

Health Professions Council

Minutes for the December 12, 2011 Regular Meeting

Call to Order	<p>A meeting of the Health Professions Council (HPC) was held on December 12, 2011 in Conference Room 2-225 of the William P. Hobby Building, Austin, Texas. Ms. Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present at the meeting were the following representatives:</p> <p>Katherine Thomas, Executive Director Texas Board of Nursing Gay Dodson, Executive Director Texas State Board of Pharmacy Barbara Deane, Chief Administrative Law Division Office of the Attorney General John Maline, Executive Director Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners Glenn Parker Texas State Board of Dental Examiners Yvette Yarbrough, Executive Director Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners Sherry Lee, Executive Director Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists Hemant Makan, Executive Director Texas State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners Chet Robbins, Executive Assistant Texas Funeral Services Commission Chris Kloeris, Executive Director Texas Optometry Board Nicole Oria, Executive Director Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners Mari Robinson, Executive Director Texas Medical Board Steve Rapp, Director Information Technology, Texas State Board of Pharmacy</p> <p>Also present: John Monk, Administrative Officer and Patricia Ortiz, Administrative Assistant</p>
Roll Call and Introductions	<p>Mr. Monk called roll. Ms. Dodson announced that a quorum was present. Ms. Dodson reordered the agenda to discuss announcements at the end of the meeting.</p>
Approval of Minutes for December 12, 2011 Regular Meeting	<p>Minutes of the October 4, 2011 and November 9, 2011 meetings were reviewed. Mr. Kloeris moved to approve the minutes of the meetings. Ms. Yarbrough seconded the motion. By unanimous voice vote the minutes were approved.</p>

<p>Technology Report</p> <p>Information Technology Support Staff (ITSS)</p> <p>Regulatory Database Project</p>	<p>Mr. Monk provided the ITSS participating agencies with an updated project list.</p> <p>Mr. Monk reviewed the progress of the Regulatory Database Project. The agencies are in the process of evaluating outstanding issues. Ms. Dodson reported that agencies have been struggling while waiting for issues to be resolved. Mr. Monk informed the Council that he will provide additional updates to the participating agencies as applicable.</p>
<p>Budget and Planning Committee</p> <p>Budget Report for Fiscal Year 2012</p>	<p>Mr. Monk reported on the HPC budget through the 1st Quarter of Fiscal Year 2012. He provided expenditure reports. There were no questions.</p>
<p>Information Items</p>	<p>Ms. Dodson thanked Ms. Thomas for her service as Council Chair. Mr. Monk announced upcoming work group meetings. Mr. Makan requested a review of the viability of utilizing Google Sites for future meeting materials.</p>
<p>Department of Public Safety Background Checks</p>	<p>Mr. Rapp reported on issues surrounding the use of the Department of Public Safety's background check technology. Recent changes to the format for searching licensees have resulted in many more flags than had been previously provided. The result of searches have significantly extended the time it takes to review applicants and licensees for their criminal history. Mr. Rapp indicated that the new format would work well for a small number of background requests. Large batch processes however, would result in many more licensees to be followed up on and could delay processing. He has met with DPS officials to discuss the issue.</p>

Comments from the audience	There were no comments from the audience.
Next meeting	The next meeting of the Council will be March 5, 2012 in Hobby 2-225.
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned by Ms. Dodson.