



**STATE OF NEVADA  
BOARD OF ORIENTAL MEDICINE**

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**\*\*\*PUBLIC NOTICE\*\*\*  
WORKSHOP AND BOARD MEETING  
February 13, 2020 @ 10:00 AM**

AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION:

Grant Sawyer Building, Office of the Attorney General, 555 East Washington Ave.,  
Room #4500 - Las Vegas, NV 89101 with teleconferencing from the Office of Attorney General,  
5420 Kietzke Lane, Room #202, Reno, NV 89511.

**\*\*\*MINUTES\*\*\***

**1. CALL TO ORDER (Discussion/For Possible Action)** Maggie Tracey, OMD,  
President

Roll call to determine presence of a quorum

Board Members Present:

- Dr. Maggie Tracey, OMD (in person @ Reno location)
- Dr. Chia Hua Linda Chow, OMD (in person @ Las Vegas location)
- Dr. Lisa Grant (via telephone)
- Dr. Michael Ferris, OMD (in person @ Las Vegas location)
- Michael Smith (in person @ Reno location)
- Jennifer Braster (via telephone)

**Board Staff:**

- Merle Lok, Executive Director
- Asheesh Bhalla, Deputy AG

**Public:**

- Michael Giampaoli (in person @ Las Vegas location)
- Jennifer Atlas (in person @ Las Vegas location)
- Daniel Davies (via telephone)
- Dr. Vimolroj Osathanugrah

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

None

**3. Adoption of the Agenda (For Possible Action).**

Motion: Mr. Smith moves to approve

Second: Dr. Ferris

Motion carried unanimously

**4. Approve or disapprove of the minutes for the 1/9/2020 board meeting (For Possible Action).**

Motion: Dr. Ferris moves to approve

Second: Dr. Grant

Motion carried unanimously

**5. PUBLIC WORKSHOP: Discussion/Consideration/Potential Action regarding the proposed Regulations including:**

- Revision to NAC 634A regarding addition of definitions of national organizations
- Revision to NAC 634A regarding addition of a scope of practice for Oriental medicine practitioners
- Revision to NAC 634A.060 regarding a salary for the position of Secretary-Treasurer
- Revision to NAC 634A.071 regarding application submission deadlines
- Revision to NAC 634A.080 regarding approval of programs of study for Oriental medicine and applications for licensure by endorsement and applicant qualifications
- Revision to 634A.085 regarding national examination certification requirements
- Revision to 634A regarding approval of curriculum of schools and colleges of Oriental medicine in Nevada
- Revision to 634.095A regarding proficiency of applicant in English language
- Revision to 634A.100 regarding the practical examination
- Revision to 634A.110 regarding reexamination of applicants who fail the practical exam
- Revision to 634A.135 regarding continuing education and maintenance of inactive licenses
- Revision to 634A.137 regarding approval of continuing education courses
- Revision to 634A.140 regarding payment of annual registration fees for new licensees

- Revision to 634A.150 regarding reinstatement of cancelled licenses
- Revision to 634A.165 regarding Board fees
- Revision to 634A.170 regarding grounds for disciplinary action (For Possible Action).

Dr. Grant stated that the definition in the proposed NAC is the same definition as the NRS so that the PTs and chiropractors know the meaning of dry needling.

Dr. Grant stated that the purpose of NAC 634A.060 is to let the Board members know about their responsibilities and to set a time limit of 6 months to do the training. DAG stated that the training for Board members is offered once a year and is also available online on the AG's website.

Dr. Grant stated that language in NAC 634A.075 for rejecting an application should include consideration of a criminal record. ED stated that disciplinary actions from other states should also be considered. Dr. Grant stated that the proposed language should be: *The applicant is not qualified for licensure or is not of good moral character or reputation, which would include but is not limited to consideration of criminal record, and/or disciplinary actions from other state licensing boards.*

Dr. Grant stated that the purpose of the new language in NAC 634A.080 is to remove any argument about applying for licensure with a Masters Degree, rather than having a Doctorate Degree. Dr. Grant stated that the new language also clarifies that everyone has to take the examinations through NCCAOM and cannot shortcut the process through different pathways. There was further discussion regarding how applicants could make up their deficient didactic hours and whether the subject of herbology can be made up through these avenues. Dr. Grant proposed language stating that applicants who are deficient in their didactic hours can make them up with (1) credits from an ACAOM accredited Oriental medicine school; (2) credits of not more than 250 CEUs of NCCAOM approved courses in the Oriental Medicine subject area that the credits are missing; (3) credits from an accredited college, university or Oriental Medicine school in non-Oriental medicine didactic courses; and the requirement set forth in NRS634A.140.(3)(a)(1) regarding herbology coursework requirement is still in effect.

Dr. Grant stated that NAC 634A.095 regarding TOEFL should be eliminated altogether. There was a need before but now the applicants are now required to take the NCCAOM exams.

ED requested that the word "ethics" be added to NAC634A.095 along with statutes and regulations as one of the subject areas for testing in the state exam as the current exam does test on it. Dr. Osathanugrah stated that ethics is taught at Wongu and will forward the titles used in the class to ED.

Dr. Grant stated that NAC 634A.140 governs the expiration of a license and that a licensee cannot practice while the license is expired so that the safety of the public

is preserved.

Dr. Grant stated that the purpose of NAC 634A.137 is to clarify that CEUs with the designation of AOM-AC, AOM-CH, AOM-SA, AOM-ET and AOM-BIO are automatically accepted and that online CEUs are accepted and there is no live CEU requirement.

Dr. Grant stated that NAC 634A.144 regarding the requirements for Acupuncture Injection Therapy (“AIT”), like the coursework and the proof of professional insurance for AIT, will be implemented after the regulations are approved. The word “license” was changed to “endorsement” in subsection 5b to clarify that a practitioner’s endorsement would be suspended if no proof of insurance is provided, rather than the license being suspended.

Ms. Braster stated that the language regarding compliance with NRS 629 may have conflict with our provisions. She proposed language stating “As practitioners of health care, all doctors of Oriental medicine shall comply with the applicable provisions of NRS 629.”

**6. Discussion and decision regarding proposed changes, additions and deletions to NAC 634A (For Possible Action).**

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve all discussion and decisions made in item #5

Second: Dr. Ferris

Action: Motion carried unanimously

**7. Update from the Treasurer regarding Board accounts and other matters (For discussion only).**

Dr. Grant stated that everything is in order.

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

There was a date already set for the Public Hearing for 3/24/2020 at 6 p.m. at the last meeting.

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

None

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

Motion: Dr. Ferris moves to approve

Second: Dr. Grant

Action: Motion carried unanimously

Minutes will be approved at a subsequent board meeting.