



## **Texas State Board of Acupuncture Examiners**

### **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

October 5, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. by Allen D. Cline, L.Ac. Presiding Officer. Board members Raymond Graham, Donna S. Guthery, L.Ac.; Rachelle Webb, L.Ac., and Jeremy D. Wiseman, M.D., were present. Staff members present were Scott Freshour, General Counsel, Wendy Pajak, Assistant General Counsel; Robert Bredt, M.D., Medical Director; and the Assistant General Counsels, Yvette Yarbrough, J.D., and Amy Swanholm, J.D.; and various other staff.

**Agenda item #2, Board Member Report.** Mr. Cline requested clarification on the rules regarding the required continuing education hours for business practices or office administration. After discussion, the board directed staff to draft a proposed rule to reflect that no more than 4 hours in the topic of business practices or office administration may be applied to the total hours required for each registration rather than requiring such hours to be taken as part of the core continuing education hours.

Mr. Cline gave a report on the new biennial registration and fees.

#### **Agenda item #3, Executive Director's Report.**

**Legislative update.** Dr. Bredt gave an update on the Legislative Appropriation Request for FY20-21 and upcoming key dates of interest.

**Budget update.** Ms. Corrales, Finance Manager, presented and reviewed the August 2018 budget report and reported projected expenditures and revenue are in good standing and on target for the year.

**Audit update.** Dr. Bredt gave a status report of the final audit report pertaining to the Physician Health Program.

**Acupuncture rules.** Ms. Pajak gave an update on the rules as discussed in Agenda item #2.

**Chiropractic rules.** Ms. Pajak gave a review of the pending Chiropractic rule. After discussion, the board directed staff to prepare a comment on the proposed rule that expresses the Acupuncture Board's concerns relating to authority, training and oversight, to be approved and signed by Mr. Cline, that will be submitted to the Chiropractic Board and to attach and reference the letter from Representative Thompson.

**Agenda item #4, Medical Director Report.** Mr. Bredt reported on the status of expert reviewers for acupuncture cases and investigations and indicated that we have a sufficient number of experts at this time.

**Agenda item #5, Consideration and possible action regarding pending litigation.** Ms. Pajak gave a brief report on pending litigation involving the Medical Board.

**Agenda item #6, Review, discussion, and possible action regarding selected files and cases.** Ms. Webb moved, Mr. Cline seconded, and the motion passed to approve Log #15-5253 for dismissal.

After discussion, **Ms. Webb moved, Mr. Graham seconded, and the motion passed to approve Legal #18-0241 for dismissal.**

There were no items for Agenda items #7-21.

**Agenda item #22 Open forum for public comments.** Wally Doggett and Lisa Lin signed-in and presented oral comments.

**Agenda item #23, Nomination and election for officers.** After discussion, **Mr. Cline moved, Mr. Graham seconded, and the motion passed to elect Donna Guthery, LAc, as the Assistant Presiding Officer.**

**Agenda item #24, Consideration and approval of May 11, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes.** After discussion, **Mr. Graham moved, Ms. Webb seconded, and the motion passed to approve the May 11, 2018 Acupuncture Board Meeting Minutes and action items.**

**Agenda item #25, Committee reports and the consideration and approval of committee action items.**

A report of the Education Committee was presented. **Mr. Cline moved, Ms. Guthery seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Licensure Committee minutes and action items.**

A report of the Licensure Committee was presented. **Ms. Webb moved, Mr. Graham seconded and the motion passed to approve the Licensure Committee minutes and action items.**

There being no additional items, Ms. Webb moved, Mr. Graham seconded, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m.