

TEXAS COMMISSION OF LICENSING AND REGULATION

Meeting of December 6, 2024
Twin Towers Office Center
1st Floor Public Meeting Room
Austin, Texas

S u m m a r y o f M i n u t e s

Chairman Rick Figueroa called the meeting of the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation to order at 8:33 a.m. Members present were Chairman Rick Figueroa, Vice-Chair Thomas Butler, Commissioners Dr. Ray Callas, Gary Wesson, Nora Castaneda, Lori High and Sujeeth Draksharam. A quorum was present.

Staff present included: Courtney Arbour, Executive Director; Steve Bruno, Deputy Executive Director; Susanna Holt Cutrone, Deputy Executive Director, Doug Jennings, General Counsel; and Derek Burkhalter, Deputy General Counsel.

Chairman Figueroa moved to agenda item C, Public Comment. 6 public comments were made.

Chairman Figueroa moved to agenda item D, Executive Session. The Commission adjourned at 8:52 a.m. The Commission reconvened at 9.29 a.m.

Chairman Figueroa moved to agenda item E, Discussion and possible action on other items discussed in Executive Session. No action or discussion necessary.

Chairman Figueroa moved to agenda item F. Approval of Minutes – Meeting of October 23. Commissioner Draksharam seconded by Commissioner Butler, made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Chairman Figueroa moved to agenda item J. Discussion and possible recommendation on Department approval of the Qualified Applied Behavior Analysis Credentialing Board (QABA) as a certifying entity under Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 506, regarding the Behavior Analysts program. Commissioner Butler seconded by Commissioner Wesson, made a motion to: 1) approve the Qualified Applied Behavior Analysis Credentialing Board (QABA) as a certifying entity under Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 506, regarding the Behavior Analysts program; and 2) direct the Department to, within one year, develop its own qualifications for a license under Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 506. A roll call vote was requested, motion passed 6 to 1. Dr. Ray Callas opposed.

Chairman Figueroa moved to agenda item G., Contested Cases - consideration and possible action on cases heard before the State Office of Administrative Hearings:

Chairman Figueroa moved to agenda item G.1., Docket Number ELC20240005305 / 452-24-15588.ELC; Juan J Solis. Commissioner Draksharam, seconded by Commissioner Wesson, made a motion to adopt the proposal for decision as written. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Chairman Figueroa moved to agenda item G.2., Docket Number ELC20240006349 / 452-24-19817.ELC.; Ricardo D Brooks, Commissioner Butler, seconded by Commissioner Wesson, made a motion to adopt the proposal for decision with suggested modifications. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Chairman Figueroa moved to agenda item H., Motions for Rehearing – Docket Number ELC20240009588, Anthony Hunter Rice, Commissioner Draksharam, seconded by Commissioner Wesson, made a motion to deny the motion for rehearing. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Chairman Figueroa moved to agenda item I. Discussion and possible action on the readoption, revision, or repeal of the rules at 16 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 97, Motor Fuel Metering and Quality; Chapter 98, Motorcycle Operator Training and Safety; Chapter 99, Off-Highway Vehicle Operator Education and Certification Program; and Chapter 120, Licensed Dyslexia Therapists and Licensed Dyslexia Practitioners, as a result of the four-year rule review. Commissioner Wesson, seconded by Commissioner Draksharam, made a motion to adopt the rules as presented. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Chairman Figueroa moved to agenda item K. Executive Office Reports. Briefing from Executive Office staff on activities, statistical data, personnel changes, communications, and public outreach. May include discussion and updates of the following topics: Agency Reports, Statistics, and Trends; Legislative Appropriations Request; Recent Accomplishments; Update from Courtney Arbour, Executive Director, Steve Bruno, Deputy Executive Director; Susanna Cutrone, Deputy Executive Director.

Chairman Figueroa moved to agenda item L., Recommendation of dates and agenda items for future Commission Meetings. A recommendation was made to discuss creation of new commission workgroups and possible reassignment of the current workgroups. Recommended future commissioner meetings-February 14, April 9 and June 19, 2025

Chairman Figueroa adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

Rick Figueroa, Chairman
Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation