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**\*\*\*PUBLIC NOTICE\*\*\*  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING  
April 13, 2023 @ 6:00 PM  
Via Zoom and teleconference**

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

**Board Staff:**

Merle Lok, Executive Director  
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**Public:**

Chelsea Capurro  
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Roberto Irawan  
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Aeja Kim  
Joshua Lorenzana  
Karin Moeller  
Rachel Ong  
Tomoe Riekstein  
Susan Wellman

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**1. Introduction – Open Public Hearing**

Dr. Tracey opened the public hearing and stated that the proposed regulations relate to Oriental medicine as follows: Reduce fees for license renewal; Reduce fees for application; Reduce state exam fees; Add a reduced license renewal fee for military members and spouses; Oriental Medical Schools of out-of-state licensees are automatically deemed approved with or without accreditation from

ACAHM, formerly known as ACAOM; Added language to extend time to submit CEUs for renewal; Eliminate chemistry and biochemistry as core educational requirements; Eliminate tuina as a core educational requirement; Eliminate qiqong as a core educational requirement; Eliminate replacement pocket license fees; Eliminate temporary certificate for lecturing or training fees; Eliminate copies of chapter fees; and Eliminate copy fees.

**2. Public Comment**

See details of the public comment in item #6 below.

**3. Close Public Hearing**

Dr. Tracey closed the Public Hearing after there were no more public comments.

**BOARD MEETING**

**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, Dr. Sanghyun Lee, OMD, and Jennifer Braster.

**2. Public Comment.**

Public comment for public hearing is in #6. No public comment for the Board meeting.

**3. Review, discussion, and possible action for the minutes for the 1/12/2023 board meeting (For Possible Action).**

Motion: Dr. Ferris moves to approve

Second: Dr. Grant

The motion is approved unanimously.

**4. Review, discussion, and possible action for the minutes for the 3/9/2023 board meeting (For Possible Action).**

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve

Second: Dr. Ferris

The motion is approved unanimously.

**5. Review and discussion regarding relevant legislative bills from lobbyist Chelsea Capurro (Discussion only).**

Ms. Capurro states that AB363 is a bill backed by the ACLU regarding applicants with prior criminal histories that is scheduled for a work session. She states that SB431 overhauls the state government with cabinet secretaries who will review the proposed regulation changes before it goes to the LCB, put the boards under Business and Industry, and centralize functions like HR; however, the bill still needs details and is unclear about funding. She states that our Board will be amended out of the Kratom bill and the Dept of Agriculture will be substituted in. She states that the bill regarding the malpractice cap increase is still in flux and there are lobbyists on both sides. Dr. Tracey states that our Board is opposed to removing the cap.

**6. Executive Order 2023-003 – Consideration of Public Comments (For Possible Action).**

Dr. Tracey opens the public hearing regarding EO 2023-003 with an overview of the proposed regulations at issue. The following are public comments:

Dr. Grant asks if additional regulations could be added to allow CEUs to be counted towards the didactic hours requirement for applicants. Dr. Lee states he is concerned that counting CEUs towards didactic hours may be problematic for ACAOM. SDAG Rasul clarifies that the public can suggest regulations to be eliminated or reduced, not amended. Dr. Wellman states that she wants to address NRS634A.040. Dr. Tracey states that statutes in the NRS can only be changed by the legislature and this hearing is about regulations. Dr. Wellman states NAC634A.035, NAC634A.125, and NAC634A.137 seems redundant. Dr. Grant states that NAC634A.035 cannot be eliminated as there is a statute that requires the Board to review the curriculum of OM schools in Nevada; Dr. Grant states that NAC634A.125 requiring an application for non-licensees to teach seminars can be eliminated as it is between the school and the teacher; and NAC634A.137 cannot be eliminated as it relates to the approval of CEUs. Dr. Irawan states that tuina/qiqong and chemistry/biochemistry in NAC634A.080 should not be eliminated. Dr. Irawan states that tuina/qiqong is necessary to discuss with patients and chemistry/biochemistry is science that is necessary for pharmacology. Dr. Grant states that just because a regulation is eliminated, it does not preclude a school from offering it and does not exclude the applicant from taking it. Dr. Grant states that ACAOM can still require the school to offer it. Dr. Grant states that she is fine with tuina/qiqong staying in the regulations, but chemistry/biochemistry can be eliminated as pharmacology will be taught in other classes like herbology.

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve

Second: Dr. Ferris

The motion is approved unanimously.

- 7. Review, discussion, and possible action for the state licensure exam being held on 6/24/23 to be administered by Dr. Sandip Thanki at 4350 E. Sunset Road, Ste 107A, Henderson, NV 89014 at the rate of \$50 per hour (For Possible Action).**

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve

Second: Ms. Braster

The motion is approved unanimously.

- 8. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding granting the OMD license to Roberto Irawan and Mark Brandon Letterman (For Possible Action).**

ED states that these applicants have passed their state licensing exam.

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve

Second: Ms. Braster

The motion is approved unanimously.

- 9. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding applicant Tomoe Riekstin's request for CEU credits to be counted towards the didactic hours requirement in her application (For Possible Action).**

ED states that the letter from the applicant's OM school states that she has 2445 didactic hours and is deficient by 55 didactic hours. The applicant is requesting that she be allowed to make up the deficiency with CEU hours. Dr. Grant states that there is precedence as she and Dr. Tracey were allowed to make up their deficiency in didactic hours with CEU hours. ED states the CEU credits must have the special NCCAOM designations as the CEUs for renewal purposes to ensure that they are core subjects. Dr. Grant states that in the spirit of the Governor's orders, she would like to allow up to 200 CEU hours to count towards the didactic requirement in the future.

Motion: Ms. Braster moves to approve the applicant's request to make up the deficiency in didactic hours with 55 CEU credits with the special NCCAOM designations as required for renewals

Second: Dr. Ferris

Recusal: Dr. Grant recuses herself as she plans to hire the applicant after she is licensed

The motion is approved unanimously, with the exception of Dr. Grant.

- 10. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the CEU titled Practical Clinical Application of Corresponding Needling Techniques sponsored by NOMA for 12 credit hours online on 5/27-5/28/23 (For Possible Action).**

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve

Second: Dr. Ferris

The motion is approved unanimously.

**11. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the CEU titled Battlefield Acupuncture sponsored by Wongu University for 4 credit hours online on 4/15/23 with 2 hours online and 2 hours at Wongu University (For Possible Action).**

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve

Second: Dr. Ferris

The motion is approved unanimously.

**12. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the Dr. Michael Kerrigan's CEU titled The Clinical Use of the Extraordinary Vessels instructed by Giovanni Maciocia for 10 credit hours online (For Possible Action).**

Dr. Grant states that the course is approved but no credit shall be given until Dr. Kerrigan takes the course and provides a certificate of attendance.

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve

Second: Dr. Ferris

The motion is approved unanimously.

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

Dr. Grant states that the accounts are in order.

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

Dr. Tracey states that the next Board meeting will be on 5/18/2023 at 6 p.m.

Motion: Dr. Grant moves to approve

Second: Dr. Ferris

The motion is approved unanimously.

**15. Public Comment.**

None

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

Dr. Tracey adjourns the meeting.

The minutes have been approved.