

Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners
Board Meeting
Friday, March 15, 2013, at 2:30 pm
Hobby Building, Tower III, Room 100
333 Guadalupe
Austin, TX 78701

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Timothy Martel Brown, Professional Member
Carol Rainey, Professional Member
Candace Guillen, Professional Member
Denise Pratt, Public Member
Terry Argumaniz-Gomez, Professional Member
Jody Armstrong, Professional Member
Stewart Geise, Public Member

Staff Present:

Carol Miller
Georgia Norman
Elaine Snow
Cindy Bourland

Guests Present:

Vicki Hansen
Kathy Rider
Sydney Slye

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 2:34 pm by Mr. Brown, chair.

Agenda Item 2 was the approval of the minutes of the December 8, 2012, Board meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 3 was the discussion regarding reports from the following Board committees:

Mr. Brown gave the Ethics Committee report. The committee reviewed 20 cases, of which 1 case was tabled, 20 cases were closed and 3 cases were proposed for disciplinary action. A motion was made by Ms. Pratt to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ms. Gomez gave the Professional Development Committee report. The committee discussed the Alternative Method of Examining Competency (AMEC) program participants, continuing audits of education providers and the Board's jurisprudence examination. A motion was made by Ms. Guillen to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ms. Guillen gave the Licensing Standards and Qualification Committee report. The committee reviewed 38 cases, of which 26 cases were approved, 5 cases were denied and 4 cases were tabled for additional information. A motion was made by Ms. Armstrong to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 4 was the discussion regarding the Order for Final Action for Licensees:

- Smith-McNeese, Patricia
- Campos, Leticia

This item was tabled and not discussed.

Agenda Item 5 discussion to elect the Vice-Chair of the Texas Board of Social Workers, pursuant to Title 22 Texas Administrative Code §781.307. A motion was made by Ms. Guillen to appoint Ms. Gomez as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 6 was the update regarding the final adoption of proposed new and amendments to Title 22 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 781, concerning the licensure and regulation of social workers.

Agenda Item 7 was the update on the March 10, 2012, task force of the Board related to the Board's review of a proposal for an Impaired Professionals Program with Texas Nurses Foundation to create the Texas Monitoring and Assistance Program for Professionals (TMAPP). Ms. Bourland gave the update.

Agenda Item 8 was the report from the Board Chair and update concerning current challenges and accomplishments; interaction with stakeholders, state officials, and staff; committee appointments and functions; workload of Board members; and general information regarding the routine functioning of the Board. Mr. Brown gave the report.

Agenda Item 9 was the report from the Executive Director and update concerning program operations; customer service accomplishments, inquiries, and challenges; current and/or historical licensee statistics; media, legislative, and stakeholder contacts and concerns; workload processing; special projects assigned to executive director; and general information regarding the routine functioning of the licensure program. Ms. Miller gave the report.

Agenda Item 10 was the Management report and update from the Professional Licensing and Certification Unit manager, including unit organization and staffing; program costs and revenue; current operational initiatives; customer service accomplishments and challenges; workload processing and statistical information; status of rulemaking within the unit; legislative and media contacts and tracking; and general information regarding the routine functioning of the Professional Licensing and Certification Unit. Ms. Bourland gave the report.

Agenda Item 11 was public comment. Ms. Hansen addressed the board. Ms. Rider addressed the board.

Agenda Item 12 was to schedule the next meeting(s). The next meeting will be June 6-7, 2013.

Agenda Item 13 was items for future consideration. Mr. Geise announced resigning the board.

Agenda Item 14 was Board announcements and comments. There was none.

Agenda Item 15 was to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.