

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE EXAMINERS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 25, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 10:55 a.m. by Presiding Officer, Everett G. Heinze, Jr., M.D. Board members present were Sheng Ting (Sam) Chen; Pedro (Pete) V. Garcia, Jr.; Hoang Xiong Ho, L.Ac.; Dee Ann Newbold, L.Ac.; Terry Glenn Rascoe, M.D.; and Marshall D. Voris, Ph.D., Ed.D., L.Ac. Staff members present were Jerry T. Walker, Deputy Executive Director; Jennifer Soffer, J.D., Assistant General Counsel; and various other staff.

Agenda item #2, introduction of new board members, was next. Dr. Heinze introduced new members recently appointed by Governor Rick Perry: Sheng Ting (Sam) Chen; Hoang Xiong Ho, L.Ac.; and Terry Glenn Rascoe, M.D.

Agenda items #3 and #4, regarding executive session and executive directors report, were next. It was announced that there were no items to be discussed.

Agenda item #5, proposed amendments to board rules regarding patient records, was next. Ms. Soffer reviewed the proposed amendments to Chapter 183 regarding patient records. There was discussion about clarifying that the records should be written in both English, as well as an alternate language appropriate to the patient. **Dr. Voris moved, Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed to approve the rules and refer them to the Medical Board for approval for publication in the Texas Register.**

Agenda items #6-13, approval of orders, were next. It was announced that there were no orders or cancellations to be considered for these agenda items.

Agenda item #14, cancellation of licenses, was next. Dr. Voris moved, Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed to approve the cancellation of licenses.

Agenda item #15, approval of the February 21, 2003 full board meeting minutes, was next. Ms. Newbold moved, Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed to approve the minutes.

Agenda item #16, regarding the February 21, 2003 Education Committee Meeting minutes, was next. Dr. Voris moved, Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed to approve the minutes.

Agenda item #17, regarding the February 21, 2003 Licensure Committee Meeting minutes, was next. Mr. Garcia moved, Dr. Voris seconded, and the motion passed to approve the minutes.

Agenda item #18, regarding the February 21, 2003 Discipline and Ethics Committee Meeting minutes, was next. Ms. Newbold moved, Mr. Garcia, seconded, and the motion passed to approve the minutes.

Agenda item #19, the report from the April 25, 2003 Education Committee meeting, was next. Ms. Newbold reported that the proposed changes to board rules 183.20 recommended at the February meeting were approved by the Medical Board and published for comment. Ms. Soffer reviewed the new amendments to the same section of the rules recommended by the committee relating to approval of continuing acupuncture education providers. Ms. Newbold also reported that the committee approved several continuing acupuncture education courses and deferred one in order to gather further information

Agenda item #20, the report from the April 25, 2003 Licensure Committee meeting, was next. Dr. Heinze gave a report, stating that the committee recommended approval of several licenses, including two, contingent upon signing agreed orders and denied the request to review one applicants file who had requested exception to board rule 183.4(a)(5).

The board considered the action items of the committees. **Dr. Voris moved, Ms. Newbold seconded, and the motion passed to approve the report of the Education Committee and to approve the proposed amendments to the continuing acupuncture education rules to be sent to the Medical Board for approval and publication for comment. Mr. Garcia moved, Dr. Voris seconded, and the motion passed to approve the report of the Licensure Committee and the applicants for licensure, including the two applicants whose licensure is contingent upon the applicants signing the proposed agreed orders.**

Ms. Newbold directed staff to place the following item on the agenda for discussion at the next board meeting: review the section of the acupuncture rules regarding the examination requirements for licensure, specifically relating to exam failures.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.