

BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE
Professional & Vocational Licensing Division
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
State of Hawaii

MINUTES OF MEETING¹

The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lt. Governor, as required by §92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”).

Date: October 7, 2021

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar

Members Present: Joni Kroll, D.Ac., Chairperson
Deborah McMenemy, L.Ac., D.A.O.M, Vice-Chair
Brooke Foreman, L.Ac., D.A.C.M., Member

Excused: None

Staff Present: Risé Doi, Executive Officer (“EO”)
Kelly Suzuka, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)
Erin Emerson, Secretary

Guests: None

A short video was played to explain procedures for the virtual meeting and how members of the public can participate and interact with the Board during the meeting.

1. Call to Order: There being a quorum established, Chair Kroll called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Chair Kroll stated that she would like to acknowledge a colleague, Dr. Babs Clough, R.N., L.Ac., whom she advised was in the end stages of her life. Chair Kroll met Dr. Clough in school and they went on to complete their doctoral programs together. Dr. Clough was a licensed acupuncturist in South Dakota, Nevada, and Hawaii; the latter licensure lasting over thirty-one (31) years. Over that time, she treated more than 10,000 patients, and continued to excel as a lifetime learner.

Chair Kroll shared that Dr. Clough was also a veteran, after serving seven (7) years in the army as a nurse.

¹ Comments from the public were solicited on each agenda item. If no public comments were given, the solicitation for and lack of public comment are not explicitly stated in these minutes.

Chair Kroll acknowledged that Dr. Clough made a huge impact in the acupuncture community and extended her gratitude and sincere appreciation for all of her contributions.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Chair Kroll opened the floor to discussion of the open session minutes and executive session minutes of the August 5, 2021 meeting.

As there were no comments, it was moved by Chair Kroll, seconded by Vice-Chair McMenemy and unanimously carried to approve the open session minutes and executive session minutes of August 5, 2021, as circulated.

3. Executive Officer's Report:

a. Rule revisions update

EO Doi advised there was no update on the Hawaii Administrative Rule ("HAR") revisions. The revision draft is currently with the Administrative Services Office ("ASO"). She advised that she would check in with ASO in the next month to see if they can provide an update.

b. DOH letter update regarding consideration of allowing acupuncturists to order and interpret laboratory tests

EO Doi provided background information from the previous meeting's update. She advised that since the last meeting, the Department of Health ("DOH") requested clarification on where to find wording in HAR 72 and HRS 436E on acupuncturist ordering and using clinical lab tests. EO Doi responded to DOH by reiterating the Board's original request to have acupuncturists included under the definition of "authorized person" in HAR §11-110.1-2 as "others deemed qualified by the department to order, receive and interpret laboratory test results within the scope of their practice." EO Doi explained that she received an automated reply that the individual that she was corresponding with was out-of-office, but she would inform the Board when she received a response.

c. Looking for two (2) public board members

EO Doi mentioned that she was still looking for public members to serve on the Board. Anyone interested in serving on the Board is urged to apply on Governor Ige's website.

***Administrative note: link to Governor Ige's website for information on Boards and Commissions, <https://governor.hawaii.gov/boards-and-commissions/>*

4. Applications a. Ratifications

It was moved by Chair Kroll, seconded by Vice-Chair McMenemy, and unanimously carried to ratify the following list of licenses that have been issued:

Acupuncturists

ACU-1352 AUDREY ELIZABETH ROWAN
ACU-1353 DEBRAH SANTI
ACU-1354 KATHLEEN ELIZABETH GREGORY

Interns

R-21817001 BRANDI NIKOLE KOALSKA
R-21903001 JEFFREY DANIELS MUNN
R-21921002 MORGYN VAN ANTWERP

b. Joon Hee Lee

After discussion between DAG Suzuka and Chair Kroll, it was decided that the Board would move to the next agenda item prior to entering executive session to allow for the Board to discuss both items.

5. New Business: a. Regulated Industries Complaints Office (“RICO”) Acupuncture Advisory Committee List

At 1:13 p.m., it was moved by Chair Kroll, seconded by Vice-Chair McMenemy, and unanimously carried for the Board to enter executive session in pursuant to HRS, §92-5(a)(1) and (4), “To consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional or vocational licenses cited in 26-9 or both;” and “To consult with the board’s attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the board’s powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities”. Board members and staff entered into Microsoft Teams.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1:20 p.m., it was moved by Chair Kroll, seconded by Vice-Chair McMenemy, and unanimously carried to move out of executive session. Board members and staff returned to the Zoom Webinar meeting.

4. Applications a. Joon Hee Lee

It was moved by Chair Kroll, seconded by Vice-Chair McMenemy, and unanimously carried to approve Joon Hee Lee's Application for License – Acupuncturist.

5. New Business: a. Regulated Industries Complaints Office ("RICO") Acupuncture Advisory Committee List

It was moved by Chair Kroll, seconded by Vice-Chair McMenemy, and unanimously carried to approve the RICO Advisory Committee list.

b. Hawaii Acupuncture Association – Proposed Changes to Hawaii Revised Statutes 436B

Chair Kroll said that the Hawaii Acupuncture Association ("HAA") had reached out to her to advise that they are unable to provide their presentation today. This item will be placed on the agenda for the Board's next meeting.

6. Next Meeting: Thursday, December 2, 2021
1:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting – Zoom Webinar

7. Adjournment: Chair Kroll adjourned the meeting at 1:23 p.m.

Reviewed and Approved by:

Taken and recorded by:

/s/Risé Doi
Ris  Doi,
Executive Officer

/s/Erin Emerson
Erin Emerson,
Secretary

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- Minutes approved as is.
 Minutes approved with changes.