

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

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m. by Chairman, Everett G. Heinze, Jr., M.D. Committee member present was Meng-Sheng Linda Lin, L.Ac. and Pedro (Pete) V. Garcia, Jr. attended to ensure a quorum. Jerry Walker, Deputy Executive Director; Jennifer Soffer, J.D., Assistant General Counsel; Tim Speer, Manager, Acupuncture/Physician Assistant Division; and various other staff were also present.

Agenda item #2, Executive Session, was considered. Mr. Garcia moved, Dr. Lin seconded, and the motion passed at 11:16 a.m. to go into executive session for private consultation and advice of counsel concerning pending or contemplated litigation, deliberations concerning licensure applications, and/or possible disciplinary action order under the authority of the Open Meetings Act, GOVT CODE, 551.071; and the Medical Practice Act, TEX. OCC. CODE ANN., 152.009; and TEX. OCC. CODE ANN., 205.304; and Attorney Generals Opinion No. H-484. Open session resumed at 11:24 a.m. and it was announced that no action was taken during executive session. A certified agenda was made.

Agenda item #3, regarding review of acupuncture applicants for permanent licensure, was considered. Mr. Garcia moved, Dr. Lin seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Diane Brew be issued an acupuncture license.

Mr. Garcia moved, Dr. Lin seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Mehri Rae Friedman be issued an acupuncture license.

Dr. Lin moved, Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Shaozhi Li be issued an acupuncture license.

Mr. Garcia moved, Dr. Lin seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Peter S. Zhang be issued an acupuncture license.

Mr. Garcia moved, Dr. Lin seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Gena Lee Fleming be issued an acupuncture license.

Mr. Garcia moved, Dr. Lin seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Janis Sebert Marion be issued an acupuncture license.

Dr. Lin moved, Mr. Garcia seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Zimei Pan be issued an acupuncture license.

Mr. Garcia moved, Dr. Lin seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board that Genevieve Sprinkle be issued an acupuncture license.

Agenda item #4, regarding proposed changes to Rule 183.4(a)(7) concerning methods of evaluating English proficiency, was considered. Tim Speer summarized the proposed changes. Following discussion, **Mr. Garcia moved, Dr. Lin seconded, and the motion passed to recommend to the full Board to approve proposed changes to Rule 183.**

Agenda item #5, regarding request for exemption from Continuing Acupuncture Education, was considered. Mr. Speer reviewed licensees request for CAE exemption. Following discussion, **the Committee recommended the licensee take a distance learning course and denied the request for exemption.**

There being no further business, **Mr. Garcia moved, Dr. Lin seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 11:34 a.m.**