

Health Professions Council

Minutes for the March 21, 2022 Regular Meeting

Call to Order	<p>A meeting of the Health Professions Council (HPC) was held on March 21, 2022 via Zoom. Mr. Harper called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m. Present at the meeting were the following representatives:</p> <p>Katherine Thomas, Executive Director Board of Nursing Tim Tucker, Executive Director, Texas State Board of Pharmacy Brint Carlton, Texas Medical Board Casey Nichols, Executive Director, Texas State Board of Dental Examiners Ralph Harper, Executive Director, Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners Kelly Parker, Executive Director Texas Optometry Board Darrel Spinks, Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council Patrick Fortner, Executive Director, Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners Kara Holsinger, Office of the Attorney General Scot Kibbe, Office of the Governor Leticia Kappel, Deputy Director, Texas State Board of Dental Examiners Jennifer Hertsenberg, Director of Operations, Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners Patricia Zapata, Office of Public Insurance Counsel Rene Truan, Executive Director Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists</p> <p>Also present: John Monk, Director,</p>
Roll Call and Introductions	<p>Mr. Monk called roll. Mr. Harper recognized members and guests and announced that a quorum was present. A motion to excuse absent members was made. The motion passed by voice vote.</p>
Approval of Minutes for December 21, Regular Meeting	<p>Minutes of the December 21, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Tucker moved to approve the minutes of the meetings. Ms. Nichols seconded the motion. By unanimous voice vote the minutes were approved as amended.</p>
Budget and Planning Committee Budget Report for Fiscal Year 2022	<p>Mr. Monk reviewed the Expenditures for the Council through the 2nd Quarter. Reports were provided.</p> <p>Mr. Monk reported on the status of various audits.</p>

<p>Technology Report</p> <p>Information Technology Support Staff (ITSS) and Web Administration</p> <p>Regulatory Database Project</p>	<p>Mr. Monk reported on ongoing progress related to the Information Technology Support Staff and the Regulatory Database Project.</p> <p>.</p>
<p>Agency Roundtable</p>	<p>Mr. Monk and Mr. Harper discussed the Council's Ad-Hoc Workgroup on moving to the new building.</p> <p>Mr. Carlton discussed issues related to staff salaries and proposed a group to develop shared language for the upcoming legislative session.</p> <p>Mr. Tucker asked agencies about the use of state vehicles, the cost and the possibility of using rental cars.</p> <p>Mr. Fortner discussed the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners Practice Act and how it addresses felonies and misdemeanors.</p>
<p>Comments from the audience</p>	<p>There were no comments from the audience.</p>
<p>Adjournment and Next meeting</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Harper at 11:14 AM.</p>

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Minutes for the April 20, 2022 Meeting

Call to Order	<p>A meeting of the Health Professions Council (HPC) was held on April 20, 2022 via Zoom. Mr. Harper called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. Present at the meeting were the following representatives:</p> <p>Kathy Thomas, Board of Nursing Tim Tucker, Executive Director, Texas State Board of Pharmacy Brint Carlton, Texas Medical Board Casey Nichols, Executive Director, Texas State Board of Dental Examiners Ralph Harper, Executive Director, Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners Kelly Parker, Executive Director Texas Optometry Board Darrel Spinks, Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council Patrick Fortner, Executive Director, Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners John Helenberg, Executive Director, Texas State Board of Veterinary Examiners Kara Holsinger, Office of the Attorney General</p> <p>Also present: John Monk, Director,</p>
Roll Call and Introductions	<p>Mr. Monk called roll. Mr. Harper recognized members. A motion to excuse absent members was made by Ms. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Parker. The motion passed by voice vote.</p>
Agency Business	<p>Mr. Harper informed the Council that the meeting was to discuss Personnel matters regarding the appointment, employment and compensation for the Director of the Health Professions Council.</p> <p>Mr. Harper opened the floor to discuss salary increase for the Director.</p> <p>Mr. Helenberg voiced support for the increase.</p> <p>Mr. Carlton clarified that the increase is for the current Director and that future postings for the position could reflect a different classification.</p> <p>Mr. Spinks asked for clarification on how the position would be funded for the remainder of the biennium and subsequent biennium.</p>

	<p>Mr. Harper informed the Council that select agencies had agreed to increase their contribution amounts for Fiscal Year 2023. Those amounts would be codified in an additional Memorandum of Understanding.</p> <p>Mr. Fortner expressed reservations regarding the increase. Mr. Fortner also expressed dissatisfaction with current Information Technology Staffing.</p> <p>Mr. Harper called for a vote to increase the Director's salary. The vote passed 7 – Ayes 1-Nay and 1-Abstention</p> <p>Mr. Monk thanked the Council for their ongoing support.</p>
Adjournment and Next meeting	The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Harper at 10:27 AM.