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*****PUBLIC NOTICE***
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
November 12, 2024 @ 6:00 PM
Via Zoom and teleconference**

*****MINUTES*****

Board Staff:

Merle Lok, Executive Director
Henna Rasul, Senior Deputy AG

Public:

Chelsea Capurro
Yong Chen
Steve Druckman
Aeja Kim
Anita Lanier
Stacey Munroe
Satoe Ozawa

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

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

Angela Nation, OMD, the President, called this meeting to order, conducted roll call and established the presence of a quorum. The following Board Members were present: Dr. Angela Nation, Dr. Michael Ferris, Dr. Huiwen Zhang, Dr. Sanghyun Lee and Jennifer Braster.

2. Public Comment.

Stacey Munroe states that she wasn't sure if her matter would be discussed on the Board's agenda today. ED states that she will call her tomorrow.

3. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the minutes for the 9/19/2024 board meeting (For Possible Action).

Motion: Dr. Ferris moves to approve

Second: Dr. Zhang

The motion is approved unanimously.

4. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding re-hiring Steve Druckman, CPA, to prepare the Board's balance sheet for FY25 and 1099s for 1/1/2025-12/31/2025 (For Possible Action).

ED states that Mr. Druckman did an excellent job for FY24 for the 1099s and the Board's balance sheet. Mr. Druckman states that his fees would be \$1650 for FY25 for the same services.

Motion: Ms. Braster moves to approve

Second: Dr. Zhang

The motion is approved unanimously.

5. Discussion and update regarding meeting with Business and Industry (For Discussion Only).

ED states that Chelsea Capurro (lobbyist) and ED met with the representatives from B&I ("B&I") last week. B&I stated that the Oriental Medicine Board ("Board") would be eliminated as the work could be done administratively. The other board which would be eliminated is the homeopathic board. Chelsea and ED then discussed with B&I about the history of the Board since 1973, our licensees being physicians, the effectiveness of acupuncture, and our responsibility towards public safety. Since the meeting, B&I has reconsidered and the Board now will be included in the Healing and Rehabilitative Board along with the Athletic Trainers, Chiropractors, Physical Therapists, Massage Board, and Occupational Therapy. Ms. Capurro states that B&I also had wanted to replace the Board's licensing with a certification. Ms. Capurro requests a one-page sheet to pass around to the Governor's office and to the legislature. Dr. Ferris states that the Culinary Union is supportive of the practice of acupuncture.

6. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding retaining lobbyist Chelsea Capurro for 11/2024 and 12/2024 (For Possible Action).

Drs. Ferris and Zhang state that it would be a good idea to retain Ms. Capurro now as it is anticipated that there will be a lot of work. Ms. Braster states that Ms. Capurro could reach out at a later time if there's a need for additional financial remuneration.

Motion: Dr. Nation moves to approve

Second: Dr. Zhang

The motion is approved unanimously.

7. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding awarding the OMD license to Jami Rose (For Possible Action).

ED states that the applicant passed her state licensing exam.

Motion: Dr. Zhang moves to approve

Second: Dr. Ferris

The motion is approved unanimously.

8. Review, discussion, and possible action for the state licensure exam being held on 12/14/2024 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. Ferris moves to approve

Second: Ms. Braster

The motion is approved unanimously.

9. Review, discussion, and possible action of allowing the following applicants to take the state licensing exam on 12/14/2024:

A. Satoe Ozawa; and

B. Suzanne Yao

(For Possible Action).

ED states that the applicants have completed their applications and are ready for the state licensing exam.

Motion: Dr. Lee moves to approve

Second: Dr. Ferris

The motion is approved unanimously.

10. Review, discussion and possible action regarding whether Yong Chen can submit her undergraduate transcript directly, rather than sourcing the transcript from the college in China or from an educational credentialing service (For Possible Action).

ED states that NRS634A requires primary source verification if possible. Ms. Chen states that her college in China does not want to send her transcript to the U.S. Ms. Chen states that she graduated from a TCM school in California which is ACAOM certified. The TCM school used her Master's Degree from China which has been verified by an educational credentialing service. Ms. Chen states that she had to get an undergraduate degree in order to get a Master's Degree in China. ED states that the Board could take judicial notice that Ms. Chen had to graduate from college in order to get a Master's Degree.

Motion: Dr. Nation moves to approve that in lieu of the undergraduate transcript being sent directly from the college in China, Ms. Chen can submit her college

diploma and college transcript herself as well as having the educational credentialing service send her Master's transcript directly to the Board office

Second: Dr. Ferris

The motion is approved unanimously.

11. Approve or disapprove of Dr. Krista Italiano's CEU titled ADAPT Functional Medicine Practitioner Training Program for 15 credits instructed by Chris Kresser completed on 1/11/2024 (For Possible Action).

Motion: Dr. Zhang moves to approve

Second: Dr. Ferris

The motion is approved unanimously.

12. Approve or disapprove of Dr. Anita Lanier's CEU titled Global Body Attitude Tao Touch Chi Nei Tsang for 20 credits instructed by Gilles Marin completed on 10/20-10/24/2024 (For Possible Action).

Motion: Dr. Ferris moves to approve

Second: Dr. Lee

The motion is approved unanimously.

13. Discussion regarding hiring a full-time attorney to monitor acupuncture practice from other professions and related matters (For Discussion Only).

Dr. Lee states that there might be a need for another lobbyist and an attorney to protect against the practice of dry needling/acupuncture, cupping, and herbal medicine by other boards, to expand the scope of acupuncture, to present acupuncture to medicare, and to increase rates with insurance companies. Dr. Ferris states that cupping is from many cultures and is not exclusive to our Board. Dr. Zhang states that she would like an updated list regarding the OMD scope from the AG. Ms. Braster states that for unlicensed practitioners, the state could prosecute and a private attorney could get an injunction, but it would be expensive.

14. Review, discussion and possible action regarding revising NRS634A (For Possible Action).

There was discussion by the Board regarding Dr. Ferris' proposed changes in the supplemental materials attached. Dr. Nation tables this Agenda item for the next meeting.

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

Dr. Ferris states that everything looks fine.

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

Dr. Nation states that the next meeting will be on 12/3/2024 at 6 p.m.

Motion: Dr. Nation moves to approve

Second: Dr. Zhang

The motion is approved unanimously.

17. Public Comment.

None

18. Adjournment.

Dr. Nation adjourns the meeting.

Minutes will be approved at a subsequent meeting.