

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE EXAMINERS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 31, 2008

The meeting was called to order on October 31, 2008 at 10:46 a.m. by Allen Cline, L.Ac., Presiding Officer. Board members present were Pedro (Pete) V. Garcia; Chung-Hwei Chernly, L.Ac.; Jr.; Donald R. Counts, M.D.; Karen Siegel, L.Ac.; and Rachelle L. Webb, L.Ac. Staff members present were Mari Robinson, Interim Executive Director; Alan Moore, Medical Director; Jane McFarland, Chief of Staff; Robert Simpson, General Counsel; Jaime Garanflo, Director of Licensure; and various other staff.

Agenda item #2, Board Member Report. Mr. Cline, new board presiding officer appointed by Governor Perry, thanked Dr. Rascoe for his previous service as the Presiding Officer and for his continued service to the board. Mr. Cline presented board resolutions for Meng-Sheng Linda Lin, L.Ac., and Hoang Xiong Ho, L.Ac., thanking them for their service and dedication to the board. Mr. Cline welcomed new board member Rachelle Webb, L.Ac., from Austin, Texas.

Agenda item #3, Executive Directors Report. Ms. Robinson gave a review of possible means to reduce travel costs as requested by the Governor by reducing the number of board meetings. Alan T. Moore, M.D., was introduced as the new board Medical Director. Ms. Robinson gave an updated report on the Town Hall meetings presented by staff around the state to provide input and feedback about regulations of the medical profession and to open lines of communications.

Agenda item #4, Consideration and Approval of proposed board meeting calendar. Mr. Garcia moved, Ms. Siegel seconded, and the motion passed to approve the proposed board calendar.

There were no items for Agenda items # 5-12.

Agenda item #13, Discussion, recommendation and possible action on Acupuncture Rules Chapter 183. After discussion, Dr. Rascoe moved, Mr. Garcia seconded, and the

motion passed to approve the rule review and proposed amendments to Chapter 183, Acupuncture in 22 TAC except 183.10.

Agenda item #14, Consideration and Approval of the June 6, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes. After discussion, Dr. Rascoe moved, Dr. Counts seconded, and the motion passed to approve the June 6, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes and action items.

Agenda item #15, Committee Reports and the consideration of approval of minutes and action items of committees meeting during the board meeting.

Dr. Rascoe gave a report of the Education Committee. After discussion, Mr. Garcia moved, Ms. Siegel seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Education Committee minutes and action items.

Dr. Rascoe gave a report of the Discipline and Ethics Committee. After discussion, Mr. Garcia moved, Mr. Chernly seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Discipline and Ethics Committee minutes and action items.

Mr. Garcia gave a report of the Licensure Committee. After discussion, Dr. Rascoe moved, Dr. Counts seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Licensure Committee minutes and action items.

Agenda item #16, Election of Assistant Presiding Officer. Mr. Garcia moved, Dr. Counts seconded, and the motion passed to elect Dr. Rascoe the Assistant Presiding Officer.

There being no further agenda items the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.