

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE EXAMINERS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JULY 18, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 8:38 a.m. by Presiding Officer, Everett G. Heinze, Jr., M.D. Committee members present were Dee Ann Newbold, L.Ac.; Claire Smith; and Marshall D. Voris, Ph.D., Ed.D., L.Ac. Staff members present were Jerry T. Walker, Deputy Executive Director; Michele Shackelford, J.D., General Counsel; and various other staff.

Agenda item #2, request to speak to board, was next. Dr. Voris moved, Ms. Newbold seconded, and the motion passed to go into executive session at 8:39 a.m. for private consultation and advice of counsel concerning pending or contemplated litigation under the authority of the Open Meetings Act, Government Code, 551.071; and the Medical Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code Annotated, 152.009; and Texas Occupations Code Annotated, 205.304; and Attorney General's Opinion No. H-484. Open session resumed at 9:12 a.m. and it was announced that no action was taken during executive session. A certified agenda was made.

Ms. Robi Miears appeared and presented information to the committee regarding her examination history and stated that she passed the herbal portion of the NCCAOM examination in four attempts. Discussion and questions followed.

Agenda item #3, report regarding other states examination requirements, was next. Mr. Tim Speer, Director of the Acupuncture and Physician Assistant Department, reported on the examination requirements for licensure of several other states. Ms. Newbold stated that she felt the board should strongly consider changing its rule to allow additional examination attempts for licensure and directed staff to draft a rule to present at the next board meeting.

Dr. Heinze directed the item to the full board agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.