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**STATE OF NEVADA**  
**BOARD OF ORIENTAL MEDICINE**

**\*\*\*PUBLIC NOTICE\*\*\***  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**February 12, 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)  
Dr. Lisa Grant, OMD (via telephone)  
Dr. Michael Ferris, OMD (via telephone)  
Michael Smith (via telephone)  
Dr. Chia Hua Linda Chow, OMD (in person)

**Board Staff:**

Merle Lok, Executive Director  
Asheesh Bhalla, Deputy AG

**Public:**

Susan Fisher (via telephone)  
Daniel Davies (via telephone)  
Heather Galloway (via telephone)  
Christine Worley-Tabor  
DuWayne Steele  
Susan Priestman

- 2. Public Comment (Discussion Only).**

None

- 3. Adoption of agenda (For Possible Action)**

Motion: Mr. Smith motioned to approve  
Second: Dr. Ferris  
Action: Motion carried unanimously

**4. Approve or disapprove of the minutes for the 1/31/2019 board meeting (For Possible Action).**

Motion: Dr. Grant motioned to approve

Second: Dr. Ferris

Action: Motion carried unanimously

**5. Approve or disapprove of Noriko Ueda Lang's request to re-take the exam in December 2019 (For Possible Action).**

ED stated that Ms. Lang did not pass the December 2018 exam and already has her Oriental Medicine Certification. Ms. Lang is in California and is requesting approval to re-take the exam in December 2019.

Motion: Dr. Grant motioned to approve

Second: Dr. Chow

Action: Motion carried unanimously

**6. Approve or disapprove of drafting a new exam (For Possible Action).**

Dr. Tracey stated that a new exam has to be created due to the new regulations. Dr. Grant stated that the exam writer should be someone more familiar with jurisprudence than with Oriental Medicine.

Motion: Mr. Smith motioned to approve

Second: Dr. Grant

Action: Motion carried unanimously

**7. Approve or disapprove of hiring exam writer(s) (For Possible Action).**

Dr. Tracey stated that she has put out feelers for exam writers. Dr. Grant stated that there should be a new pool of exam questions since the NAC and NRS has changed.

Motion: Dr. Ferris motioned to approve

Second: Dr. Chow

Action: Motion carried unanimously

**8. Discussion regarding the legislative process review (For Discussion Only).**

Susan Fisher discussed how a bill becomes a law. Basically, a member of the public proposes an idea to a legislator who will work with the LCB to see if it is already in a statute, or is prohibited by a statute or the constitution. The bill can be introduced by the House or the Senate. Then it goes into committee; if it comes out, then there will be a public hearing. There will be an opportunity for comment before and during the public hearing. The bill then gets voted on in both houses; if there are amendments, then it goes into a committee comprising of both houses to make recommendations about the amendments. The Governor then can veto, sign or do nothing about the bill. If the Governor does nothing, then the bill automatically becomes law in 5 days. Ms. Fisher stated that the Governor and the legislature want to hear from their own constituents and to let her know if someone wants to testify. Ms. Fisher will notify the Board when the language for the Board's bill is approved and ready for hearing. Ms. Fisher recommended the legislative website which will have live and recorded video of the hearings, the legislative calendar, and the legislators contact information. Dr. Tracey stated that someone can attend the hearings at the Grant Sawyer building as well and there is a personalized bill tracker through the legislative website.

**9. Approve or disapprove of establishing a community relations committee (For Possible Action).**

Dr. Tracey stated that it would be highly beneficial to have Dr. Chow and Mr. Smith on the community relations committee to communicate with the public about Oriental Medicine. This committee could schedule some actions and report back to the Board.

AG stated that this is fine as to the Open Meeting Law as it is not a quorum.

Motion: Dr. Grant motioned to approve

Second: Dr. Chow

Action: Motion carried unanimously

**10. Approve or disapprove of establishing a legislative committee (For Possible Action).**

Dr. Tracey stated that Dr. Grant and Dr. Ferris should be on the legislative committee to review the Board's BDR language, and be up to date regarding the Board's proposed legislation.

Motion: Dr. Grant motioned to approve

Second: Dr. Chow

Action: Motion carried unanimously

**11. Update from the Treasurer regarding Board accounts (For discussion only).**

Dr. Grant stated that she wants to create a model of having a Treasurer's report regarding the status of the Board's accounts at each meeting. She has reviewed the Board's expenditures and everything is fine.

**12. Update from Susan Fisher regarding the legislative session (For discussion only).**

Ms. Fisher stated that the BDRs affecting OMDs have not come out yet. She discussed a radiology bill regarding training and healthcare affecting rural areas. She will keep an eye out for dry needling. She stated that some of the big healthcare related bills are raising the medical malpractice caps and balance billing. Dr. Tracey stated that she is willing to talk to the committees about the VA paying for acupuncture for veterans and using acupuncture to treat opioid addiction.

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

Dr. Tracey stated that future Board dates will be on 3/12/19, 4/9/19, and 5/7/19 at 6:30 pm.

Motion: Dr. Ferris motioned to approve

Second: Dr. Grant

Action: Motion carried unanimously

**14. Public Comment (Discussion Only).**

Ms. Worley-Tabor asked whether the public can join the sub-committees. AG stated that there cannot be any discussion on this topic during public comment.

**15. Adjournment (For Possible Action).**

Motion: Mr. Smith motioned to approve

Second: Dr. Grant

Action: Motion carried unanimously

Minutes have been approved.

