

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: June 2, 2022

Time: 1:06 p.m.

In-Person Meeting Location: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
HRH King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, First Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Members Present: Deborah McMenemy, L.Ac., D.A.O.M, Vice-Chair
Marta Rebella, Public Member
Robert LaReaux, Public Member

Excused: Joni Kroll, D.Ac, Chair Person
Brooke Foreman, L.Ac., D.A.C.M., Member

Staff Present: Lee Ann Teshima, Executive Officer (“EO”)
John Cole, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)
Kawehi Mau, Secretary

Guests: Wai Low, President/Owner, The Institute of
Clinical Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ICAOM)

1. Call to Order: A quorum was established, and Vice Chair McMenemy called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. Chair Kroll introduced new Board member Marta Rebella and Robert LaReaux.

2. Chair's Report: a. Approval of Minutes.

Vice Chair McMenemy opened the floor to discuss the minutes of the April 7, 2022, meeting.

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.

It was moved by Vice Chair McMenemy, seconded by Ms. Rebella, voted on and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of April 7, 2022, as circulated.

b. Proposed draft 18 – Amendments to HAR Title 16-, Chapter 72

Vice Chair McMenemy stated there is inconsistency in using the terms “acupuncture practitioner” and “acupuncturist”, that in some places, it appears to be used interchangeably and asks that perhaps the term “acupuncturist” should also be defined or included with the definition of “acupuncture practitioner”.

EO Teshima stated that she would have to review the draft to ensure that the terms can be used interchangeably.

The DAG agreed.

After further discussion, it was moved by Vice Chair McMenemy, seconded by Ms. Rebella, voted on and unanimously carried to add “acupuncturist” to the definition of acupuncture practitioner and to approve the draft for the rule making process once the revisions have been made.

3. Executive Officer's Report:

- a. Update on SB2276 SD2 HD2 - Makes comprehensive updates to chapter 436E, Hawaii Revised regarding acupuncture practitioners to reflect modernized scopes of practice, titles, and licensing and renewal requirements. Beginning with the renewal for the licensing biennium commencing 7/1/2025, requires licensees to obtain thirty hours of continuing education per licensing biennium. Allows the board of acupuncture to issue licenses by reciprocity. Effective 7/1/2060. (HD2)

EO Teshima stated the bill was not scheduled for a conference hearing so the subcommittee is no longer needed at this time.

Vice Chair McMenemy stated that she would check with the association to see if they would be resubmitting the bill for the 2023 Legislative session.

4. Applications: a. Ratifications

It was moved by Vice Chair McMenemy, seconded by Ms. Rebella, voted on and unanimously carried to ratify the following list of licenses that have been issued:

Acupuncturists

ACU 1376	ASHER LORING
ACU 1377	MELISSA PULICICCHIO
ACU 1378	JASON NAOKI TSUJIMURA
ACU 1379	JILL ALISON STEVENS

Executive Session: At 12:23 p.m., it was moved by Vice Cahir McMenemy, seconded by Mr. LaReaux and unanimously carried for the Board to enter executive session in pursuant to HRS, §92-5(a)(1), "To consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional or vocational licenses cited in 26-9 or both;".

Executive Session: At 12:28 p.m., it was moved by Vice Chair McMenemy, seconded by Mr. LaReaux, and unanimously carried to move out of executive session.

b. Applications

It was moved by Vice Chair McMenemy, seconded by Mr. LaReaux, voted on and unanimously carried to approve the following application

Acupuncturist Intern

David R. Moore

5. Next Meeting: Thursday, August 4, 2022
1:00 p.m.
Examination Conference Room

6. Adjournment: Vice Chair McMenemy adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Reviewed and Approved by:

Taken and recorded by:

/s/Lee Ann Teshima

Lee Ann Teshima
Executive Officer

/s/Kawehi Mau

Kawehi Mau
Secretary

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☐ Minutes approved as is.

☒ Minutes approved with changes.