



## **Texas State Board of Acupuncture Examiners**

BOARD MEETING

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2021

The meeting was called to order on January 29, 2021 at 9:02 a.m. by Donna S. Guthery, L.Ac., Presiding Officer. Board members present were Raymond J. Graham; Sheri J. Davidson, L.Ac; Maria M. Garcia; Mary E. Hebert, M.D., Grant E. Weilder, MAOM, L.Ac; and Jeremy Wiseman, M.D. Elisabeth Lee "Ellee" Carlson, D.A.O.M., L.Ac and Dawn Lin, J.D. did not attend. Staff members present were Stephen "Brint" Carlton, J.D., Executive Director; Scott Freshour, J.D., General Counsel; Robert Bredt, M.D., Medical Director; and various other staff.

**Agenda Item #2, Board Member Report.** Nothing to report.

**Welcome and Introduction, Katherine McQueen, M.D., TXPHP.** Mr. Carlton welcomed and introduced Katherine McQueen, Medical Director of TXPHP. Dr. McQueen made comments.

**Agenda Item #3, Executive Director's Report.**

**Budget update.** Mr. Carlton gave an update on the agency's budget.

**Internal Audit Update.** Mr. Carlton gave an update on the Internal Audit. The agency is still waiting for the final report.

**Personnel update (organization).** Mr. Carlton reported that Enforcement Support and Litigation have been combined into one department with Susan Rodriguez as Litigation Manager. Chris Palazola is now Director of Operations.

**Anand Mehendale, M.D.** Mr. Carlton gave a statement honoring the memory of Dr. Anand Mehendale, Medical Director of TXPHP.

**Agenda Item #4, Medical Director Report.** Nothing to report.

**Agenda Item #5, Consideration and possible action regarding pending litigation.** Mr. Freshour provided an update regarding pending litigation.

There were no items for Agenda Items #6-7.

**Agenda Item #8, Report from staff on continuing acupuncture education courses approved.** Ms. Unterborn presented a report on the course applications that were submitted and approved by staff.

There were no items for Agenda Item #9.

**Agenda Item #10, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding applicants for a Texas Acupuncture License.** Ms. Unterborn reported that there were 20 applicants who met all requirements to be considered for permanent licensure by the full Board. **Dr. Hebert moved, Ms. Guthery seconded, and the motion passed to approve the twenty (20) presented acupuncture licensure applicants determined to meet eligibility requirements by staff.**

**Agenda Item #11, Review, discussion, and possible action regarding selected files and cases.** After discussion, **Ms. Guthery moved, Mr. Graham seconded and the motion passed to approve the dismissal for Log #21-0077.**

There were no items for Agenda Items Agenda Item #12-26

**Agenda Item #27, Open forum for Public Comments.** No one signed in or made public comments.

**Agenda Item #28, Nomination or election of board officers.** Ms. Guthery nominated Mr. Grant Weidler for Secretary/Treasurer.

**Agenda Item #29, Consideration and Approval of the September 18, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes.** After consideration, **Mr. Graham moved, Dr. Hebert seconded and the motion passed to approve the September 18, 2020 board meeting minutes.**

**Agenda Item #30, Adjourn.** There being no further items, **Dr. Hebert moved, Mr. Graham seconded and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 am.**