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*****PUBLIC NOTICE***
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
February 12, 2025 @ 6:30 PM
Via Zoom and teleconference**

*****MINUTES*****

Board Staff:

Merle Lok, Executive Director
Henna Rasul, Senior Deputy AG

Public:

Rachael Bell, OMD
Chelsea Capurro
Fiona Kelley, OMD
Rhonda Stelck

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, and Dr. Sanghyun Lee.

2. Public Comment.

None.

3. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the minutes for the 1/7/2025 board meeting (For Possible Action).

Motion: Dr. Nation moves to approve

Second: Dr. Ferris

The motion is approved unanimously.

4. Discussion with lobbyist Chelsea Capurro regarding 2025 legislative session (For Discussion only).

Ms. Capurro states that the legislature is in the second week. There are a lot of legislators who believe that SB78 is bigger than it should be. She is still trying to find a sponsor for the Board's bill.

5. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding SB 78 (For Possible Action).

Ms. Capurro states that there is no hearing yet for SB78. ED states that under SB78, the Board now has 2 board seats along with the other Boards. Ms. Capurro states that for an action plan, she needs talking points from the Board for the legislators and the licensees should contact their legislators. SDAG Rasul states that the Board members can discuss this matter in their own individual capacity unless there is Board approval on talking points. This item is tabled.

6. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the semi-autonomous board plan regarding SB 78 (For Possible Action).

ED states that another Board has proposed an alternative plan to SB78. The alternative plan consolidates certain administrative functions like financial, legal, and investigation services while the Boards concentrate on the core issues. Dr. Ferris states that this sounds like a compromise position. Dr. Nation states that she is considering the benefits of the alternative plan versus the Board remaining fully independent and opposing SB78 in full. This item is tabled.

7. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the designation of a Board Member as the point of contact to work with the lobbyist on time-sensitive matters (For Possible Action).

Dr. Ferris states that he will be the Board's point of contact with the lobbyist.

Motion: Dr. Zhang moves to approve

Second: Dr. Lee

The motion is approved unanimously.

8. Discussion regarding Electronic Health Records compliance (For Discussion Only).
ED states that AB7 requires all doctors, including OMDs to have EHR and the deadline for the EHR system is 2030 if the practice is less than 20 licensees. Dr. Rachael Bell states that she has questions about compliance about how a patient sends documents to others in the EHR and the reference about interoperability with a federal agency. ED states that she will have the lobbyist contact the sponsor of AB7 regarding these questions. This matter is tabled.

9. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding whether Nikki People’s coursework in Chinese Herbal Medicine taught by Jeffrey Yuen satisfies the herbology requirement in NRS634A.080 (For Possible Action).

Dr. Ferris states that Dr. Yuen is a well-known doctor. Dr. Nation states that the herbology coursework satisfies the licensing requirement.

Motion: Dr. Nation moves to approve

Second: Dr. Ferris

The motion is approved unanimously.

10. Review, discussion, and possible action for the state licensure exam being held on 3/29/25 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. Zhang moves to approve

Second: Dr. Ferris

The motion is approved unanimously.

11. Review, discussion, and possible action of allowing the following applicants to take the 3/29/2025 state licensing exam:

A. Yong Chen;

B. Jens Maasen;

C. Canan Sanatker; and

D. Rhonda Stelck

(For Possible Action).

ED states that these applicants have completed their application files.

Motion: Dr. Ferris moves to approve

Second: Dr. Zhang

The motion is approved unanimously.

12. Review, discussion, and possible action of allowing Judy Han to take the state licensing exam subject to receiving her fingerprint results prior to the 3/29/2025 state licensing exam (For Possible Action).

ED states that she is still waiting for Ms. Han’s fingerprint results to complete Ms. Han’s

application file.

Motion: Dr. Nation moves to approve, subject to receiving Ms. Han's fingerprint results prior to the state licensing exam date

Second: Dr. Zhang

The motion is approved unanimously.

13. Review, discussion, and possible action of allowing Heather McKay to take the state licensing exam subject to receiving her NCCAOM Oriental Medicine Certification results from NCCAOM prior to the 3/29/2025 state licensing exam (For Possible Action).

ED states that Ms. McKay's NCCAOM Oriental Medicine Certification was received today and her application file is complete.

Motion: Dr. Nation moves to approve Ms. McKay for the state licensing exam

Second: Dr. Zhang

The motion is approved unanimously.

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

Dr. Ferris states that the account looks fine.

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

Dr. Nation states that the next meeting will be on 3/06/2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion: Dr. Nation moves to approve

Second: Dr. Zhang

The motion is approved unanimously.

16. Public Comment.

Dr. Kelley states that she missed the discussion regarding SB78, asks how SB78 makes financial sense, and requests a recap. Dr. Ferris and Dr. Nation recap the discussion about SB78.

17. Adjournment

Dr. Nation adjourns the meeting.

The minutes will be approved at a subsequent meeting.