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**\*\*\*PUBLIC NOTICE\*\*\***

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**April 14, 2020 @ 6:00 PM**

Via teleconference

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

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

Presence of a quorum determined at 6:00 pm

Board Members Present:

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

**Board Staff:**

Merle Lok, Executive Director  
Asheesh Bhalla, Deputy AG

**Public:**

Dr. DuWayne Steele  
Dr. Daniel Davis  
Dr. Joey Rueckl  
Dr. Jessica Walter  
Dr. Fiona Kelley

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

Dr. Rueckl asks what are the Board's thoughts regarding whether licensees should stay open or closed. DAG states that this section is only for public comment and not for discussion.

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

Motion: Dr. Ferris moves to approve

Second: Dr. Grant

Action: Motion carried unanimously

**4. Approve or disapprove of the minutes for the 2/13/2020 board meeting/workshop (For Possible Action).**

Motion: Ms. Braster moves to approve

Second: Mr. Smith

Action: Motion carried unanimously

**5. Approve or disapprove of CEU titled Smoldering Epidemics: Obesity, Metabolic Syndrome, Sluggish Liver, Dysbiosis, Chronic Health Challenges in Sherman Oaks, CA for 8 hours sponsored by National University of Health Sciences (For Possible Action).**

Dr. Tracey states that the sponsor has withdrawn its CEU submission.

**6. Approve or disapprove of CEU titled Maidens, Mothers and Matriarchs: Women's Health Through the Decades on 4/25/2020 in Sherman Oaks, CA for 8 hours sponsored by National University of Health Sciences (For Possible Action).**

Dr. Tracey states that the sponsor has withdrawn its CEU submission.

**7. Approve or disapprove of Wongu University's Application for Oriental Medicine School Annual Curriculum Approval (For Possible Action).**

Dr. Grant states that she is pleased with the Application Form, which is clear and asks for the relevant information.

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve

Second: Dr. Ferris

Action: Motion carried unanimously

**8. Approve or disapprove of the licensure exam to be held on 6/27/2020 to be administered by Dr. Sandip Thanki at 4350 E. Sunset Road, Ste 107A, Henderson, NV 89014 at the rate of \$30 per hour (For Possible Action).**

Dr. Grant states that she is hoping that Nevada is open for business at that time. Dr. Grant asks if the exam date could be set subject to Nevada's Covid-19 guidelines and

that the ED has the discretion to move the date without another Board meeting and the rest of the Agenda item remains the same. DAG states that it would be fine since Dr. Grant's motion is narrower than the Agenda item.

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve this Agenda item with the ED having discretion to move the exam date without another Board meeting subject to Nevada's COVID-19 guidelines.

Second: Dr. Ferris

Action: Motion carried unanimously

**9. Approve or disapprove of an additional licensure exam to be held on 9/12/2020 to be administered by Dr. Sandip Thanki at 4350 E. Sunset Road, Ste 107A, Henderson, NV 89014 at the rate of \$30 per hour (For Possible Action).**

ED states that this additional date is necessary because some applicants are not able to take the NCCAOM exam in time for the June exam.

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve the Agenda item with the ED having discretion to move the exam date without another Board meeting subject to Nevada's COVID-19 guidelines.

Second: Dr. Ferris

Action: Motion carried unanimously

**10. Discussion of updates regarding the public hearing and the proposed NAC 634A changes (For discussion only).**

Dr. Grant states that she spoke with the LCB attorney who had some questions and is waiting for the draft. Dr. Grant is unsure when the draft would be ready. Dr. Tracey states that she heard everything is on hold.

**11. Discussion of possible updates regarding Covid-19, acupuncture clinics and licensees (For discussion only).**

Dr. Tracey states licensees have the option to open their offices but they do not have to be open. DAG states that all healthcare professionals are considered essential services and are permitted to open, but are not required to be open if it jeopardizes the health and safety of themselves or the public. Dr. Tracey states that she is not open but she knows of a practitioner who sees one patient every 1.5 hours to allow for cleaning and sanitizing. Dr. Grant states that she knows a chiropractor and a dentist who will see a patient if it will keep the patient out of the hospital or emergency room. Dr. Grant states that she saw a pregnant patient last week who needed her baby turned or else the patient would need a caesarean section and would have ended up at the hospital. Dr. Ferris states that there are no national best practices right now and the Board is not allowed to recommend any practices. Dr. Tracey states that licensees could look to national associations for guidance. Dr. Grant asks if the Governor's directive

discusses PPE and cleaning and DAG states that the Governor's directive did not get into such specificity.

**12. Approve or disapprove of any proposals regarding Covid-19, acupuncture clinics and licensees (For possible action).**

None.

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

Dr. Grant states that all the accounts are in order.

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

Dr. Tracey proposed that the next meeting be on 5/19/2020.

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve

Second: Dr. Ferris

Action: Motion carried unanimously

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

Dr. Kelley stated that licensees should use this time to promote acupuncture to first responders and the public.

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

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve

Second: Dr. Ferris

Action: Motion carried unanimously

The minutes will be approved at a subsequent meeting.