



## Acupuncture Board of Examiners

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### REGULAR MEETING OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Members of the Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners met on: **April 28, 2021, at 12:02 noon**

**This Meeting was held telephonically and was open to the public by calling in to a phone line**

**Board Staff:** David Geriminsky - Executive Director, Richard Graham – Licensing Coordinator  
**Attorney General Representative:** Seamus Monaghan, Assistant Attorney General

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairperson Susan Williams called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.
2. **RECOGNITION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

**Board Members Present:**

Mario Fontes  
Tali Lehavi  
Rosemary Zimmerman, Secretary  
Mindy Hayden  
Susan Williams, Chairperson  
Matthew Klein  
Alex Tan  
Jamie Fitzgerald

**Board Members Absent:**

Scott Selin

3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – A.R.S. §38-503**

No conflicts noted

4. **REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

- A. January 27, 2021 Regular Session Minutes
- B. March 24, 2021 Regular Session Minutes

Board Member Zimmerman moved to Approve the January and March Minutes with Board Member Hayden providing a second. The Motion Passed.

Fitzgerald	Fontes	Williams	Lehavi	Hayden	Zimmerman	Klein	Selin	Tan	Vote
X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	Aye
									Nay
									Recused
									Abstained
							X		Absent

C. Meeting Recordings

The Board took no action

**5. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION**

Ratification of Licenses Issued by the Executive Director

- A. Minjoo Oh
- B. Linda Elaine Lewis
- C. Yoshifumi Ito
- D. Esmeralda Mustain
- E. Annette Caulkins
- F. Nicholas Lee Kleespie
- G. Nazife Canitez

Executive Director Geriminsky provided a summary of license eligibility for Applicants A-G indicating that all applicants have submitted all required documentation and had no disqualifying information in their application and so had been issued licensure or certification pursuant to the Boards delegation.

Board Member Tan moved to ratify licensure and certification of Applicants A-G with Board Member Lehavi providing a second. The Motion Passed.

Fitzgerald	Fontes	Williams	Lehavi	Hayden	Zimmerman	Klein	Selin	Tan	Vote
X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	Aye
									Nay
									Recused
									Abstained
							X		Absent

**6. CONSENT AGENDA FOR REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE BOARD ON RATIFICATION OF RENEWAL OF LICENSES/CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO INDIVIDUALS WHO MET REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL**

Licensed Acupuncturists

- Mario Fontes      Kelly J Wylie      Hua Wang
- Gail P Thurman    Daniela Van Wart    Wesley B Kress
- Kimberly Fatica    Monica B Anghel    Celia Hildebrand
- Carol Andrade      Vera H Kaikobad    Anna Lunaria
- Karreen Martin    Jun Bum Lee      Melissa Camacho
- David K Wallace    Erin E West      Peggy Meents DeLay



**8. REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE APPROVAL**

- a. LGBTQIA2s+ Health Equity in East Asian Medicine: Inclusive Practices and Language for the Clinic and the Classroom

The Board reviewed the above CE and found they each met the requirements in Rule for approval and so should be approved.

Board Member Fitzgerald moved to approve item 8(A). Board Member Hayden seconded. The Motion Passed.

Fitzgerald	Fontes	Williams	Lehavi	Hayden	Zimmerman	Klein	Selin	Tan	Vote
X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	Aye
									Nay
									Recused
									Abstained
							X		Absent

**9. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD**

- A. Correspondence from YM Chen

The Board reviewed and discussed this letter and thanked YM Chen for this correspondence. The Board took no action.

**10. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CHANGES TO BOARD STATUTE OR RULE**

Including but not limited to:

- A. Fingerprinting for initial applicants

Board Member Lehavi moved to instruct the Executive Director to draft legislation to move to a clearance card model for initial licensure and renewal. Board Member Fitzgerald Seconded. The Motion Passed.

Fitzgerald	Fontes	Williams	Lehavi	Hayden	Zimmerman	Klein	Selin	Tan	Vote
X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	Aye
									Nay
									Recused
									Abstained
							X		Absent

- B. Inactive License Status

The Board moved by consensus to pursue legislation in the upcoming legislative session similar to what was previously approved.

- C. General Review of Statutes and Rules

The Board took no action

**11. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

- A. Budget/Strategic Plan
- B. Summary of Current Events
- C. Survey Results
- D. Complaints Status
- E. Legislation
- F. Board Office Highlights

Executive Director Geriminsky provided the Board an update on pending complaints, licensing totals, budget, and generally on the above items. The Board thanked the Executive Director for keeping them informed and for the efficient operation of the Board office.

**12. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FUTURE REGULAR MEETING DATES**

- May 26, 2021
- June 23, 2021
- July no meeting
- August 25, 2021 Flagstaff
- September 22, 2021
- October 27, 2021 Tucson
- December 08, 2021

The Board reviewed the upcoming regularly scheduled dates. The Board took no action.

**13. REVIEW DISCUSSION ON COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**

Chairperson Susan Williams announced her resignation from the Board due to moving out of state. She thanked the Board for is work and the members individually for their dedicated service. The Board expressed their gratitude to Chairperson Williams for her leadership and direction and wished her well.

**14. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

The Board received no comment

**14. DISCUSSION OF ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON A FUTURE MEETING AGENDA**

No further items requested

**15 ADJOURNMENT**

Board Member Fontes moved for adjournment and Board Member Hayden provided a second. The Motion passed. The Board adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Fitzgerald	Fontes	Williams	Lehavi	Hayden	Zimmerman	Klein	Selin	Tan	Vote
X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	Aye
									Nay
									Recused
									Abstained
							X		Absent