



TEXAS STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

Full Board Meeting

Friday, June 12, 2015, 12:00 p.m.
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
6300 Ocean Dr., Bay Hall, Rm 103
Corpus Christi, TX. 78412

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Glynda Corley, Professional Member
Brandy Buckner, Professional Member
Steve Christopherson, Professional Member
Karen Burke, Professional Member
Lauren Dreszer, Public Member
Leslie Pohl, Public Member

Staff Present:

Bobbe Alexander
Georgia Norman
Carol Miller
Molly Fudell
Renee Clack

Guests Present:

Jan Friese
Kim Hatley
Jennifer Boswell
Katherine Bacon
Elsa Leggett
Kathy Ybanez-Urente
Martin Bradley
Melissa Graham
Brian Simmons

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 12:00 pm by Ms. Corley, chair.

Agenda Item 2 was the introduction of members, staff and guests.

Agenda Item 3 was the discussion concerning board members who are inexcusably absent from regularly scheduled board meetings, as defined under Texas Occupations Code Section 503.107(a)(5). A motion was made by Mr. Christopherson to not accept the absence of Hoc Nguyen. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 4 was the discussion concerning approval of the minutes from the February 25, 2015 board meeting. A motion was made by Dr. Buckner to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 5 was public comment. Ms. Friese addressed the board.

Agenda Item 6 was the Board Chair report 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. Ms. Corley gave the report.

Agenda Item 7 was the Executive Director's report concerning program operations; customer service accomplishments, 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. Alexander gave the report.

Agenda Item 8 was the Management report and update from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Professional Licensing and Certification Unit, 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 unit. Ms. Clack gave the update. Ms. Miller also gave a report.

Agenda Item 9 was the discussion concerning licensee G.H. No action taken.

Agenda Item 10 was the discussion concerning licensee V.J. A motion was made was made by Dr. Buckner to approve. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 11 was the discussion concerning licensee R.B.W. No action taken.

Agenda Item 12 was the discussion concerning licensee L.W. A motion was made was made by Dr. Buckner to accept. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 13 was the discussion concerning the following committee reports:

Dr. Buckner gave the Applications Committee report. The committee discussed 21 cases, of which 10 cases were approved, 4 cases were issued conditional letters of agreement, 5 cases were denied and 2 were closed due to licensure expiration. A motion was made by Mr. Christopherson to accept the report.

Ms. Burke gave the Supervision Committee report. The committee discussed 9 cases, of which 3 cases were closed and 6 cases were closed with conditional letters of agreement. A motion was made by Ms. Corley to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ms. Pohl gave the Professional and Regulatory Trends Committee report. The committee discussed current trends and distance counseling. A motion was made by Ms. Burke to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ms. Corley gave the Complaints Committee report. The committee reviewed 26 cases, of which 14 cases were closed and 12 cases were proposed for disciplinary action. A motion was made by Ms. Burke to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Christopherson gave the Rules Committee report. The committee discussed comments made on proposed rules posted in the May 15, 2015 Texas Register and the adoption of proposed rules, Title 22 Texas Administrative Code,(TAC) Chapter 681, concerning the licensure and regulation of professional counselors. A motion was made by Ms. Pohl to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ms. Burke gave the Testing and Continuing Education Committee report. The committee discussed about the jurisprudence examination. A motion was made by Ms. Pohl to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 14 was the discussion regarding comments made on proposed rules posted in the May 15, 2015 Texas Register. No action taken.

Agenda Item 15 was the discussion regarding the adoption of the proposed rules, Title 22 TAC, Chapter 681, concerning the licensure and regulation of professional counselors. No action taken.

The Texas State Examiners of Professional Counselors Ethics Committee having convened on this date and with a quorum present, will now go into Executive Session in accordance with Government Code Chapter 551 (Open Meetings Act) of the State of Texas, for the purposes of consulting with the board attorney concerning the matter of agenda item 16. The date is June 12, 2015. The time is 1:20 pm. The Texas State Examiners of Professional Counselors Ethics Committee came out of Executive Session at 1:25 pm. No action taken. The date is June 12, 2015.

Agenda Item 16 was the discussion regarding complaint 1061-13-0023- J.W.

Agenda Item 17 was the discussion regarding complaints 1061-11-0213 and 1061-11-0196, SOAH docket no. 537-14-5046, concerning licensee R.R. A motion was made by Ms. Burke to accept. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 18 was the update from Texas Counseling Association's liaison regarding issues affecting licensed counselors in Texas. Ms. Hatley gave the update.

Agenda Item 19 was the discussion of future priorities and activities of the board. Rules and Sunset.

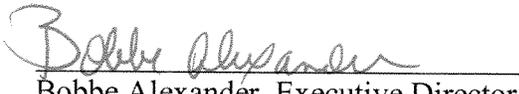
Agenda Item 20 was announcements and comments not requiring board action, such as statements regarding conferences and other recent or upcoming events.

Agenda Item 21 was setting the next meeting date and location. The next meeting date will be July 27-28, 2015 and September 16-18, 2015.

Agenda Item 22 was adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.


Glynda Corley, LPC-S. Chair

9-18-15
Date


Bobbe Alexander, Executive Director

9-18-15
Date