

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

Full Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 2, 2016 12:30 pm

Travis Building, Room 100

1701 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78701

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Glynda Corley, Professional Member
Sarah Abraham, Public Member
Loretta Bradley, Professional Member
Steven Christopherson, Professional Member
Lauren Dreszer, Public Member
Leslie Pohl, Public Member
Christopher Taylor, Professional Member

Staff Present:

Sarah Faszholz
Georgia Norman
Amanda Stallings
Steve Shuffer
Molly Fudell
Tim Speer

Guests Present:

Bob Batlan
Ken Martin
Jennie Ashton
Mary Becerril
Joe Cook
Margarita Soto
Katherine Bacon
Kim Hatley
Bobbe Alexander
Juana Flores
Jan Friese

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 12:40 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 excuse the absence of Etienne Nguyen. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 4 was the discussion concerning the approval of the minutes from the November 3, 2015 Board meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Christopherson to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 5 was the discussion to elect the Vice-Chair of the Texas Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors, pursuant to Title 22 of the Texas Administrative Code, §681.7. A motion was made by Ms. Abraham to nominate Mr. Christopherson. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 6 was the discussion concerning the following committee reports:

Ms. Abraham gave the Applications Committee report. The committee reviewed 15 application-related cases of which 9 cases were approved, 4 cases were denied and 2 cases were tabled. A motion was made by Mr. Christopherson to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed. Dr. Bradley gave the Supervision Issues Committee report. The committee reviewed 7 supervision-related cases, of which 4 cases were approved and 3 cases were tabled. A motion was made by Ms. Pohl to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ms. Pohl gave the Professional and Regulatory Trends Committee report regarding action taken at the March 1, 2016 committee meeting. A motion was made by Dr. Bradley to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ms. Corley gave the Complaints Committee report. The committee discussed the actions taken at the January 28, 2016. The committee reviewed 27 pending cases, of which 14 cases were closed, 11 cases were proposed for disciplinary action and 2 cases were tabled. Ms. Corley gave the report for the February 29, 2016 committee meetings. The committee reviewed 27 cases, of which 19 cases were closed, 7 cases were proposed for disciplinary action and 1 case was tabled. A motion was made by Mr. Christopherson to accept the staff recommendation regarding case #1061-14-0034. The motion was seconded and passed. A motion was made by Ms. Pohl to accept the reports. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Christopherson gave the Rules Committee report regarding actions taken at the March 2, 2016 committee meetings. A motion was made by Mr. Taylor to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ms. Dreszer gave the Testing and Continuing Education Committee report regarding actions taken at the March 2, 2016 committee meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Pohl to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 7 was the discussion concerning the license qualifications of LPC #66827. Mr. Speer gave the report. No action taken.

Agenda Item 8 was the discussion and regarding an agreed order concerning complaint #1061-12-0174. A motion was made by Ms. Abraham to accept the order. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 9 was the discussion regarding an order accepting voluntary surrender related to complaint #1061-13-0157. A motion was made by Ms. Pohl to accept. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 10 was the discussion regarding the proposal for decision related to complaint #1061-13-0216. This item was tabled and not discussed.

Agenda Item 11 was the discussion of future priorities and activities of the board.

Agenda Item 12 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 13 was the Interim 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. Faszholz gave the report.

Agenda Item 14 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. Mr. Speer gave the report.

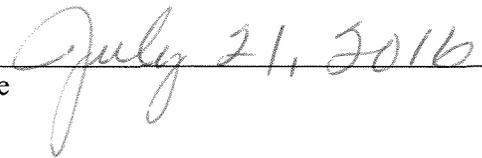
Agenda Item 15 was announcements and comments not requiring Board action, such as statements regarding conferences and other recent or upcoming events. There was none.

Agenda Item 16 was public comment. One person addressed the board.

Agenda Item 17 was to set the next board meeting date(s). The next meeting date will be July 19-21, 2016.

Agenda Item 18 was adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.


Chair


Date

