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REGULAR MEETING OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Members of the Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners met on: **May 24, 2023, at 12:00 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: Mona Larson, Assistant Attorney General

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairperson Alex tan called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.
2. **RECOGNITION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Board Members Present:

Tali Lehavi
Rosemary Zimmerman
Matthew Klein
Alex Tan, Chairperson
Mario Fontes, Vice Chairperson
Jose Tomas

Board Members Absent:

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

No conflicts noted

4. **Review, Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Point Injection Therapy Educational Standards and Certification**

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- a. Presentation from NCCAOM and AMAAZ

Mina Larson and Lloyd Wright appeared telephonically and presented to the Board on their efforts to create a national standard for examination of competency regarding injection therapy. The Board had several questions concerning the route applicants might take to examination and what methods were being used to develop the examination. The Board thanked the presenters for their work and took no action on this item.

5. Review, Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Continuing Education Course Approval

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- a. Gua Sha

This item was tabled till the applicant submitted documentation necessary to complete the application.

- b. Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction

The Board reviewed this course and found that it met the minimum requirements for approval and also considered that they had approved this course for several years.

Board member Fontes moved to approve this course. Board Member Zimmerman Seconded. The Motion Passed unanimously

Fontes	Lehavi	Zimmerman	Klein	Tan	Tomas	Vote
X	X	X	X	X	X	Aye
						Nay
						Recused
						Abstained
						Absent

- c. Acupoint Regenerative Therapies

The Board reviewed this course and found that it met the minimum requirements for approval.

Board member Fontes moved to approve this course. Board Member Klein Seconded. The Motion Passed.

Fontes	Lehavi	Zimmerman	Klein	Tan	Tomas	Vote
X	X	X	X	X		Aye
					X	Nay
						Recused
						Abstained
						Absent

6. Review, Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Current and Potential Legislation

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The Executive Director Provided a general overview of bills that may affect the Board or that had been discussed at prior meetings. Board members had several clarifying questions. The Board took no action but asked the Director to continue monitoring legislation.

7. Review, Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Substantive Policy Statements and Potential Rulemaking

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Recurring Agenda items

- A. Acupuncture Assistants**
- B. Herbal Therapies**
- C. Lasers**

The Board took no action but requested that these items remain on the agenda for review on an ongoing basis.

8. Review, Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Acupuncture Assistant Training Program Approvals

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Invigorate Acupuncture

Lisa Mandelbaum and Kate Campos were present and provided an overview of the training program they had developed for Acupuncture Assistants. The Board had several clarifying questions and indicated that since this is such a new program they wanted to be sure the training program was thorough and correct.

After further discussion, the Board found that they program met the requirements of the Substantive Policy Statement re: acupuncture Assistants. Board Member Fontes moved to approve. Board Member Klein seconded. The Motion Passed.

Fontes	Lehavi	Zimmerman	Klein	Tan	Tomas	Vote
X	X		X	X	X	Aye
						Nay
						Recused
		X				Abstained
						Absent

9. Review, Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Applications for Licensure and Certification

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Ratification of Licenses Issued by the Executive Director

General Acupuncturists:

- A. Bugra Tek
- B. Brianna White
- C. Helen Roslow
- D. Huixiang He
- E. Glenda Flores
- F. Aubrey Whittier
- G. Sukhyung Yoon
- H. Ali Tashvighi-Khoub
- I. Colleen Hiban
- J. Liberty Karolak

Auricular Acupuncturist:

- A. Jackie McCray

The Director provided an overview of the applicants and stated that each had been found to meet the minimum qualifications in statute. This being the case they had been issued a license or certificate pursuant to the Boards delegation.

Board member Zimmerman moved to ratify these issued licenses and certificates. Board Member Tomas seconded. The Motion Passed.

Fontes	Lehavi	Zimmerman	Klein	Tan	Tomas	Vote
X	X	X	X	X	X	Aye
						Nay
						Recused
						Abstained
						Absent

10. Review, Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Executive Directors Report

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- 1. Board office Highlights
- 2. Surveys
- 3. Budget

The Executive Director provided a general overview of the above items. The Board took no action.

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

- July 26, 2023
- September 27, 2023
- December 6, 2023

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

12. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No Comment received

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

The Board requested that Fees be reviewed and placed on a future agenda. The Board requested that Acupuncture Assistant Training Programs continue to be on the agenda for discussion.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair tan adjourned the meeting at 1:11 p.m. without objection.