

Maggie Tracey, O.M.D., President Abraham Jim Nagy, M.D., Vice President Lisa Grant, O.M.D., Secretary/Treasurer Michael Ferris, Member Chia Hua Linda Choe, Member Michael Smith, Member Jenifer Braster, Member Merle Lok, Executive Director

STATE OF NEVADA BOARD OF ORIENTAL MEDICINE

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PUBLIC NOTICE REGULAR BOARD MEETING APRIL 9, 2019 @ 6:30 PM

AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION:

Grant Sawyer Building, Office of the Attorney General, 555 East Washington Ave., Room #4500 - Las Vegas, NV 89101.

MINUTES

1. *CALL TO ORDER (Discussion/For Possible Action)* Maggie Tracey, OMD, President

Roll call to determine presence of a quorum, at 6:30 pm Board Members Present: Dr. Maggie Tracey, OMD (via telephone) Jennifer Braster (via telephone) Michael Smith (via telephone) Dr. Chia Hua Linda Chow, OMD (in person) Dr. Michael Ferris, OMD (via telephone) Dr. Lisa Grant, OMD (via telephone)

Board Staff:

Merle Lok, Executive Director Asheesh Bhalla, Deputy AG

Public:

Susan Fisher (via telephone) Daniel Davies (via telephone) Yoriko Kubonoya DuWayne Steele Susan Priestman 2. Public Comment (Discussion Only).

None but ED stated that there is a letter sent in by NOMA which will be attached to the minutes.

- **3.** Adoption of agenda (For Possible Action) Motion: Dr. Grant Second: Ms. Braster Action: Motion carried unanimously
- Approve or disapprove of the minutes for the 3/12/2019 board meeting (For Possible Action).
 Motion: Dr. Grant Second: Ms. Braster Action: Motion carried unanimously
- 5. Update from Susan Fisher regarding the legislative session (For discussion only). Ms. Fisher stated that the hearing went well for SB355 and anticipates that it will get out of the committee. Dr. Tracey stated that there was a lot of support in the room for SB355. Ms. Fisher also discussed the legislation relating to the out-of-network balance billing and stated that most of the medical providers support it.
- 6. Discussion and possible action regarding SB 355 (For Possible Action). See #5.
- 7. Approve or disapprove of hiring The Advantage Group to be an investigator for Board to investigate complaints (For Possible Action).

The Board members interviewed Mr. Prins about his experience, rates, and how his company would conduct investigations. Mr. Prins stated that he has worked with the massage board, the chiropractic board and the DO board. DAG stated that when there is a complaint that requires an investigator, the ED and the DAG also would work with the investigator regarding the investigative information necessary to present to the Board.

Motion: Mr. Smith Second: Dr. Grant Action: Motion carried unanimously

8. Approve or disapprove of the licensure exam to be held on 6/29/19 to be administered by Dr. Sandip Thanki at 4350 E. Sunset Road, Ste 107A, Henderson, NV 89014 at the rate of \$30 per hour (For Possible Action).

Motion: Dr. Grant Second: Dr. Chow Action: Motion carried unanimously

- 9. Approve or disapprove of the following applicants to take the Nevada licensing exam on 6/29/19:
 - a. Humberto Restrepo;

b. Sanghyun Lee.

(For Possible Action).

ED stated that the applicants have meet the requirements, have the Oriental Medicine Certification, and are eligible for the state licensing exam. Motion: Dr. Ferris Second: Mr. Smith Action: Motion carried unanimously

Approve or disapprove of increasing lease payments for the Board office at 3191
 E. Warm Springs Road, Las Vegas, NV 89120 from \$399 per month to \$500 per month for a term of 2 - 5 years (For Possible Action).

ED stated that the rent increase is reasonable and will be for a 2-year term and Public Works also has agreed that the new rent is reasonable.

Motion: Dr. Grant

Second: Dr. Ferris

Action: Motion carried unanimously

 Approve or disapprove of CEU titled Nutritional Solutions for a Pharmaceutical World for 12 hours sponsored by Life Chiropractic College West presented on May 18-19, 2019 (For Possible Action).

Motion: Dr. Ferris Second: Dr. Chow Action: Motion carried unanimously

12. Approve or disapprove of CEU titled Samra Facial Acupuncture for 20 hours sponsored by Samra Clinic of Oriental Medicine presented on 3/1/19, 3/8/19, 3/15/19 and 3/22/19 (For Possible Action).

Motion: Dr. Ferris Second: Dr. Grant Action: Motion carried unanimously

- **13.** Update from the Treasurer regarding Board accounts (For discussion only). Dr. Grant stated that the accounts are in order.
- **14.** Approve or disapprove of future Board meeting dates (For Possible Action). There is a future date planned for 5/7/2019 at 6:30 pm.

15. Public Comment (Discussion Only).

Dr. Davies wanted to congratulate everyone especially Dr. Tracey on her presentation regarding SB355 at the hearing yesterday, a lot of students came out to support the bill and there was a comment that the Grant Sawyer building has never been so full. Dr. Tracey stated that it was so important for people to show up and write to support it. Dr. Tracey also wanted to remind people about Acupuncture Day on 4/18/2019.

Dr. Susan Priestman, the Vice President of the Nevada Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association, stated that she was surprised by Dr. Grant's comments at the hearing about needing to attract more Oriental Medical practitioners to Nevada are not in character with the primary function of a regulatory Board, as she understood it, which is to protect the public from harm, and revealed a secondary goal for enterprise. She thought that the comments were more in line for an association.

16. Adjournment (For Possible Action). Motion: Ms. Braster Second: Mr. Smith Action: Motion carried unanimously

Meeting Minutes have been approved.