded, and the motion passed to approve the October 29, 2004 Licensure Committee Meeting Minutes.

Agenda item #15, Consideration and Approval of October 29, 2004 Education Committee Meeting Minutes. Ms. Newbold moved, Ms. Smith seconded, and the motion passed to approve the October 29, 2004 Education Committee Meeting Minutes.

Agenda item #16, Report on January 28, 2005 Licensure Committee Meeting. Dr. Heinze gave a report on the meeting. Dr. Heinze announced twelve applicants were approved for

licensure and two applicants were denied. **Mr. Garcia moved, Mr. Ho seconded, and the motion passed to approve the report and action items.**

Agenda item #17, Report on January 28, 2005 Education Committee Meeting. Ms. Newbold gave a report on the Education Committee meeting. Ms. Newbold reported the committee directed staff to draft an application for continuing education course approval as a pilot program and compose a letter requesting feedback from current providers. Ms. Newbold presented the recommendations for approval of continuing acupuncture education courses. Ms. Newbold reported that staff presented information concerning the closing of the Dallas College of Oriental Medicine. Staff was directed to send a written inquiry regarding the status of the Dallas College of Oriental Medicine and provider plans for proposed CAE courses and to list the item on the next Education Committee agenda.

In addition to the report of the Education Committee, Ms. Newbold stated that she had received a letter by fax during the Board break for lunch from Mr. Mark Hansen, President of the Dallas College of Oriental Medicine. The letter included information about the status of the Dallas College of Oriental Medicine and information indicating he was changing the provider listed for a pending CAE course application from the Dallas College of Oriental Medicine to another entity. In addition, the letter requested the Board review the course application as amended by the letter during the meeting of the Board. Ms. Newbold specifically requested that the minutes note that the course had been withheld from consideration by staff, which she believed was an error. After discussion, **Mr. Garcia moved, Ms. Smith seconded, and the motion passed to approve the report and action items, and to move Mr. Hansen's letter request to the May Education Committee agenda.** The board directed staff to inquire regarding the status of the Dallas College of Oriental Medicine.

Agenda item #18, Adjourn. Dr. Rascoe moved, Ms. Smith seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn at 2:29 p.m.