



TEXAS STATE BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE EXAMINERS

LICENSURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 9:48 a.m. by the Chair, Allen Cline, L.Ac. Committee members present were Rey Ximenes, M.D., and Rachelle L. Webb, L.Ac.

Agenda Item 3 – Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding applicants for a Texas Acupuncture License: There were 29 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). **Dr. Ximenes moved, Ms. Webb seconded and the motion passed to recommend to the full board that the 29 licensure applicants and 2 relicensure 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 inactive licensure status. Information was presented regarding the possibility of creating an inactive or retired status for licensed Texas Acupuncturists. After discussion the Committee directed staff to draft Board rules for stakeholders that allow an option for an inactive status for acupuncturists with a reduced renewal fee. The inactive status could be administratively reactivated within two years. Reactivation after two years inactive would be after completion of requirements to demonstrate competence. A licensee may not remain inactive over five years. The Committee also directed staff to draft rules for stakeholders that would allow for a retired status. An individual on the retired status would not be allowed to practice in any other state and would not have to pay a fee.

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

Applicant #1489 appeared before the Committee on referral by the Executive Director due to time out of active practice. **Dr. Ximenes moved to recommend to the full Board that a decision be deferred pending submission of documents demonstrating that the applicant**

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has worked at least 20 hours a week supervised practice for at least 16 weeks in a 5-month period, subject to the following restrictions: that the applicant work in a setting that provides continuous full-time, on-site supervision by a licensed acupuncturist. The supervising acupuncturist shall submit, one month prior to the temporary license expiring, a log showing time worked, and a report regarding the applicant's work performance. Upon completion of this requirement the applicant will be required to appear at the following Board meeting for reconsideration of the application. Factors influencing this recommendation include that the applicant has not practiced acupuncture since graduating from acupuncture school in 2010 with the exception of a one month internship in Montana, and that the applicant would like to continue working in this clinic to satisfy the active practice issue. **Ms. Webb seconded. All voted in favor. The motion passed.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

LIST OF AC APPLICANTS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>APPLIC. STATUS</u>	<u>STATUS DATE</u>
AJMANI, SHAMA ANGEL	CS	01/31/2014
ALEXANDRA, ANITA THERESA	CS	11/05/2013
ASHWORTH, KRYSTAL MARIE	CS	10/28/2013
ANDRAS, SOPHIA	CS	02/19/2014
BARROW, STEPHANIE LEAH	CS	02/14/2014
BASS, SARAH MAY	CS	01/30/2014
BRIGGS, MEGAN CLARA	CS	01/09/2014
CHERIAN, DAVID J	CS	10/29/2013
COLGIN, MEREDITH	CS	01/30/2014
FIEDLER, ANDREA	CS	01/02/2014
FINEGOLD, JENNIFER	CS	02/18/2014
GORDON, ASTRA GABRIELLE	CS	01/21/2014
HUANG, GEORGE	CS	02/13/2014
JIN, JIAHE	CS	01/02/2014
JONES, ALEMAYEHU	CS	01/14/2014
KIM, SOPHIA	CS	01/30/2014
KINCADE, DAVID A	CS	12/18/2013
LE, DUAN SI	CS	11/22/2013
LI, CHIUHUI	CS	12/27/2013
MCGINN, HELEN	CS	02/05/2014
MOLL, AMY KRISTINE	CS	12/06/2013
NGUYEN, CYBELLE	CS	02/05/2014
NICOSIA, MARY JOSEPHINE	CS	02/05/2014
NORCINI, JO NELL	CS	01/07/2014
OLVERA, SILVIA ANA	CS	02/12/2014
SCHULTZ, ERIKA MARIE	CS	02/10/2014
THÉVENAU, GRETCHEN MARIE	CS	12/20/2013
WEISS, LEA	CS	01/14/2014
YANG, XIAONA	CS	12/20/2013

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LIST OF RELICENSURE AC APPLICANTS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>APPLIC. STATUS</u>	<u>STATUS DATE</u>
IRVINE, MELANIE LYNN	RCS	11/08/2013
SCOTT, JAMIE LEE	RCS	01/23/2014

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