

Texas State Board of Acupuncture Examiners

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 15, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m. on May 15, 2009, by Allen Cline, L.Ac., Presiding Officer. Board members present were Terry Rascoe, M.D., Assistant Presiding Officer; Chung-Hwei Chernly, L.Ac.; Linda Wynn Drain, J.D.; Raymond Graham; Karen Siegel, L.Ac.; Rachelle L. Webb, L.Ac.; and Reynaldo Ximenes, M.D. Staff members present were Mari Robinson, J.D., Executive Director; Alan Moore, M.D., Medical Director; Jaime Garanfio, Director of Licensure; Jennifer Kaufman, Assistant General Counsel; and various other staff.

Agenda item #2, Board Member Report. Mr. Cline presented board resolutions for Dr. Donald Counts, Pedro Pete Garcia, and Sheng Ting Sam Chen, thanking them for their dedicated service to the board. New board members Linda Wynn Drain and Reynaldo Zimenes, M.D. were introduced and welcomed by the board. New board member Suehing Yee Chiang was not in attendance.

Agenda item #3, Executive Director Report. Ms. Robinson gave budget and legislative updates. Ms. Robinson reported that all the exceptional items listed on the Legislative Appropriations Request appear to be approved, including the request for additional staff. Ms. Robinson reported in addition to a tight budget year, the agency was under charged for employee benefits.

Agenda item #4, Medical Director Report. Dr. Moore gave a brief description of his role as Medical Director to increase medical enforcement efficiencies.

There were no items for Agenda Items # 5-12.

Agenda item #13, Discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding applicants for Texas Acupuncture License. After discussion, Ms. Siegel moved, Ms. Webb seconded, and the motion passed to approve the applicants for Texas Acupuncture License as listed.

Agenda item #14, Review, discussion, and possible action regarding selected files and cases. After discussion, Mr. Graham moved, Mr. Chernly seconded, and the motion passed to dismiss Log #08-6636. After discussion, Mr. Graham moved, Dr. Rascoe seconded, and the motion passed to dismiss Log #07-0643. The board directed staff that Log #09-3947 and #09-4125 were to remain closed.

Agenda item #15, Consideration and approval of the January 30, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes. After discussion, Mr. Graham moved, Ms. Siegel seconded, and the motion passed to approve the January 30, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes.

Agenda item #16, Committee reports and the consideration and approval of minutes and action items of committees meeting during the board meeting.

Dr. Rascoe gave a report of the Education Committee. After discussion, **Mr. Graham moved, Mr. Chernly seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Education Committee minutes and action items.**

Agenda item #17, Nomination and election of Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Graham nominated himself for Secretary/Treasurer. After a vote was taken, Mr. Cline announced Mr. Graham the Secretary/Treasurer.

There being no further agenda items the meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.