

**Acknowledgment of Acceptance of Gift from the
Dodge Jones Foundation**

Background:

On January 31, 2014, the Dodge Jones Foundation contributed seven thousand five-hundred dollars (\$7,500) for Board members and Board staff to attend an event hosted by The Promise of Nursing for Texas.

Pursuant to Tex. Gov't. Code § 575.003, a state agency that has a governing board may accept a gift only if the agency has the authority to accept the gift and a majority of the Board, in an open meeting, acknowledges the acceptance of the gift not later than the 90th day after the date the gift is accepted. The Board of Nursing has accepted this gift pursuant to the authority granted in Tex. Occ. Code § 301.156, which authorizes the Board of Nursing to receive gifts, grants, or other funds or assets. To comply with the law, the Board must now acknowledge the acceptance of the gift in an open meeting. A copy of the relevant statutes are included as Attachment "A."

Board Action: Move to acknowledge the acceptance of a monetary gift in the amount of seven-thousand five hundred dollars from the Dodge Jones Foundation for Board members and Board staff to attend an event hosted by the Promise for Nursing in Texas on February 12, 2014.

Tex. Occ. Code § 301.156. Gifts and Grants

The board may receive gifts, grants, or other funds or assets.

Tex. Gov't. Code § 575.001. Definitions

(1) "Gift" means a donation of money or property.

(2) "State agency" means a board, commission, council, committee, department, office, agency, or other governmental entity in the executive or judicial branch of state government. The term does not include an institution of higher education as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code.

Tex. Gov't. Code § 575.002. Gifts of \$500 or More

This chapter applies only to a gift that has a value of \$500 or more.

Tex. Gov't. Code § 575.003. Acceptance of Gift by State Agency Governing Board

A state agency that has a governing board may accept a gift only if the agency has the authority to accept the gift and a majority of the board, in an open meeting, acknowledges the acceptance of the gift not later than the 90th day after the date the gift is accepted.

Tex. Gov't. Code § 575.004. Record of Gift

A state agency that accepts a gift must record the name of the donor, a description of the gift, and a statement of the purpose of the gift in:

- (1) the minutes of the governing board of the agency; or
- (2) appropriate agency records, if the agency does not have a governing board.