

Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners
Board Meeting
Friday, March 28, 2014, at 1:00 pm Hobby Building, Tower III, Room 100
333 Guadalupe
Austin, TX 78701

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Terry Argumaniz-Gomez, Professional Member
Nary Spears, Professional Member
Jody Armstrong, Professional Member
Timothy Martel Brown, Professional Member
Macy Hill, Public Member
Maria Castro, Professional Member
Carol Rainey, Professional Member

Staff Present:

Sarah Faszholz
Stewart Myrick
Elaine Snow
Carol Miller
Georgia Norman

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 1:00 pm by Mr. Brown, chair.

Agenda Item 2 was the approval of the minutes of the December 2013, board meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Spears 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 13 cases, of which 11 cases were closed and 2 cases were proposed for disciplinary action. A motion was made by Ms. Armstrong to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

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

Ms. Gomez gave the Licensing Standards and Qualification Committee report. The committee reviewed 19 cases, of which 14 cases were approved and 5 cases were denied. A motion was made by Ms. Hill to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Brown gave the Rules Committee report. The committee discussed proposed amendments to 22 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 781, concerning the licensing and regulation of social workers. A motion was made by Ms. Spears to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 4 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 5 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. Mr. Myrick gave the report.

Agenda Item 6 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. There was no report.

Agenda Item 7 was public comment. There was none.

Agenda Item 8 was to schedule the next meeting(s). The next meeting date will be June 5-6, 2014.

Agenda Item 9 was items for future consideration.

Agenda Item 10 was to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.