



DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Board of Acupuncture

February 6, 2015

9:00 a.m.

Telephone Conference Call Meeting

Call in Number: 888-670-3525

Participant Pass Code: 661-043-3568

CALL TO ORDER

Melody Clancy, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. Those present for all or part of the meeting included the following:

Members Present:

Melody Clancy, AP, D.O.M., Chair
Min Tian, AP, D.O.M., Ph.D., Vice-Chair
Herman Vega, AMD, Ph.D., AP, LMHC
Katherine Teisinger, AP
Barbara Thurman, AP
Greg Gunter, Consumer Member
Barbara Rezmer, Consumer Member

Members Absent:

None.

Staff Present:

Don Olmstead, JD, Acting Executive Director
Diane Guillemette, Esq., Board Counsel
Jacqueline Clahar-Anderson, Regulatory Specialist II
Jessica Hollingsworth, Regulatory Specialist II

Court Reporter:

American Court Reporting
407-896-1813

Please note that the minutes reflect the actual order that agenda items were discussed during the meeting and may deviate from the agenda outline.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tab 1 - Minutes from the December 12, 2014 General Business Meeting

Action Taken: After discussion, Mr. Gunter moved to table the minutes for corrections by board staff before approval at the next meeting. Dr. Tian seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

REPORTS

A. Chair Report – Melody Clancy, Chair

No report.

B. Board Counsel Report – Diane Guillemette, Esq.

Ms. Guillemette requested to discuss the analysis of licensure requirements with the Board before the Petition for Variance or Waiver under “Administrative Proceedings”.

C. Executive Director Report – Christy Robinson, Executive Director

Mr. Olmstead was acting executive director for this meeting. Due to Ms. Robinson’s absence, there was no report.

D. Board Liaison Reports:

Application – Exam & Endorsement – Katherine Teisinger & Min Tian

No report.

Budget – Greg Gunter

No report.

Community Relations – Barbara Rezmer

No report.

Consumer Protection – Barbara Rezmer

No report.

Continuing Education – Barbara Thurman, Melody Clancy, Min Tian

No report.

Laws and Rules – Melody Clancy & Min Tian

No report.

Unlicensed Activity – Melody Clancy

No report.

Healthy Weight Liaison – Melody Clancy & Katherine Teisinger

No report.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

Tab 10 – Analysis of Licensure Requirements – Diane Guillemette, Esq.

Ms. Guillemette asked for clarification from the Board on the statutory requirement (457.105, Florida Statutes) regarding the difference in master-level requirements for Acupuncture and for Oriental Medicine, specifically the requirement for Herbology.

Petition for Variance and Waiver

Tab 3 & 4 – Soo Ann Burbella

Ms. Burbella was not present nor represented by counsel.

Action Taken: After much discussion, Ms. Clancy moved to approve the petition as well as the application for licensure. Ms. Thurman seconded the motion, which passed with Dr. Tian and Dr.

Vega opposed.

Further Action: After the motion of Ms. Burbella's requirement fulfillments, Ms. Clancy requested for Ms. Guillemette to work on possible rule changes for the Board to discuss at the next meeting.

Review of Continuing Education Courses

Tab 5 – Consultants for the Future – Course 20-430913

Action Taken: After discussion, Ms. Thurman moved to approve the course. Ms. Teisinger seconded the motion, which passed with Ms. Clancy, Mr. Gunter, and Dr. Vega opposed.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Tab 6 – Ratification of Licenses Issued

Action Taken: Mr. Gunter moved to approve the list as presented. Ms. Resmer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Tab 7 – Ratification of Continuing Education Courses

Action Taken: Ms. Clancy moved to approve the list as presented. Ms. Resmer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Tab 8 – Electronic Medical Record – Katherine Teisinger

Action Taken: Ms. Clancy moved to table this topic until the next face-to-face meeting. Mr. Gunter seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Tab 9 – Proposed Letter to be Presented to the Board of Pharmacy – James Saylor

Ms. Guillemette advised that it is not appropriate for the Board of Acupuncture to sign off on this letter, and that it should only be considered by the Board as an informational item. Mr. Gunter thanked Mr. Saylor for his efforts and stated that only a statute change would be able to solve the problem.

NEW BUSINESS

None. Analysis of Licensure Requirements was moved to "Administrative Proceedings".

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.