

**Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners
Board Meeting
Saturday, September 10, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.
Embassy Suites Hotel Austin – Arboretum
9505 Stonelake Blvd.
Austin, TX 78759**

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Jeannie McGuire, Professional Member
Holly Anawaty, Public Member
Tim Brown, Professional Member
Matt Shaheen, Public Member
Carrie Yeats, Professional Member
Julia Dunaway, Professional Member

Board Members Absent:

Steve Roberts, Professional Member
Willie McGee, Public Member
Jamie Ward, Professional Member

Staff Present:

Stephen Mills
Charles Horton
Georgia Norman

Guests Present:

None

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 9:03 am by Ms. McGuire, chair.

Agenda Item 2 was the approval of minutes. A motion was made by Ms. Anawaty to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 3 was the discussion and possible action regarding reports from the following board committees:

Ms. McGuire gave the Ethics Committee report. The committee reviewed 13 cases, of which 10 cases were closed, 1 probated suspension and 2 administrative penalties. The committee also discussed 14 cases awaiting hearings or settlement conferences. A motion was made by Mr. Shaheen to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ms. Dunaway gave the Licensing Standards and Qualifications Committee report. The committee reviewed 9 cases, of which 4 were approved, 1 case was denied and 1 case was returned for more information. A motion was made by Ms. Anawaty to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Shaheen gave the Professional Development Committee report. The committee discussed the newsletter, website and other publications. The committee also discussed the auditing of board approved continuing education providers and criteria to approve these courses and providers. A motion was made by Ms. Anawaty to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Brown gave the Rules Committee report. The committee reviewed the language of the rule changes, continuing education requirement changes, the jurisprudence examination, the administrative penalty schedule and fee increases. A motion was made by Mr. Shaheen to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 4 was the discussion and action for individuals requesting licensure in accordance with §781.311 Alternative Method of Examining Competency: Mr. Mills gave the report. He discussed the review of the portfolio completed and the recommendation a full license for Chaka Watson and he reported the surrender of the license of Veronica Ewing for non-compliance in the AMEC program. A motion was made by Mr. Brown to accept the recommendations. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 5 was the discussion and possible action regarding the appeal of Ronald Hockin of the denial of his professional work experience meeting the requirements of clinical licensure. A motion was made by Ms. Anawaty to deny the appeal. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 6 was the report from the Board Chair. Ms. McGuire gave the report. She discussed the hard work of the committees and introduced Charles Horton as the new executive director.

Agenda Item 7 was the report from the Executive Director. Mr. Horton gave the report. He discussed his work experience and commitment to this board.

Agenda Item 8 was the report from the Professional Licensing and Certification Unit management. Ms. Peterson gave the report. She discussed expediting licensure for hurricane Katrina victims, the new database system, the increase in phone call volume, increased fees and the budget.

Agenda Item 9 was the discussion regarding the Delegate Assembly of the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) November 4-6, 2005 in Detroit MI. Mr. Horton and Mr. Brown will be attending as delegates.

Agenda Item 10 was the discussion regarding the annual conference of the Texas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW/Texas) November 10-12, 2005 in Galveston TX. Mr. Horton and Ms. Dunaway will be attending.

Agenda Item 11 was the discussion regarding the new proposed rules and amendments to 22 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 781 (board rules), necessitated by Sunset legislation. A motion was made by Ms. Anawaty to accept the proposed new rules and amendments. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 12 was to set the next meeting date, which will be December 2-3, 2005 in Austin, TX.

Agenda Item 13 was public comment. Ms. Peterson addressed the board.

Agenda Item 14 was announcements and comments not requiring board action. No announcements or comments.

Agenda Item 15 was adjournment. A motion was made by Ms. Anawaty to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 am. The motion was seconded and passed.

Jeannie McGuire, Chairman