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## \*\*\*PUBLIC NOTICE\*\*\* REGULAR BOARD MEETING September 17, 2019 @ 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 6:00 pm Board Members Present: Dr. Maggie Tracey, OMD (via telephone) Dr. Michael Ferris, OMD (via telephone) Jennifer Braster (via telephone)

Lisa Grant, OMD (in person)

#### **Board Staff:**

Merle Lok, Executive Director Asheesh Bhalla, Deputy AG

#### **Public:**

Susan Fisher (via telephone) Daniel Davies (via telephone) Christina Tabor (in person) Dennis Jones (in person) Kotomi Mazone (in person) Liu Han Wu (in person) Tiphani Ni (in person) Bill Mullins (in person) Wai Mei Borgal (in person) Michael Wilson (in person) Jie Mester (in person) Ting Ting Bao (in person)

#### 2. Public Comment (Discussion Only).

Daniel Davies stated that Wongu University has received its 5 year initial accreditation.

- **3.** Adoption of agenda (For Possible Action). Motion: Dr. Ferris moves to approve Second: Dr. Grant Action: Motion carried unanimously
- Approve or disapprove of the minutes for the 7/30/2019 board meeting (For Possible Action).
   Motion: Ms. Braster moves to approve Second: Dr. Grant

Action: Motion carried unanimously

- 5. Updates regarding the legislative session by Susan Fisher (For Discussion Only). Susan Fisher stated that the legislature ended up using our definition for dry needling which in turn, requires the PTs and the athletic trainers to utilize our definition as well. Ms. Fisher discussed briefly discussed the patient protection bill, reviewed healthcare initiatives, and stated that the chiropractor board was cooperative during the legislative session. She also discussed the open meeting law and various violation fines and that certain medical professions have to keep track of their patients' veteran status.
- 6. Discussion and Decision Regarding Citation Appeal Pursuant to NRS 634A.230(2)(b) (May be CLOSED pursuant to NRS 241.020(2)(d)(4))
  Tiffany Ni (Tiphani Ni), for possible action
  -Case No. 2019-001

#### -License No. (UNLICENSED)

Ms. Ni declined to go into closed session. Investigator Michael Wilson presented his findings that there was advertising for acupuncture on various websites associated with Angel Healing. Ms. Ni stated that there used to be a licensed doctor who performed acupuncture at Angel Healing but had left. Ms. Ni stated that no one performs acupuncture at Angel Healing any longer. Mr. Wilson confirmed that Ms. Ni steered the conversion away from acupuncture when his associate inquired about acupuncture treatments. Ms. Ni stated that she tried to remove the Yelp advertisement for acupuncture but was not successful.

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to dismiss the citation if Ms. Ni removes the acupuncture advertisements from the websites within 60 days and shows efforts to remove the Yelp advertisement in writing; Otherwise, the citation would be reinstated immediately. Second: Dr. Tracey

Action: Motion carried unanimously

7. Discussion and Decision Regarding Citation Appeal Pursuant to NRS 634A.230(2)(b) (May be CLOSED pursuant to NRS 241.020(2)(d)(4))
-Hanliu Wu (Han Liu Wu), for possible action
-Case No. 2019-002
Line Net (UNLICENSED)

-License No. (UNLICENSED)

Ms. Wu declined to go into closed session. Investigator Michael Wilson presented his findings that Ms. Wu had performed acupuncture based upon his interviews with Ms. Mester and Ms. Bao with detailed descriptions of their treatments and various communications through text messaging. Ms. Wu denies that she performed acupuncture. Motion: Dr. Grant moves to uphold the citation

Second: Ms. Braster

Action: Motion carried unanimously

8. Approve or disapprove of having 3 co-signers for the Board's checkbook (For Possible Action).

Dr. Grant stated that there needs to be 3 co-signers in case one of the co-signers is unavailable. There was a time when it was uncertain whether she was still a Board member and the checks were not able to be signed.

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve Second: Ms. Braster Action: Motion carried unanimously

- **9.** Discussion regarding SB 219 regarding credit card payments (For discussion only). Dr. Grant stated that it was cost prohibitive to provide the option of accepting credit card payments. There was an estimate from the state for over \$70,000.
- **10.** Approve or disapprove of an open book state exam available upon the applicant satisfying the licensing requirements (For Possible Action).

Dr. Tracey stated that since all the applicants passed the exam, there may not be a need for an open book exam and to table this item.

**11.** Approve or disapprove of offering additional state exam dates throughout the year (For Possible Action).

There was discussion about offering additional state exam dates throughout the year. Dr. Grant stated that 3 times a year may be a good idea. ED stated that the exam could be offered every 4 months, assuming that the statute/regulation regarding the 6-month submission timeframe was no longer in effect. ED will have the DAG check on the statute/regulation. Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve having the exam 3 times a year, subject to the NRS and NAC

Second: Dr. Ferris

Action: Motion carried unanimously

- 12. Approve or disapprove of CEU titled Oriental Medical Conference 2019/East Meet West for 10 hours sponsored by Nevada Society of Oriental Medicine held on 9/7/2019 in Las Vegas, Nevada (For Possible Action).
  Dr. Ferris stated that the CEU should not apply towards the injection therapy requirements. ED stated that she will notify the sponsor that the CEU will only apply towards the renewal credits and not the injection therapy requirements.
  Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve Second: Ms. Braster
  - Action: Motion carried unanimously
- **13.** Update from the Treasurer regarding Board accounts (For discussion only). Dr. Grant stated that the accounts are in order. Dr. Tracey stated that there should be an accounting every quarter.
- **14.** Update regarding archiving project (For discussion only).

ED stated that the archiving project is completed; however, there will need to be periodic maintenance to make sure that the ongoing records are sent to archives or destroyed.

#### **15.** Approve or disapprove of future Board meeting dates (For Possible Action). Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve the next meeting on 11/12/19 at 6 p.m. Second: Ms. Braster Action: Motion carried unanimously

# **16.** Public Comment (Discussion Only). None

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

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve Second: Dr. Ferris Action: Motion carried unanimously

Minutes to be approved at a subsequent meeting.