



**STATE OF NEVADA
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*****PUBLIC NOTICE***
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 13, 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
Jennifer Braster

Board Staff:

Merle Lok, Executive Director
Asheesh Bhalla, Deputy AG

Public:

Chelsea Capuro
Duwayne Steele
Susan Fisher
Maggie O'Flaherty
Nina Tabor

2. Public Comment (Discussion Only).

None

3. Adoption of agenda (For Possible Action)

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve

Second: Dr. Ferris

The motion has been approved unanimously.

4. Approve or disapprove of the minutes for the 9/24/2020 board meeting (For Possible Action).

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve

Second: Dr. Chow

The motion has been approved unanimously.

5. Interview/Discussion of hiring the following lobbyist:

a. Chelsea Capurro @ The Griffin Company;

**b. Susan Fisher @ McDonald Carano;
(For Possible Action).**

Ms. Capurro states that she has been with the Griffin Company for 10 years and a partner there for the last 2 years. The Griffin Company's clients include Amazon, MGM, Switch, Uber, healthcare providers, hospitals, and pharmaceutical companies. She states that she is familiar with the healthcare landscape and is aware of the dry needling issue with the physical therapists. She will keep watch for related bills and the goal would be to keep in place the status quo. She sees the dry needling issue as not a turf war, but a patient safety issue. She states that Nevada is the first state to legalize acupuncture and she has reserved a date with the LCB for Nevada Acupuncture Day which is open to the public subject to COVID-19 requirements. Ms. Capurro proposal is \$2000 per month but is negotiable.

Ms. Fisher states that she has worked with the Board before and is familiar with the dry needling issues which attracted media attention last session. She has been tracking bill drafts which affect Board structures with an umbrella board and applications for veteran spouses. McDonald Carano's clients include regulatory boards such as the DO Board, Engineers and Surveyors Board, American Cancer Society, and the Chiropractic Board and the Podiatry Board in the past. Ms. Fisher's team comprises of 7 members who can track all the bills and has daily meetings to make sure that nothing slips through the cracks. Ms. O'Flaherty states that she worked with Dr. Tracey a bit in 2019 and there are 7 members spanning Northern and Southern Nevada with a designated point of contact. Ms. Fisher's proposal is \$2500 per month but is negotiable.

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to hire Ms. Capurro and the Griffin Company.

Second: Ms. Braster

The motion has been approved unanimously.

6. Approve or disapprove of continuing the licensing applications for Zachary Burton, Joyce Edwards, Autumn Leavitt, and Erica Tseng to December 2021 (For Possible Action).

ED states that these licensing applications be continued to 12/2021 due to COVID-19 scheduling with the testing center and/or some failed exam results. If the applicants complete the NCCAOM testing requirements earlier than 12/2021, then their applications will be submitted for Board approval so the applicants can sit for an earlier state licensing exam date.

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve

Second: Dr. Chow

The motion has been approved unanimously.

7. Approve or disapprove of CEU titled Complex Brain Disorders and the Gut: Connecting the Dots for 8 hours sponsored by SP Westcoast Inc. online via webinar on 11/21/2020-11/22/2020 (For Possible Action).

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve

Second: Dr. Ferris

The motion has been approved unanimously.

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

Dr. Grant states that the accounts are in order.

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

Dr. Tracey states that the next date will be on 11/19/2020 at 6 p.m.

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve

Second: Dr. Chow

The motion has been approved unanimously.

10. Public Comment (Discussion Only).

None

11. Adjournment (For Possible Action).

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve

Second: Ms. Braster

The motion has been approved unanimously.

The minutes have been approved.