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*****PUBLIC NOTICE***
BOARD MEETING
March 26, 2024 @ 6:30 PM
Via Zoom and teleconference**

*****MINUTES*****

Board Staff:

Merle Lok, Executive Director
Henna Rasul, Senior Deputy AG

Public:

Joshua Lorenzano
Amanda Schultz
Victoria Simons

BOARD MEETING

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

Angela Nation, OMD, President called this meeting to order, conducted roll call and established the presence of a quorum. The following Board Members were present: Dr. Michael Ferris, OMD, Dr. Huiwen Zhang, Dr. Angela Nation, OMD, and Ms. Braster.

2. Public Comment.

None

3. Review, discussion, and possible action of the minutes for the 1/16/2024 board meeting (For Possible Action).

Motion: Ms. Braster moves to approve

Second: Dr. Zhang

The motion is approved unanimously.

4. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding Wongu University's annual curriculum (For Possible Action).

ED states that the Board has to approve Wongu University's curriculum per statute. The Board will accept a letter from the post-secondary education department (DETR) and a letter from the accreditation body which is ACAOM. Dr. Ferris states that the Board is deferring to these third-parties for the curriculum approval as the Board does not have the expertise. ED states that the letters submitted by Wongu are a few years old. ED states that Dr. Lee has advised that ACAOM recently had a site visit to Wongu and the letter will be available in the Fall. Joshua Lorenzana from Wongu states that the DETR said that due to a backlog, there is a delay in providing an updated post-secondary education letter and ACAOM usually conducts reviews every 3 years, explaining the age of the letters. Dr. Nation states that it appears that Wongu has done what it is supposed to do.

Motion: Dr. Ferris moves to approve

Second: Ms. Braster

The motion is approved unanimously.

5. Review, discussion, and possible action for the state licensure exam being held on 4/27/2024 to be administered by Dr. Sandip Thanki at 4350 E. Sunset Road, Ste 107A, Henderson, NV 89014 at the rate of \$50 per hour (For Possible Action).

ED states that Dr. Thanki has been administrating the exam for several years and has done a good job.

Motion: Dr. Ferris moves to approve

Second: Dr. Zhang

The motion is approved unanimously.

6. Review, discussion, and possible action of the following applicants taking the Nevada state licensing exam on 4/27/2024:

A. Byungsuk Alex Kong;

B. Arnaldo Oliveira;

C. Amanda Schultz;

D. Victoria Simons;

E. Teresa Thissen; and

F. Cassandra Suter (re-taking exam);

(For Possible Action).

ED states that the applicants have satisfied the requirements for taking the state licensing exam and Ms. Suter is re-taking the exam as she did not pass a prior exam.

Motion: Dr. Ferris moves to approve

Second: Ms. Braster

The motion is approved unanimously.

7. Approve or disapprove of Dr. Maureen McKenney's CEU titled Tricks of the Trade for 25 credits sponsored by Harmony Healing Center on 4/21/23-4/23/23 (For Possible Action).

ED states that Dr. McKenney is requesting these CEUs be approved. Dr. McKenney took the CEUs last year but they could not be accepted since they were not approved within the right categories. Dr. McKenney would like them to be approved so she could apply them to this upcoming renewal as well as a carryover to the next year. In the past, the Board has limited CEUs to 20 credits for carryover purposes.

Motion: Dr. Ferris moves to approve CEUS for 20 credits

Second: Ms. Braster

The motion is approved unanimously.

8. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding investing Board's funds in CDs with various expiration dates (For Possible Action).

ED states that other Boards are investing excess funds into CDs due to favorable rates. WF Bank is paying 4.75% for CDs for 4-month, 7-month and 11-month terms. Dr. Ferris states that his concern is about liquidity in case the Board needs the funds. ED states that the Board has approximately \$290,000 and was thinking about investing \$60,000-\$75,000 in 3 tranches which would leave sufficient liquidity for potential future needs with an automatic renewal. ED states that WF Bank would like the 3 Board members to be personally present to sign off.

Motion: Ms. Braster moves to approve investing \$60,000 in 3 tranches for CDs with 4-month, 7-month and 11-month terms with automatic renewals

Second: Dr. Zhang

The motion is approved unanimously.

9. Update from ED regarding LCB file R024-24 (For Discussion Only).

ED states that the Board conducted a workshop for some proposed regulations in compliance with the Governor's executive orders last year. ED states that there is an upcoming hearing with the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services scheduled for April 8, 2024, as part of the adoption process for these regulations. ED wants to schedule a later public hearing to adopt the regulations in May 2024, potentially coinciding with the next board meeting. ED states that there also will be another hearing for the final regulations to be adopted by the legislature.

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

Dr. Ferris states that he still does not have access to the accounts. He states that the balance is \$290,482.52.

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

Dr. Nation states that the next meeting will be on 5/21/2024 at 6:30 pm.

Motion: Dr. Ferris moves to approve

Second: Ms. Braster

The motion is approved unanimously.

12. Public Comment.

None

13. Adjournment.

Dr. Nation calls for meeting adjournment.

The minutes will be approved at the next Board meeting.