

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE EXAMINERS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 11, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 11:41 a.m. by Presiding Officer, Everett G. Heinze, Jr., M.D. Board members present were Pedro (Pete) V. Garcia, Jr.; Everett G. Heinze, Jr., M.D.; Meng-Sheng Linda Lin, L.Ac.; Dee Ann Newbold, L.Ac.; Claire H. Smith; and Marshall D. Voris, Ph.D., Ed.D., L.Ac. Staff members present were Donald W. Patrick, M.D., J.D., Executive Director; Jerry Walker, Deputy Executive Director; Jennifer Soffer, J.D., Assistant General Counsel; and various other staff.

Agenda item #2, regarding executive session, was next. It was announced that there was no need for the executive session.

Agenda items #4-11 were not necessary, as there were no orders to be considered.

Agenda item #12, regarding the November 9, 2001 Board Meeting minutes, was next. Mr. Garcia moved, Dr. Voris seconded, and the motion passed to approve the minutes.

Agenda item #13, regarding the November 9, 2001 Education Committee Meeting minutes, was next. Dr. Voris moved, Ms. Smith seconded, and the motion passed to approve the minutes.

Agenda item #14, regarding the November 9, 2001 Licensure Committee Meeting minutes, was next. Mr. Garcia moved, Ms. Smith seconded, and the motion passed to approve the minutes.

Agenda item #3, regarding the Executive Director's report, was considered. Dr. Patrick stated that his first few months as Executive Director were going well and told the board that he is impressed with the zeal and enthusiasm that the board members bring to the job. He also gave the board an update on recent amendments to the acupuncture rules and provided the board members with a copy of the rules.

Agenda item #15, regarding the report from the January 11, 2002 Education Committee meeting, was next. Ms. Newbold gave a report, stating that the committee recommended approval of several continuing acupuncture education courses, and directed the Executive Director to deny the request for an exemption for continuing acupuncture education

due to the abundance of courses available. **Mr. Garcia moved, Ms. Smith seconded, and the motion passed to approve the report and action items.**

Agenda item #16, regarding the report from the January 11, 2002 Licensure Committee meeting, was next. Dr. Heinze gave a report, stating that the committee recommended approval of 8 licenses and recommended proposed rule changes to §183.4 regarding interviews for English proficiency. **Dr. Voris moved, Ms. Newbold seconded, and the motion passed to approve the report and action items.**

Agenda item #17, regarding the report from the January 11, 2002 Discipline and Ethics Committee meeting, was next. Mr. Garcia gave a report and presented the minutes for approval. **Ms. Smith moved, Dr. Voris seconded, and the motion passed to approve the report and minutes.**

Agenda item #18, regarding appointments to committees, was next. Dr. Heinze announced that he was appointing Mr. Garcia to the Licensure Committee.

Staff was directed to add the following agenda items to the next Education Committee agenda: 1) discussion of carryover provision for continuing acupuncture education or requiring CAE every two years instead of annually; 2) discussion regarding granting CAE hours for instructors' preparation time for CAE courses, including the time spent teaching the course.

There being no further business, **Ms. Newbold moved, Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 12:16 p.m.**