



Texas State Board of Acupuncture Examiners

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 6, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by Allen Cline, L.Ac., Presiding Officer. Board members present were Terry Rascoe, M.D., Assistant Presiding Officer; Raymond J. Graham, Secretary/ Treasurer; Chun-Hwei Chernly, L.Ac.; Suehing Yee Chiang; Linda Wynn Drain; Karen Siegel, L.Ac.; Rachelle L. Webb, L.Ac.; and Reynaldo Ximenes, M.D. Staff members present were Mari Robinson, Executive Director; Linda Gage-White, M.D., Medical Director; Jaime Garanflo, Director of Licensure; Jennifer Kaufman, Assistant General Counsel; Megan Goode, Special Projects; and various other staff.

There were no items for agenda item #2.

Agenda item #3, Executive Director Report.

Enforcement Report. Ms. Robinson presented the Enforcement Report Acupuncture.

Legislative update. Ms. Robinson gave a brief overview of key legislation related to the board. The board directed staff to notify the board of additional legislation filed related to the board by email.

Budget update. Ms. Goode presented the budget update and possible impact of pending legislation.

There were no items for agenda item #4.

Agenda item #5, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding the definition of acupuncture. Mr. Chernly reviewed the definition of acupuncture. The board discussed different modalities, such as cupping, Gua-sha, and massage should be considered for recommendation for inclusion in the definition of acupuncture. The board directed staff to research the process for the development of a board position statement for a more thorough definition of acupuncture.

After discussion, Ms. Robinson requested board members to send any suggestions for changes in the definition of acupuncture for staff to research if it is possible to revise the rule.

Agenda item #6, Public comments. Will Morris, Lisa Lin, and Steve Renault signed-in and presented public comments.

There were no items for agenda items #7-8.

Agenda item #9, Consideration and Approval of Modification Request/Termination Request Orders. After discussion, Ms. Webb moved, Ms. Drain seconded, and the motion passed to deny the Modification Request for Kenneth Greep, L.Ac.

There were not items for agenda items #10-16.

Agenda item #17, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding a rule change, including adoption of proposed rule changes to 22 T.A.C. Chapter 183.

§183.20 Continuing Acupuncture Education

§183.24 Procedure

Ms. Kaufman gave a brief summary. Oral comments were received from Ms. Lisa Lin. Written comments were received and reviewed. After discussion, **Dr. Rascoe moved, Ms. Siegel seconded, and the motion passed to adopt the proposed rule amendments to 22 T.A.C. Chapter 183, §183.20 Continuing Acupuncture Education; and §183.24 Procedure for publication in the Texas Register and to refer to the Texas Medical Board for approval.**

There were no items for Agenda item #18-19.

Agenda item #20, Review, discussion, and possible action regarding selected files and cases. After discussion, Mr. Chernly moved, Dr. Ximenes seconded, and the motion passed to dismiss files #09-0555; 10-0850; and #11-0485.

Agenda item #21, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding applicants for a Texas Acupuncture license. After discussion, Ms. Drain moved, Dr. Rascoe seconded, and the motion passed to approve the applicants for a Texas Acupuncture license as presented.

Agenda item #22, Consideration and approval of January 21, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes. After discussion, Mr. Graham moved, Ms. Siegel seconded, and the motion passed to approve the November 12, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes.

Agenda item #23, Committee reports and the consideration and approval of committee action items.

Dr. Rascoe gave a report of the Education Committee. **Dr. Rascoe moved, Mr. Graham seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Education Committee and action items.**

Dr. Ximenes gave a report of the CPT Coding Committee. **Ms. Webb moved, Ms. Siegel seconded, and the motion passed to approve the CPT Coding Committee minutes and action items.**

There being no further agenda items, the meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.