



Texas State Board of Acupuncture Examiners

BOARD MEETING

Friday, April 11, 2025

The meeting was called to order on April 11, 2025 at 9:02 a.m. by Donna S. Guthery, LAc., Presiding Officer. Board members present were Grant E. Weidler, M.A.O.M, L.Ac; Sheri J. Davidson, L.Ac; Elisabeth Lee "Ellee" Carlson, D.A.O.M., L.Ac; Ahmed Sheikh, D.O.; and Debbie Weems.

Samantha Gonzalez; Maria M. Garcia; and Rey Ximenes, M.D. did not attend. Staff members present were Stephen "Brint" Carlton, J.D., Executive Director; Scott Freshour, J.D., General Counsel; and various other staff.

Agenda Item #2, Board Member Report.

Introduce and Welcome new member, Ahmed Sheikh, D.O. Ms. Guthery introduced Dr. Ahmed Sheikh.

Board Resolution – Mary E. Hebert, M.D. Ms. Guthery acknowledged Dr. Hebert and her work on the board. A Board Resolution will be sent to Dr. Hebert.

Agenda Item #3, Executive Director Report.

Budget Update. Mr. Estrada gave an update on the budget through March.

Legislative Update. Mr. Carlton gave an update on the current legislative session.

Internal Audit. Mr. Carlton

Rules Update. Mr. Carlton gave an update on the completion of the rule rewrite.

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

Agenda Item #5, Consideration and possible action regarding pending litigation. There was nothing to report.

Agenda Item #6, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding referrals from the Texas Physician Health Program.

A. Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding referrals.

There were none.

B. Report on Emergent Referrals. There were none.

C. Other Discussion Items – Program Activity and Drug Screening reports.

There were none.

Agenda Item #7, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding applicants appearing concerning eligibility. There were none.

Agenda Item #8, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding proposed orders by the Executive Director. There was 1 Remedial Plan offered by the Executive Director. After discussion, **Ms. Guthery moved, Ms. Weems seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Remedial Plan offered by the Executive Director as presented.**

There were no items for Agenda Items 9-12.

Agenda Item #13, Reports and discussion regarding the Investigation, Litigation and Compliance Departments.

- A. Enforcement Activity Report.** A report on Enforcement Activity was provided.
- B. Warning Letter Report.** A report on Warning Letters was provided.
- C. Criminal Case Review Report.** A report on Criminal Case Review was provided.
- D. Report Regarding Cases Over One Year Old.** A report on Cases over One Year old was provided.
- E. Report on Temporary Suspension.** A report on Temporary Suspensions was provided.
- F. Report on Rehearing Requests.** There were none.

There were no items from Agenda Items 14-19.

Agenda Item #20, Consideration and Approval of Modification Request/Termination Requests. After consideration, **Ms. Guthery moved, Ms. Davidson seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Modification Request for Huy Xuan Ho, AC.**

Agenda Item #21, Consideration and Approval of Remedial Plans. After discussion, **Ms. Guthery moved, Mr. Weidler seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Remedial Plan for Ryan Shepard, AC.**

Agenda Item #22, Consideration and Approval of Agreed Orders. After consideration, **Ms. Guthery moved, Ms. Weems seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Agreed Orders for Zhong Chen, AC and Simel Eric Jenkins-Bey.**

There were no items for Agenda Items #23-25.

Agenda Item #26, Open Forum for Public Comments. No one made public comments.

Agenda Item #27, Consideration and Approval of the August 2, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes. After consideration, **Ms. Guthery moved, Ms. Davidson seconded, and the motion passed to approve the August 2, 2024 board meeting minutes.**

Agenda Item #28, Adjourn. There being no further items, **Ms. Guthery moved, Ms. Weems seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 am.**