

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

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: Thursday June 8, 2017

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: Princess Likelike Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building, 3rd Floor
335 Merchant Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Members Present: Jayne Tsuchiyama, D.A.O.M, D.Ac., Chairperson
Joni Kroll, Member, D.Ac., Vice-Chairperson
James Corcoran, Ph.D., Member
Mike Hashimoto, D.Ac., Member

Staff Present: Carol Kramer, Executive Officer
Ronni-Ann Bumgarner, Secretary
Mana Moriarty, Esq., Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)

Excused: Ellen Roos-Marr, Member

Guest: Jae Ho Park – Applicant for acupuncture exam and license

Call to Order: There being a quorum established, Dr. Tsuchiyama called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes: It was moved by Dr. Hashimoto, seconded by Dr. Tsuchiyama, and unanimously carried to approve the Board meeting minutes of April 6, 2017 with changes.

Executive Officer Kramer asked that the following change be made under Chair’s Report, a. National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (“NCCAOM”) test requirements:

In the last sentence, remove “And require” and replace with National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine also requires that”.

2017 Legislative Session: a. H.B. No. 235, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1 – Relating to Health, Increases the authorized benefit for acupuncture treatments provided through motor vehicle insurance.

Executive Officer Kramer asked Dr. Kroll to update the Board on H.B. No. 235.

Dr. Kroll reported that H.B. No. 235 passed through legislature and is with the Governor for signature. H.B. No. 235 would tie in the reimbursement fees for personal injury protection through motor vehicle insurance to the workers compensation fee schedule. Public hearings will be scheduled by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. Fee reimbursement for acupuncturists should increase from \$73.88 to \$150.00 per hour. H.B. No. 235 will also affect the Current Procedural Codes used for billing. Currently the codes are listed under surgical incisions and will now be listed under acupuncture codes, which the American Medical Association ("AMA") designed in 2006.

Applications:

a. Ratifications

It was moved by Dr. Corcoran, seconded by Dr. Hashimoto, and unanimously carried to ratify the following list of licensee and intern permits that have been issued:

Acupuncturists

ACU 1203 DOWNEY, ALISON K
ACU 1202 SHEA, BRIDGETTE J

Interns

401 HOPKINS, FOUZIA M
400 KOPELOV, HARMONY
402 ORTIZ, WILLIAM B
398 SCHOONMAKER, KEVIN M
399 WILSON, JON R

b. Application for Exam and License

Executive Session:

At 1:15 p.m., it was moved by Dr. Tsuchiyama, seconded by Dr. Kroll, and unanimously carried to move into executive session pursuant to HRS § 92-5 to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for licensure, and to consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities, as provided in Chapter 92-5(a)(1) and (4), HRS.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:23 p.m., it was moved by Dr. Kroll, seconded by Dr. Tsuchiyama, and unanimously carried to move out of executive session.

Acupuncturists

Chin, Jonah H

After some discussion, it was moved by Dr. Kroll, seconded by Dr. Tsuchiyama, and unanimously carried that pursuant to § 436E 5(d), HRS, that the Board deny the above application for exam and license based upon the report from World Education Services

(“WES”) indicating the school attended was non-accredited by an agency equivalent to regional accreditation in the United States.

Kim, Jung H

After some discussion, it was moved by Dr. Kroll, seconded by Dr. Tsuchiyama, and unanimously carried that pursuant to § 436E 5(d), HRS, that the Board deny the above application for exam and license based upon the report from WES indicating the school attended was non-accredited by an agency equivalent to regional accreditation in the United States.

Meisel, Laura C. C.

After some discussion, it was moved by Dr. Kroll, seconded by Dr. Hashimoto, and unanimously carried that pursuant to § 436E-5(d), HRS, that the Board deny the above application for exam and license because she didn't meet the academic hours' requirements.

Park, Jae H

Mr. Park was present at the meeting and was advised by Dr. Tsuchiyama that he didn't meet the education requirements. Dr. Tsuchiyama suggested that he contact one of the local acupuncture schools to see what, if any, credits can be transferred so that he can complete the education requirements.

After some discussion, it was moved by Dr. Kroll, seconded by Dr. Hashimoto, and unanimously carried pursuant to § 436E-5(d), HRS, that the Board deny the above application for exam and license as the report from the American Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (“AACRAO”) states that the college credits Mr. Park earned at Heilongjiang University of Chinese Medicine are comparable to two to three years of undergraduate course work from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university.

Intern

Hung, Nguyen H

After some discussion, it was moved by Dr. Kroll, seconded by Dr. Tsuchiyama, and unanimously carried to approve the above application for an extension of an Intern Permit for one year effective April 20, 2017.

Old Business:

- a. Proposed Rule Revisions, HAR Title 16, Chap. 72 Subchapters 1-11

Edits for Subchapter 2 – Definitions

“Accreditation Commission on Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine” or “ACAOM” {means} is an independent accrediting body that is recognized by the United States Department of Education (“USDOE”) as the entity,

in the United States, that is responsible for accrediting education programs for the preparation of acupuncture and Oriental medicine practitioners and professional post-graduate doctoral programs in acupuncture and in Oriental medicine.

“Acupuncture school” means a college, institute or school that {was} is accredited or recognized as a candidate for accreditation to ACAOM for first professional acupuncture/Oriental medicine and post-professional programs.

“Direct supervision” means that the licensee is physically present during {the} an intern’s treatment of a patient {and is treated by the acupuncture intern}. The licensee shall supervise and provide guidance to an intern in the diagnosis and treatment strategy of the patient.”

(Bracketed material is to be deleted and underlined material is to be added)

The Board discussed changing the dates of the August and October meetings based on the members’ availability.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, August 17, 2017
1:00 p.m.
Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building, 3rd Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Adjournment:

Dr. Tsuchiyama adjourned the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Ronni-Ann Bumgarner

Ronni-Ann Bumgarner, Secretary

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/ Carol Kramer

Carol Kramer, Executive Officer

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- [] Minutes approved as is.
[X] Minutes approved with changes. See Minutes of August 17, 2017.