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# STATE OF NEVADA BOARD OF ORIENTAL MEDICINE

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# \*\*\*PUBLIC NOTICE\*\*\* REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND WORKSHOP April 5, 2022 @ 5:00 PM

Via Zoom and teleconference

# \*\*\*MINUTES\*\*\*

## **Board Staff:**

Merle Lok, Executive Director Henna Rasul, Senior Deputy AG

### **Public:**

Laura Fink-Soto, OMD Fiona Kelley, OMD

### 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. Michael Ferris, OMD, Dr. Eric Richardson, MD, Dr. Lisa Grant, OMD and Jennifer Braster.

# 2. Public Comment.

None.

# **3.** Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the minutes for the 2/24/2022 board meeting (For Possible Action).

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve Second: Dr. Braster The motion is approved unanimously.

# 4. Public Workshop: Proposed Regulations LCB File No. R026-22 (Informational Only).

Dr. Tracey states that items 4, 5, and 6 will be consolidated. Dr. Grant read through each section with the proposed changes and the workshop changes are attached to the minutes. The comments during the workshop are stated below:

**NAC 634A.080(4)(b):** Dr. Laura Fink-Soto states that she feels strongly that laboratory and radiology requirements are important as she had to read iron deficiency lab tests and explain them to patients. Dr. Grant states that there are schools that do not have these subject areas and she doesn't want to hold up any applicants, including those applicants who went to school 20 years ago. Dr. Tracey states that she agrees with Dr. Fink-Soto as she also has to read lab results for patients. Dr. Richardson states that it could be left up to the individual practitioner. ED states that the application by endorsement process doesn't require the laboratory and radiology requirement, only herbology, and practitioners who have been practicing at least 6 years can apply. Dr. Grant is fine with leaving in the laboratory and radiology requirements.

**NAC 634A globally:** ED states that the LCB attorney suggested that the term "practical examination" be replaced globally with "state examination." Dr. Grant states that it is a good idea, as the term "practical examination" suggests that there is a demonstration involved.

NAC 634A.080(4)(c)(3): Dr. Grant states that several programs have a combined Bachelors/Masters degree and this proposed language makes it clear that the Board has a clear standard and this type of degree is acceptable.

NAC 634A.085(1) and (2): Dr. Grant states that the language of "12 months preceding the date of the application for licensure" is unnecessary and that the language for the national exams and OM certification should mirror the NRS.

**NAC 634A.095:** Dr. Grant states that the proficiency in English requirement is unnecessary because if the applicant can pass the NCCAOM exams, they can treat patients.

NAC 634A.100(1), (3), and (5) and NAC 634A.110: Dr. Grant states that the state exam is given at least twice a year and there should be flexibility in giving the state exam more than twice a year. Dr. Grant states that the state examination subject areas are no longer necessary as NCCAOM tests on these subject areas. Dr. Grant states that Nevada should be added to clarify that Nevada laws are being tested. Dr. Grant states that language is being removed since there are no more sections or subparts on the Nevada state examination.

**NAC 634A.121:** Dr. Grant states that the Board does not track the licensees by fictitious names and this section is no longer necessary as the licensee can just comply with the business statutes and ordinances.

**NAC 634A.135:** Dr. Grant states that there will be automatic Board acceptance of CEU classes under certain NCCAOM designations and there is no need to ask for carryovers up to 10 credits each year as it should be automatic.

**NAC 634A.140:** Dr. Grant states that the prorated fee language is taken out and all new licensees will not be charged until the first renewal date of January 31 of the next calendar year,

unless they are approved in January, which then they will be charged during the following calendar year.

**NAC 634A.150:** Dr. Grant states that the license reinstatement period is 90 days and the 1 year language is stricken to be consistent with the NRS.

**NAC 634A.165:** Dr. Grant states that language of fees "not to exceed" and "to be reviewed annually every July by the Board" is added so that the Board can review fees each year without having to change the regulations. Certain fees such as late fees after 90 days, penalty for reinstatement of cancelled license, application for use of fictitious names, transfer of license from active status to inactive and vice versa, are eliminated as they are no longer necessary.

**NAC 634A.230:** Dr. Grant states that language is added so that the Board can accept credit and debit cards and also that state exam fees, renewal fees and inactive fees are not refundable.

Motion: Ms. Braster moves to approve Second: Dr. Grant The motion is approved unanimously.

- **5.** Public Comment: Proposed Regulations LCB File No. R026-22. See item 4.
- 6. Consideration of Proposed Regulations LCB File No. R026-22 Based Upon Comments Received at Public Workshop (For Possible Action). See item 4.
- 7. Review, discussion, and possible action of the following applicants taking the Nevada state licensing exam on 4/30/2022:
  - a. Zachary Burton; and
  - b. Pang Kuo Hsu.

#### (For Possible Action).

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

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve

Second: Dr. Braster

Dr. Ferris recuses himself as Pang Kuo Hsu is an employee and Dr. Richardson recuses himself as the applicants are graduates of Wongu. Ms. Rasul states that there is still a quorum as Dr. Ferris and Dr. Richardson are present at the meeting. The motion is approved by the remaining Board members.

8. Review, discussion, and possible action of Marcia Murray re-taking the Nevada state licensing exam on 4/30/2022 (For Possible Action).

ED states that Ms. Murray has requested to re-take the Nevada state licensing exam as she did not pass it and has paid the re-examination fee. Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve Second: Dr. Braster The motion is approved unanimously.

9. Review, discussion, and possible action of CEU titled Corresponding Needling Techniques for 8 credits sponsored by NOMA online on 5/29/2022 (For Possible Action).

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve Second: Dr. Richardson The motion is approved unanimously.

10. Review, discussion, and possible action of CEU titled A Functional Approach to Painting and Restoring Health in 2022 for 8 credits (in person seminar) sponsored by SP Westcoast on 5/21/2022 (For Possible Action). Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve

Second: Dr. Ferris The motion is approved unanimously.

11. Review, discussion, and possible action of whether micro-needling should be added to the scope of practice (For Possible Action).

Dr. Tracey states that micro-needling is within the scope of acupuncture as it is recognized by NCCAOM and NCCAOM even offers CEUs in micro-needling. Dr. Tracey states that the scope of practice was written up by the DAG 10-15 years when micro-needling was not done extensively and was omitted. Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve to add micro-needling to the scope of practice and for the practice of micro-needling to be grandfathered in

Second: Dr. Braster

The motion is approved unanimously.

#### 12. Review and discussion of Certemy (For Discussion Only).

ED states that 90% of Certemy went smoothly during the renewal process. ED states that she will work with the licensees and work out some tweaks with Certemy so that the next renewal process will be better.

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

Dr. Grant states that the accounts are in order.

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

Dr. Tracey states that the next meeting will be 5/26/2022 at 6 p.m. Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve Second: Dr. Braster The motion is approved unanimously.

### 15. Public Comment.

ED states that Dr. Kelley had type chat messages that she did not laboratory and radiology classes where she went to school. Dr. Kelley then asks what is microneedling. Dr. Tracey states that it is used for facial acupuncture and Dr. Kelley states that she has been doing it for more than 20 years.

### 16. Adjournment (For Possible Action).

Dr. Tracey adjourns the meeting.

The minutes will be approved at a subsequent meeting.