



Texas State Board of Acupuncture Examiners

BOARD MEETING

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 2022

The meeting was called to order on January 28, 2022 at 9:03 a.m. by Rey Ximenes, M.D. acting Presiding Officer. Board members present were Donna S. Guthery, L.Ac., Presiding Officer. Grant E. Weilder, MAOM, L.Ac (*logged in at 9:08 am*); Elisabeth Lee "Ellee" Carlson, D.A.O.M., L.Ac; Sheri J. Davidson, L.Ac; Samantha Gonzalez; Mary E. Hebert, M.D. Raymond J. Graham and Maria M. Garcia 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.

Agenda Item #3, Executive Director's Report.

Budget update. Joey Estrada gave an update on the agency's budget. The agency is on track to stay within budget of all categories.

Internal Audit Update.

Covid Update. Mr. Carlton reported that staff continues to work from home and meetings and ISCs with continue to take place virtually.

New Building Update. Mr. Carlton reported that there is not an exact date for the move to the new building but the move should take place by September.

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.

Agenda Item #6, Discussion, recommendation and possible action regarding referrals from the Texas Physician Health Program. Nothing to report.

Agenda Item #7, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding requests to become approved providers. Ms. Guthery moved to recommend to the full board that Acupuncturists Without Borders be accepted as an approved provider. Ms. Davidson seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Agenda Item #8, Report from staff on renewal of approved providers. Ms. Unterborn reported that one provider, Lotus Institute of Integrative Medicine, was renewed as an approved provider.

Agenda Item #9, Report from staff of continuing education courses approved. There are none.

Agenda Item #10, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding requests for approval of continuing acupuncture education courses. There are none.

Agenda Item #11, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding applicants for a Texas Acupuncture License. Ms. Unterborn reported that there were 21 applicants who met all requirements to be considered for permanent licensure by the full Board. **Dr. Ximenes moved, Ms. Guthery seconded, and the motion passed to approve the twenty-one (21) presented acupuncture licensure applicants determined to meet eligibility requirements by staff.**

Agenda Item #12, Review, discussion, and possible action regarding selected files and cases. After discussion, Ms. Guthery moved, Dr. Hebert seconded and the motion passed to approve the dismissal for Log #22-0047.

There were no items for Agenda Items Agenda Item #13-26

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

Agenda Item #28, Consideration and Approval of the September 17, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes. After consideration, Ms. Carlson moved, Dr. Ximenes seconded and the motion passed to approve the September 17, 2021 board meeting minutes.

Agenda Item #29, Adjourn. There being no further items, Ms. Davidson moved, Dr. Ximenes seconded and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 am.