

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: April 6, 2023

Time: 2:00 p.m.

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

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
Marta Rebella, Public Member

Excused: None.

Staff Present: Risé Doi, Executive Officer (“EO”)
Christopher Leong, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)
Kawehi Mau, Secretary

Guests: Dawnie Ichimura - RICO investigator
Michelle Kuroda - Applicant
Kat Brooke - Applicant
JT
Bryan Mick
Dr. Wai Low
John Hill
... (unknown)
John Hassler
Lily

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.

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1. Call to Order: A quorum was established, and Chair Kroll called the meeting to order at 2:16 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes: Chair Kroll opened the floor to discuss the minutes of the February 2, 2023, meeting.

Chair Kroll asked the following amendment be made to page 6, under New Business. First paragraph, last sentence shall read, "Under the current rules, the Board cannot deny the application, but to better clarify the intent of the permit, making the applicant think about their intentions of practicing acupuncture."

It was moved by Ms. Rebella, seconded by Vice Chair McMenemy, voted on and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of February 2, 2023, with amendments.

Recess: The Board went into recess at 2:25 p.m.

The Board moved out of recess at 4:42 p.m.

3. Chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") In the Matter of the Acupuncture's License of Mike Masayuki Hashimoto (ACU-2016-1-L), 1) Affidavit of Dawnie Ichimura; Exhibits "1"- "3"; Certificate of Service

Adjudicatory Matters It was moved by Ms. Rebella, seconded by Vice-Chair McMenemy, voted on and unanimously carried to approve RICO's request to revoke Mike Masayuki Hashimoto's license for failure to comply with the terms of his settlement agreement.

4. Applications: a. Ratifications

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

Acupuncturists

ACU-1399	BRIDGET SCHULER
ACU-1400	MARK JEFFREY RUES
ACU-1401	NATAN BAR-SHIMON
ACU-1402	YESHUAH H KAUHANE
ACU-1403	AKIYO KINST-HORI
ACU-1404	COURTNEY E HELMS
ACU-1405	CASSANDRA A LIDIN
ACU-1406	SARAH CLARK

ACU-1407 KAZUKO A DEVIRGILIO
ACU-1408 JENNICA B BARRERAS

Interns

None

b. Applications

Michelle Kuroda was introduced to the Board. Ms. Kuroda stated she has been an acupuncturist for the past 20 years. She currently holds licensure in the state of California and has taken the California state exam. She is NCCAOM certified but did not take the NCCAOM exam. Ms. Kuroda asked the Board to consider her examination waiver.

Chair Kroll stated that the current rules and statues that govern the license do not accept the California exam or California Route 8. Applicants must pass the NCCAOM exam. Executive Officer Doi stated she reached out to NCCAOM and NCCAOM stated that the California exam is not equivalent to the NCCAOM exam. Dr. Kroll explained that the NCCAOM exam has different modules that the applicant needs to pass, while the California exam has questions on various areas. The Board advised Ms. Kuroda to complete the required NCCAOM modules for Diplomate of Acupuncture: Foundations of Oriental Medicine, Acupuncture with Point Location, and Biomedicine.

Kat Brooks asked about the Use of Doctor Title application. Dr. Kroll clarified that one must be licensed before completing the Use of Doctor Title application.

It was moved by Vice Chair McMenemy, seconded by Ms. Rebella, voted on and unanimously carried to defer the following application requesting NCCAOM test scores:

Acupuncturist

Michelle Kuroda

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5. Executive 2023; Officer's Report: a. Board vacancies: One (1) acupuncturist beginning July 1, one (1) public member
- EO Doi mentioned Chair Kroll's last day serving the Board is June 30, 2023. There will be two open vacancies for one public member and one acupuncturist on the Board of Acupuncture. EO Doi reminded interested applicants that if they applied with the previous governor's administration, they will need to reapply with the new administration.
6. New Business: None
7. Unfinished Business: Vice-Chair McMenemy asked for an update on the rules.
- EO Doi stated the rules are with the Deputy Attorney General's office.
8. Next Meeting: Thursday, June 8, 2023
1:00 p.m.
Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
9. Adjournment: Chair Kroll adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Reviewed and Approved by:

Taken and recorded by:

/s/Risé Doi

/s/Kawehi Mau

Risé Doi
Executive Officer

Kawehi Mau
Secretary

RD:km

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- [] Minutes approved as is.
[X] Minutes approved with changes.