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*****PUBLIC NOTICE*****
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
June 25, 2018 @ 6:00 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 pm

Board Members Present:

Dr. Maggie Tracey, OMD (telephonic)
Dr. Lisa Grant, OMD
Dr. Michael Ferris, OMD
Dr. Chia Hua Linda Chow, OMD
Michael Smith (telephonic)
Jennifer Braster

Board Staff:

Merle Lok, Executive Director
Asheesh Bhalla, Deputy AG

Public:

Mishey Bolusan
Larry Bertsch
DuWayne Steele
Dr. Daniel Davis (telephonic)
Susan Fisher (telephonic)



2. **Public Comment (Discussion Only).**
None

3. **Adoption of agenda (For Possible Action).**
Motion: Dr. Grant motioned to approve
Second: Dr. Ferris
Action: Motion carries unanimously

4. **Approve or disapprove the previous board meeting minutes of May 7, 2018 (For Possible Action).**
Motion: Dr. Ferris motioned to approve
Second: Ms. Braster
Action: Motion carries unanimously

5. **Approve or disapprove of the workshop minutes of May 7, 2018 (For Possible Action).**
Motion: Mr. Smith motioned to approve
Second: Dr. Grant
Action: Motion carries unanimously

6. **Approve or disapprove of hiring Larry Bertsch, CPA to be the Board accountant (For Possible Action).**
ED discussed Mr. Bertsch's qualifications which included being a former bankruptcy trustee and a forensic accountant.
Motion: Dr. Ferris motioned to approve
Second: Dr. Grant
Action: Motion carries unanimously

7. **Approve or disapprove of accepting Rungradith Mingpatumkij's class taken in his undergraduate program for physical therapy in Thailand as satisfying the Laboratory and Radiology requirement, or alternatively, whether he is eligible for the December 2018 exam if he enrolls in the Laboratory and Radiology class at Wongu University ending in mid-December 2018 (For Possible Action).**
ED discussed Mr. Mingpatumkij's prior coursework in Laboratory and Radiology in his undergraduate program in Thailand.
Motion: Dr. Ferris motioned to approve Mr. Mingpatumkij's prior coursework in Laboratory and Radiology
Second: Dr. Grant
Action: Motion carries unanimously

8. **Discussion regarding the status of the proposed regulation (For Discussion Only).**
ED stated that she spoke with the LCB attorney who had concerns about the definition of the scope of Oriental Medicine. The LCB attorney stated that either the entire regulation passes or it gets rejected. The LCB attorney stated one way would be to take out the language regarding the scope of Oriental Medicine and submit the rest of the proposed regulation now, and at a later time, submit the language regarding the scope of Oriental Medicine separately. Dr. Grant asked DAG about the process. DAG stated that the language regarding the scope of Oriental Medicine would have to go through the workshop process again. Dr. Ferris stated that we already have a letter from the AG

regarding the scope of practice. Dr. Grant stated that she believed that having a definition regarding the scope of practice is fundamental to maintaining the integrity and boundaries of the scope of the profession, but she does not want this language to hold up the rest of the proposed regulation.

- 9. Approve or disapprove of taking out the language in the section in the proposed regulation submitted to the LCB titled: “634A.084 The scope of Oriental medicine and practitioners of Oriental Medicine defined.” (For Possible Action).**

Motion: Dr. Grant motioned to approve

Second: Mr. Smith

Action: Motion carries unanimously

- 10. Discussion regarding the dry needling committee meeting on May 8, 2018 (For Discussion Only).**

Dr. Tracey stated that the dry needling committee ended with no agreement regarding the definition, post-training from the PTS, or anything else that they brought up from the Oriental Medicine members. The committee also spent a lot of time discussing the number of training hours required by the PTs which started at 600 hours, then down to 150 hours, then down to 15 hours, and ultimately, down to no minimum hours which the Oriental Medicine members voted against. The PTs’ rationale was that if there was minimum hours, then PTs would only do the minimum hours of training. Dr. Tracey stated that she voted no, but may not have been heard so she notified the PT’s ED to make a note of that. In the committee meetings, Dr. Tracey proposed the Illinois dry needling definition limiting the practice to a single insertion and single use of a needle. However, the PTs stated that since they use gloves, they can re-use the same needle. Dr. Tracey stated that licensees who are well-versed in the Clean Needle Technique should talk about it during the public comment at the upcoming PT workshop. Dr. Tracey stated that the public safety issue is huge. Dr. Tracey stated that she has been educating her patients that they should never allow anyone to re-use a needle after an insertion. Dr. Chow stated that if the PTs injure their patients, then they will get themselves into trouble.

- 11. Approve or disapprove of Jessica Mlakar’s request to take the exam in December 2018, instead of the June 2018 exam (For Possible Action).**

ED stated that Ms. Mlakar had already been approved for the June 2018 exam. However, Ms. Mlakar had a miscarriage shortly before the June 2018 exam and requested that she be able to take the December 2018 exam.

Motion: Dr. Grant motioned to approve

Second: Dr. Ferris

Action: Motion carries unanimously

- 12. Approve or disapprove of Dr. Michael Kerrigan’s CEU titled Treating Wrinkles with Western and Chinese Medicine sponsored by E-Lotus for 4 credits online and Recognition and Prevention of Herb/Drug Interactions sponsored by E-Lotus for 3 credits online (For Possible Action).**

Motion: Dr. Grant motioned to approve

Second: Mr. Smith

Action: Motion carries unanimously

- 13. Approve or disapprove of future Board meeting dates (For Possible Action).**

Dr. Tracey stated that there will be a short telephonic meeting on 7/9/2018 to approve the applicants who passed the June 2018 exam. Dr. Grant requested that the Board members waive their per diem fees for the 7/9/2018 meeting as it will be a short meeting.

Motion: Mr. Smith motioned to approve the 7/9/2018 meeting date and the per diem waiver for the Board members for said date.

Second: Dr. Grant

Action: Motion carries unanimously

14. Public Comment (Discussion Only).

None

15. Adjournment (For Possible Action).

Motion: Dr. Grant motioned to approve

Second: Dr. Ferris

Action: Motion carries unanimously

Minutes will be approved at a subsequent Board meeting.