

Maggie Tracey, O.M.D., President Chia Hua Linda Chow, O.M.D., Vice President Lisa Grant, O.M.D., Secretary/Treasurer Michael Ferris, O.M.D., Member Eric Richardson, M.D., Member Jennifer Braster, Member Merle Lok, Executive Director

### STATE OF NEVADA BOARD OF ORIENTAL MEDICINE

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# \*\*\*PUBLIC NOTICE\*\*\* REGULAR BOARD MEETING July 7, 2021 @ 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

Eric Richardson, MD

Jennifer Braster

#### **Board Staff:**

Merle Lok, Executive Director Asheesh Bhalla, Deputy AG

#### **Public:**

Chelsea Capurro Anthony Warn

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

None

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

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve

Second: Dr. Richardson

The motion has been approved unanimously.

### 4. Approve or disapprove of the minutes for the 5/20/2021 board meeting (For Possible Action).

Motion: Dr. Ferris moves to approve

Second: Ms. Braster

The motion has been approved unanimously.

### 5. Discussion regarding relevant passed legislation (For Discussion Only).

Chelsea Capurro from the Griffin Company states that there will be upcoming special sessions in the legislature to address re-districting and federal funds but the dates are undetermined. SB335, which would abolish certain boards including our Board, did not pass out of the Senate Finance Committee. The bill was not well thought out and picked and chose winners and losers. SB402, which would re-name our Board, also did not pass. SB379, which would make boards store data regarding their licensees, is amended to shift this responsibility to DHHS. SB222, which would require boards have a minority liaison, is amended to apply only to state agencies and not boards. Dr. Tracey states that we should start educating more legislators about Oriental Medicine.

#### 6. Approve or disapprove of the Certemy contract (For Possible Action).

Anthony Warn from Certemy states that its software would help with regulatory compliance in a centralized ecosystem. Dr. Grant states that the contract's language provides only up to 100 licensees for the next 7 years and she asked about the terms and whether there is a balloon payment at the end if the licensees exceed 100. Mr. Warn states that the Board would not be charged anymore than \$5000 per year regardless of the number of licensees and there would not be a balloon payment or any retroactive fees at the end of the term.

Ms. Braster asks to confirm whether the Board can terminate the contract with a 30-day notice. Mr. Warn states that is correct and it is provided for in the contract under paragraph #7. Ms. Braster states that the automobile insurance paragraph should be deleted as there is no automobile involved. DAG and Mr. Warn agree. Ms. Braster asks whether the liability section should remain and DAG states that this is a state contract form and the liability section should remain.

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve with the modifications stated above

Second: Dr. Chow

The motion has been approved unanimously.

### 7. Approve or disapprove of leasing 3191 E. Warm Springs Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89120 as the Board office (For Possible Action).

ED states that the lease will be with the current landlord until 10/2021 at \$500 per month. There will be a new landlord in 11/2021. The rates will be \$500 per month from 11/1/2021-10/31/2023 and \$525 per month from 11/1/2023-10/31/2024. ED states that the lease terms are negotiated by Public Works.

Motion: Dr. Ferris moves to approve

Second: Dr. Richardson

The motion has been approved unanimously.

### 8. Approve or disapprove of hiring Larry Bertsch CPA to handle the Board accounting (For Possible Action).

This matter is tabled for more details.

### 9. Approve or disapprove of hiring The Advantage Group to handle the Board's investigations (For Possible Action).

This matter is tabled for more details.

## 10. Approve or disapprove of the licensure exam to be held on 9/29/2021 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).

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve

Second: Ms. Braster

The motion has been approved unanimously.

#### 11. Discussion regarding Board member duties (For Discussion Only).

Dr. Tracey welcomes Dr. Richardson as a new Board member. Dr. Tracey states that the Board members should review the list of duties in the supplemental materials and add or subtract from the list as necessary. She also requests that the Board members review the NRS, NAC, and the Board member training videos from the AG Office. DAG also offers to provide training to the Board members.

### 12. Update from the Treasurer regarding Board accounts and other matters (For Discussion only).

Dr. Grant states that the accounts are in order.

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

Dr. Tracey states that the next meeting will be on 8/26/2021 at 6 p.m.

Motion: Dr. Richardson moves to approve

Second: Dr. Grant

The motion has been approved unanimously.

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

Dr. Richardson states that there is a vacancy for a MD member for our Board. Dr. Tracey states that she has reached out to some doctors but they were unable to make the time commitment. Dr. Tracey states that if anyone knows a MD who is interested to reach out to her or the ED.

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

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve

Second: Dr. Richardson

The minutes will be approved at a subsequent meeting.