

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

MINUTES OF MEETING<sup>1</sup>

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: August 5, 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  
Alan Taniguchi, EO (Tech Support)  
Christine Dela Cruz, Secretary (Tech Support)  
Phyllis O’Donoghue, Secretary

Guests: Becky Jacobs, DAc. HAA  
Joon Hee Lee

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 1:04 p.m.
  
2. Approval of Minutes: Chair Kroll opened the floor to discussion of the open session minutes and executive session minutes of the June 3, 2021 meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

As there were no comments, it was moved by Dr. Foreman, seconded by Vice-Chair McMenemy and unanimously carried to approve the open session minutes and executive session minutes of June 3, 2021, as circulated.

3. Executive Officer's Report:

a. Update on Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) Chapter 16-72 amendments

EO Doi advised that the HAR amendments had been forwarded to the Administrative Services Office ("ASO"), for the next step in the rule revision process. She advised that ASO is backlogged with rule revisions from multiple boards, but she is hopeful that they will have their review completed soon.

Chair Kroll asked if EO Doi could provide an update on the letter the Board authorized her to send to the Department of Health ("DOH") regarding laboratory tests.

EO Doi advised that the letter was sent to the DOH, at which time the DOH requested clarification on what constitutes an "approved school". EO Doi reached out to Chair Kroll, who provided information for the DOH to review.

Chair Kroll explained that she provided information from the ACAOM website, including their minimum training requirements for an entry-level master's degree. The Board is now awaiting the DOH to review the information.

Chair Kroll asked if there was anything else to report.

EO Doi mentioned that she was looking for public members to serve on the Board. She noted that the public members should not have a connection to the acupuncture industry/profession. Anyone interested 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

Chair Kroll asked if there was any public comment regarding the application ratifications.

Joon Hee Lee addressed the Board to inquire about his application. He provided personal information regarding his application and requested the opportunity to discuss.

EO Doi explained to Mr. Lee that all applications go through the Licensing Branch and that she is not familiar with his application. She asked Mr. Lee to email the Board for her to look into the status of his application.

Mr. Lee provided additional information regarding his application.

EO Taniguchi advised Mr. Lee that because his application was not on the agenda, it was inappropriate for the Board to discuss. He urged Mr. Lee to contact EO Doi directly via the Board's email.

EO Doi provided Mr. Lee with the Board's email address, [acupuncture@dcca.hawaii.gov](mailto:acupuncture@dcca.hawaii.gov)

Chair Kroll concurred that Mr. Lee should reach out to EO Doi at the Board's email to try to resolve the issue. If needed, his application may be placed on the agenda for a future meeting.

As there were no further comments, it was moved by Vice-Chair McMenemy, seconded by Dr. Foreman, and unanimously carried to ratify the following list of licensees that have been issued:

Acupuncturists

ACU-1340	DEBORAH J BARRY
ACU-1341	GABRIELLE T KATER
ACU-1343	VICTORIA LIVIYA HEMPHILL
ACU-1344	ALEX KIM
ACU-1345	DAVID JESSE LANGFELDER
ACU-1346	HAYLEY ROSE CLARK
ACU-1347	YANHUI SHEN
ACU-1348	SHANNYN Y MATSUMOTO
ACU-1349	MACK AARON ROGERS
ACU-1350	ROBERT COZZIE

Interns

R-21528002	RENEE K FREDLUND
R-21711001	ANNA CANTOR
R-21711002	JENNIFER A LOUIE
R-21713001	REBECCA AZAR
R-21714001	COURTNEY E WEXLER
R-21714002	DIANA HO
R-21714003	ELISABETH ANNE MEIER

R-21714004 KATHLEEN ELIZABETH GREGORY  
R-21714005 RAYA A LLOPIS  
R-21714006 BETTY COALE BRUCE  
R-21714007 MICHELLE RUSSO  
R-21714008 NOAH KA'AE GILTNER  
R-21714009 JACQUELINE ROSE SAPIENZA

5. Next Meeting: Thursday, October 7, 2021  
1:00 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting – Zoom Webinar

6. Adjournment: Chair Kroll adjourned the meeting at 1:16 p.m.

Reviewed and Approved by:

/s/Risé Doi

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Risé Doi,  
Executive Officer

Taken and recorded by:

/s/Erin Emerson

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Erin Emerson,  
Secretary

RD:ee

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Minutes approved as is.  
 Minutes approved with changes.