



Acupuncture Board of Examiners

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REGULAR MEETING OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Members of the Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners met on: **May 26, 2021, at 12:03 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.** Secretary Rosemary Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.
2. **RECOGNITION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Board Members Present:

Mario Fontes
Tali Lehavi
Rosemary Zimmerman, Secretary
Mindy Hayden
Matthew Klein
Alex Tan
Scott Selin

Board Members Absent:

Susan Williams, Chairperson
Jamie Fitzgerald

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

No conflicts noted

4. **REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The Board held elections pursuant to adopted procedures on Election of Board Officers.

Board Member Fontes Nominated Board Member Alex Tan for Chairperson.
Board Member Tan declined the nomination

Board Member Tan nominated Board Member Zimmerman for Chairperson
Board Member Zimmerman accepted the nomination

Board Member Zimmerman nominated Board Member Tan for Secretary
Board Member Tan accepted the nomination

No further nominations were received

Board Member Zimmerman moved to elect Board Member Tan as Secretary. Board Member Selin seconded. The Motion Passed unanimously.

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

Board Member Lehavi moved to elect Board Member Zimmerman as Chairperson. Board Member Tan seconded. The Motion Passed unanimously.

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

5. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A. April 28, 2021 Regular Session Minutes

Board Member Selin moved to approve the April Minutes with Board Member Fontes providing a second. The Motion Passed.

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

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

Ratification of Licenses Issued by the Executive Director

- A. Yoshifumi Ito
- B. Esmeralda Mustain
- C. Annette Caulkins
- D. Nicholas Lee Kleespie
- E. Eugenia Otilia Mariana Paul
- F. Heather Scheuring
- G. Frank W Harris V
- H. Nazife Canitez

Temporary Licenses Issued by the Executive Director

- I. David Arthur Mitts - Expires June 30. 2021

Auricular Acupuncture Certifications issued by the Executive Director

J. Winnie Shih-Yuan Liang

Brian Scott Plummer

Executive Director Geriminsky provided a summary of license or certificate eligibility for Applicants listed above 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 Selin moved to ratify licensure and certification of Applicants 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	Aye
									Nay
									Recused
									Abstained
X		X							Absent

7. 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

- Renee Stucklen Deborah Stewart Ashley Sarah Gee
- Terry M Heaps Renee Pierce David K LeGar
- Kimberly Kleiman Pamela J Wallach Mary A Papa
- Inna Engler Gabrielle P Rubin Sherri J Taylor
- William McCalla III, Anna M Symond Qingsong Xiao
- Jacqueline J Quinn Melissa L Fletcher Dan Han
- Jeremy Werner Basil Coffman Hannah Steerman
- Yumiko Foss Katie A Reed Linda M Curran
- Darren Starwynn Emily P Thompson Larry A Moore
- Glenn L Earl Leigh E Marshall Yalda Soha
- Mukunda Karmacharya David A Myrick Stefanie E Lischer Liers
- Robert C Hudson Jessica M Stefanski Chien T Yang
- Jeanette E Campbell 37 renewals

Auricular Acupuncturists

Angela Faye Bassett

Margaret Bruno

The Executive Director provided an overview of Licenses and Certificates renewed stating each had been reviewed, found eligible, and was renewed pursuant to the Boards authorization.

Board Member Tan moved to ratify and approve all applicants for renewal listed above 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	Aye
									Nay
									Recused
									Abstained
X		X							Absent

8. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COMPLAINT REVIEW AND FORMAL HEARING

The Board, upon a majority vote of a quorum of the members, may hold an executive session for the purposes of obtaining legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3)

- a. Brent Thompson Case Number: 2019-ACU-0006

Chairperson Zimmerman called the complaint and hearing to order. Brent Thompson was not present.

The Board heard the case presented by Assistant Attorney General Seamus Monaghan. Director Geriminsky was sworn in and testified to the contents of the case file and investigation. The following information was presented:

- Brent Thompson had entered into a plea agreement, pleading guilty to kidnapping for the purpose of sexual motivation, a class 4 felony.
- Brent Thompson had failed to comply with the boards order to complete a substance abuse evaluation to address concerns with alcohol abuse and alcohol related instances
- Brent Thompson had failed to report charges to the Board within statutory timeframes

Board Member Fontes moved to adopt Findings of Fact as outlined in the Complaint and Notice of Hearing. Board Member Selin Seconded. The Motion Passed Unanimously

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

Board Member Fontes moved to adopt Findings of Fact as outlined in the Complaint and Notice of Hearing. Board Member Hayden Seconded. The Motion Passed Unanimously

Fitzgerald	Fontes	Williams	Lehavi	Hayden	Zimmerman	Klein	Selin	Tan	Vote
	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	Aye

									Nay
									Recused
									Abstained
X		X							Absent

After the case was presented, the Board deliberated. They found that the factual allegations constitute grounds for disciplinary action and violate several provisions of the Boards practice act.

After further discussion, Board Member Fontes moved to Revoke Brent Thompsons license to practice Acupuncture in the State of Arizona. Board Member Hayden Seconded. The Motion Passed Unanimously.

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

9. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROGRAMS

a. Hansel Ernesto Silveira Castellanos

After Reviewing the application for approval the Board found that it did not meet the minimum requirements outlined in the Substantive policy statement. Board Member Tan moved to deny the application. Board Member Selin Seconded. The Motion Passed by roll call vote.

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

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

a. Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction

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

Board Member Fontes moved to approve. Board Member Hayden seconded. The Motion Passed.

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

11. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COMPENSATION AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

The Board reviewed its compensation policy and found that due to continuing teleconference meetings the policy should be amended to compensate Board Members for teleconference meetings as well. Further they found that all meetings back to July 2020 should be compensated.

Board Member Tan moved to compensate Board Members for Teleconference meetings. Board Member Hayden seconded. The Motion passed.

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

Board Member Lehavi moved to back pay Board Members for meetings from July 1, 2020 to present. Board Member Hayden seconded. The Motion passed.

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

12. 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.

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

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.

14. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

The Board received no comment

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

Discussion on continued teleconference meetings or a return to in person.

15 ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Zimmerman adjourned the meetings at 1:26 p.m.