

Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners
Board Meeting
Saturday, June 9, 2012, at 8:30 am
Exchange Building, Room N-102
8407 Wall Street
Austin TX 78754

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Timothy Martel Brown, Professional Member
Nary Spears, Professional Member
Jody Armstrong, Professional Member
Terrie Argumaniz-Gomez, Professional Member
Candace Guillen, Professional Member
Mark Talbot, Public Member
Denise Pratt, Public Member

Staff Present:

Carol Miller
Georgia Norman
Elaine Snow
Cindy Bourland

Guests Present:

Vicki Hansen

Agenda Item 1 was to call meeting to order at 8:40 am by Mr. Brown, chair.

Agenda Item 2 was public comment. There was none.

Agenda Item 3 was the approval of the minutes of the March 10, 2012, meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Talbot to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 4 was the discussion regarding reports from the following Board Committees:

Mr. Brown gave the Ethics Committee report. The committee reviewed 14 cases, of which 10 cases were closed, 1 case was tabled, 2 cases were proposed for disciplinary action and 1 accepted surrendered. The committee also discussed complaints closed administratively as non-jurisdictional, a request regarding Complaint #1072-09-0043 and correspondence regarding #1072-10-0080/0083. A motion was made by Mr. Talbot to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ms. Guillen gave the Licensing Standards and Qualifications Committee report. The committee reviewed 16 cases, of which 8 were approved, 4 cases were denied and 2 were tabled. A motion was made by Ms. Armstrong to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Talbot gave the Rules Committee report. The committee discussed Board-approved rule package proposal for publication in the Texas Register and proposed amendments to Title 22 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 781, to be published as proposed rules in the Texas Register, concerning the licensure and regulation of social workers, including but not limited to: minimum requirements related to supervised experience and supervision towards licensure and specialty recognition; the Code of Conduct and Professional Standards of Practice; and Texas Online Fee. A motion was made by Ms. Armstrong to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ms. Armstrong gave the Professional Development Committee report. The committee discussed continuing education provider audits, the Board's jurisprudence examination and mail-out to licensees regarding the new rules and other information. A motion was made by Mr. Talbot to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 5 was the update on March 10, 2012, task force of the Board related to Board review and possible approval of a proposal for an Impaired Professionals Program with Texas Nurses Foundation to create the Texas Monitoring and Assistance Program for Professionals (TMAPP).

Agenda Item 6 was the discussion regarding the 2012-2013 meeting schedule for the Board and its committees.

Agenda Item 7 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 8 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.

Agenda Item 9 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.

Agenda Item 10 was public comment. There was none.

Agenda Item 11 was to schedule the next meeting(s). The next meeting dates will be September 13-15, 2012.

Agenda Item 12 was items for future consideration. There was none.

Agenda Item 13 was Board announcements and comments. There were none.

Agenda Item 14 was to adjourn meeting. The meeting was adjourned.