

## **Consideration of Appointment of New Member to the Advisory Committee on Education**

### **Summary of Request:**

Consider the Board Staff recommendation regarding the nomination of Karen Neighbors, MSN, RN to the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) representing the Texas League for Nursing (TLN).

### **Historical Perspective:**

In accordance with Board rule [211.6.\(f\)\(1\)\(B\)](#), ACE advises the Board on education and practice issues that have or may have an impact on the regulation of nursing education in Texas. At the April 2015 Board meeting the Board approved nominations of twelve (12) new members to ACE with one (1) vacant position remaining to represent TLN.

At the July 31, 2015 ACE meeting, TLN President, Sharon Wilkerson, PhD, RN, CNE, ANEF, TLN notified Board Staff that Karen Neighbors, MSN, RN would be the nominee for appointment to serve on ACE representing TLN.

Ms. Neighbors has a rich background in nursing practice and education. She currently serves as an instructor in the Trinity Valley Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program and as House Supervisor at Ennis Regional Medical Center. Ms. Neighbors has experience teaching in both vocational and professional nursing education programs. She is the current Secretary for TLN and has participated in various professional activities including test item writing and active membership in the National League for Nursing. Ms. Neighbors was inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing in 2011 and recognized by the Texas Nurses Association in 2007 for nursing excellence.

Board Staff have reviewed the credentials of Karen Neighbors, MSN, RN and concluded that she is fully qualified to fulfill the role and responsibilities associated with ACE membership.

### **Staff Recommendation:**

Accept and approve the nomination of Karen Neighbors, MSN, RN for ACE membership to represent the Texas League for Nursing.