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*****PUBLIC NOTICE***
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 23, 2021 @ 6:00 PM
Via teleconference**

*****MINUTES*****

Board Staff:

Merle Lok, Executive Director
Henna Rasul, Senior Deputy AG

Public:

None

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establish Quorum.

Maggie Tracey, OMD, President called this meeting to order, conducted roll call and established the presence of a quorum. The following Board Members were present: Dr. Maggie Tracey, OMD, Dr. Chia Hua Linda Chow, OMD, Dr. Michael Ferris, OMD, and Jennifer Braster.

2. Public Comment.

None.

3. Approve or disapprove of the minutes for the 10/7/2021 board meeting (For Possible Action).

Motion: Ms. Braster moves to approve

Second: Dr. Chow

The motion is approved unanimously.

4. Approve or disapprove of the following applicants for the Nevada state licensing exam on December 29, 2021:

A. Paula Capps;

B. Terry Chang;

C. Aeja Kim;

D. Autumn Leavitt;

E. Marcia Murray;

F. Hong Zheng

(For Possible Action).

ED states that the applicants have satisfied their requirements and are eligible for the state licensing exam.

Motion: Dr. Ferris moves to approve

Second: Ms. Braster

The motion is approved unanimously.

5. Approve or disapprove of Maria Arabia for Nevada state licensing as an OMD (For Possible Action).

ED states that Ms. Arabia had passed the state licensing exam in September 2021 but her licensing approval had to be delayed due to the need for some additional information. ED has received and reviewed the additional information. ED requests that the Board approve Ms. Arabia's licensing as an OMD.

Motion: Dr. Ferris moves to approve

Second: Ms. Braster

The motion is approved unanimously.

6. Discussion/For Possible Action regarding NRS 634A.140 and NAC 634A.080 with respect to applicants who attended Oriental Medicine schools outside the United States (Discussion and For Possible Action).

ED read from Dr. Grant's email stating that NRS634A.140(2) allows for an applicant who did not attend an ACAOM school but attended a program that met the curriculum requirements to be considered as long as the Board has approved the school which means look at the curriculum and be satisfied with the content. Additionally, the applicant had to have practiced for 4 years elsewhere, taken the Oriental Medicine certification exams, and passed the state exam. The exception is that new graduates from a foreign school cannot apply because they have not practiced for 4 years. Dr. Ferris states that we should look into changing the NAC. Dr. Tracey states that it is a NRS change. SDAG Rasul states that as long as the Board is fine with this interpretation, then no action is needed.

7. Discussion/For Possible Action regarding whether NRS 634A.167 and NAC 634A.135 allows CEU requirements for new licensees to be waived for their first renewal (Discussion and For Possible Action).

Dr. Ferris states that he has no problem with waiving this requirement for the first renewal. Dr. Tracey states that some of the new licensees might go too long without any continuing education and it is so easy to take CEUs now.

Motion: Dr. Tracey moves to approve that licensees be required to take CEUs for their first renewal

Second: Ms. Braster

The motion is approved unanimously.

8. Discussion regarding changes to NAC 634A (For Discussion Only).

Dr. Tracey states that this item should be tabled and the Board members should email the ED with their proposed NAC changes before the next meeting.

9. Approve or disapprove of the Executive Director having the authority to spend up to \$250 on any necessary operational expenditure without Board approval (For Possible Action).

Ms. Braster states that this would streamline the administration of the office.

Motion: Ms. Braster moves to approve

Second: Dr. Ferris

The motion is approved unanimously.

10. Approve or disapprove of application extensions through June 30, 2022 due to COVID (For Possible Action).

ED states that at a prior meeting, there were a number of applications that were extended due to COVID through 12/31/2021. However, there are still a few applicants who have not completed their applications yet. ED states that the extensions of the applications had been approved under the prior DAG.

Motion: Ms. Braster moves to approve

Second: Dr. Ferris

The motion is approved unanimously.

11. Update from the Treasurer regarding Board accounts and other matters (For Discussion only).

ED read from Dr. Grant's email that the account is in order and there are 7 renewal Stripe payments paid into the Board account.

12. Approve or disapprove of future Board meeting dates (For Possible Action).

Dr. Tracey states that the next meeting will be on 1/13/2022 at 6 p.m.

Motion: Dr. Ferris moves to approve

Second: Dr. Chow

The motion is approved unanimously.

13. Public Comment (Discussion Only).

None.

14. Adjournment (For Possible Action).

Motion: Ms. Braster moves to approve

Second: Dr. Ferris

The motion is approved unanimously.

The minutes will be approved at a subsequent meeting.