

Texas State Board of Acupuncture Examiners



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 11:34 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; Karen Siegel, L.Ac.; Rachelle L. Webb, L.Ac.; and Reynaldo Ximenes, M.D. Linda Wynn Drain was not present. Staff members present were Mari Robinson, Executive Director; Linda Gage-White, M.D., Medical Director; Jaime Garanfio, 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.

Budget update. Ms. Robsinon presented the budget report and reported that the budget continues to be managed very closely.

Legislative update. Ms. Robinson gave a brief overview of key legislation related to the board.

Agenda item #4, Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding possible request for Attorney General's opinion related to advertising as herbal pharmacies. Jon Porter, JD, requested the board's input on acupuncturists advertising as herbal pharmacies. After discussion, Mr. Graham moved, Dr. Ximenes seconded, and the motion passed to request an Attorney General's opinion "whether a licensed Texas acupuncturist can use the term Herbal Pharmacy without causing the public to mistakenly believe it is a Western Pharmacy licensed by the Texas State Board of Pharmacy."

There were no items for Agenda items #5-17.

Agenda item #18, Public Comments. No one signed in to present oral comments.

Agenda item #19, Consideration and approval of the May 6, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes. After review, **Dr. Rascoe moved, Ms. Siegel seconded, and the motion passed to approve the May 6, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes.**

Agenda item #20, Committee reports and the consideration and approval of committee action items.

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

Mr. Cline gave a report of the Licensure Committee meeting. **Ms. Siegel moved, Mr. Graham seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Licensure Committee minutes and action items.**

Dr. Ximenes gave a report of the CPT Coding Committee meeting. **Dr. Rascoe moved, Mr. Chernly seconded, and the motion passed to approve the CPT Coding Committee minutes and action items.**

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

There being no further agenda items, the meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.