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*****PUBLIC NOTICE***
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 12, 2023 @ 6:00 PM
Via Zoom and teleconference**

*****MINUTES*****

Board Staff:

Merle Lok, Executive Director
Henna Rasul, Senior Deputy AG

Public:

Dr. Sanghyun Lee
Chelsea Capurro
Pamela Smith
DuWayne Steel

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establish Quorum.

Maggie Tracey, OMD, President called this meeting to order, conducted roll call and established the presence of a quorum. The following Board Members were present: Dr. Maggie Tracey, OMD, Dr. Lisa Grant, OMD, Dr. Michael Ferris, OMD, and Jennifer Braster.

2. Public Comment.

None.

3. Review, discussion, and possible action of the minutes for the 11/17/2022 board meeting (For Possible Action).

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve

Second: Ms. Braster

The motion is approved unanimously.

4. Review and discussion regarding upcoming legislative session (For Discussion Only).

Chelsea Capurro, the Board lobbyist, gave an overview about the upcoming legislative session. She states that the session will begin on 2/6/23 and end on 6/5/2023. She states that the Democrats have a supermajority in the Senate and Assembly, and there is a Republican Governor. She states that 3 out of the 4 leaders are new and there are ramblings about making licensure easier for veterans. Dr. Ferris states that we should be looking out for other Boards introducing legislation that affects us.

5. Review, discussion and possible action of granting the Nevada OMD license to:

A. Hopi Wilder; and

B. Nipaphan Yingyoud

(For Possible Action).

ED states that these applicants passed the Nevada state licensing exam.

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve

Second: Dr. Ferris

The motion is approved unanimously.

6. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding externships for Wongu students to treat the public at health fairs (For Possible Action).

Dr. Lee, the President of Wongu, states that the externships would offer free ear seeds and acupuncture and there would be malpractice insurance and supervision. Dr. Tracey states that there is nothing in the statutes about Board jurisdiction over schools and needling outside the school setting except overseeing the curriculum. Dr. Grant states that just as for the Marriage and Therapy Board wherein students are under the jurisdiction of the school, so our Board does not make this decision and ACAOM and the post-secondary education department would have jurisdiction over Wongu. Dr. Grant states that if there is harm, then the students can be disciplined. SDAG agrees with Dr. Grant. Dr. Tracey states that Wongu needs to make sure that Wongu complies with their regulatory bodies, but not the Board. Dr. Ferris states that he likes the idea of externships.

7. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding Dr. Melissa Wilson's CEU titled Acupoint Regenerative Therapies sponsored by Alpine Wellness Center for 24 credit hours (For Possible Action).

ED states that this CEU has a NCCAOM PE designation and is before the Board for approval as it does not have one of the special NCCAOM designations for automatic acceptance. Dr. Grant states that the approval would be for only 20 credits due to the rollover limitation and this course should not be accepted as APIT as prolotherapy is not APIT.

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve

Second: Ms. Braster

The motion is approved unanimously.

8. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding Executive Director's performance and possible compensation increase to \$3500 per month (For Possible Action).

Dr. Tracey states that the performance reviews that were turned in gave the ED excellent reviews. Dr. Grant states that she is not in favor of the entire requested raise as the ED was given a \$500 per month raise last year; but due to inflation, she is fine with a \$250 per month raise to \$3250 per month.

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve

Second: Ms. Braster

The motion is approved unanimously.

9. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the election of Board President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer (For Possible Action).

Dr. Tracey states that the slate could be Dr. Tracey for President, Dr. Ferris for Vice President and Dr. Grant for Secretary/Treasurer. Dr. Tracey states that Ms. Braster would have been nominated this time, but Ms. Braster is already very busy being on another Board. SDAG states that it is fine for Board members to vote for themselves.

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve

Second: Ms. Braster

The motion is approved unanimously.

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

Dr. Grant states that everything is in order.

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

Dr. Tracey states that the next meeting will be on 2/23/2023 at 6 p.m.

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve

Second: Dr. Ferris

The motion is approved unanimously.

12. Public Comment.

Dr. Steel states that he did not respond to roll call earlier because the system did not allow him to unmute.

13. Adjournment (For Possible Action).

Dr. Tracey adjourns the meeting.

The minutes have been approved.