

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: June 15, 2023

Time: 1:00 p.m.

In-Person Meeting Location: King Kalakaua 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: Dr. Wai Low, D.Ac., ICAOM

1. Call to Order: A quorum was established, and Chair Kroll called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes: Chair Kroll opened the floor to discuss the minutes of the April 6, 2023, meeting.

Executive Officer Doi noted the change on page 2 under approval of minutes should read, “[~~February 2, 2023~~] April 6, 2023”

Page 4, under applications, paragraph 3 should read “Kat Brooks asked about the Use of Doctor [~~Title~~] Title application.”

It was moved by Vice Chair McMenemy, seconded by Dr. Foreman, voted on and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of April 6, 2023, with amendments.

3. Executive Officer Report: a. Delegation to Executive Officer to sign Board final orders

EO Doi asked the Board if they would like to delegate her to sign Board final orders.

The Board agreed to take the signing of Board final order on a case-by-case basis instead of delegating the EO to sign.

b. Recognizing Joni Kroll for her service to the public

EO Doi recognized Dr. Joni Kroll and thanked her for her valuable service on the Board of Acupuncture.

4. Applications:

a. Ratifications

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

Acupuncturists

ACU-1409	CHARLÈNE LIMOGES VALERIO
ACU-1410	EMA E FERNADES
ACU-1411	CHRISTOPHER MARTINEZ

Interns

None

6. New Business:

a. Discussion on requiring applicants to complete the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine (“NCCAOM”) Foundations of Oriental Medicine, Acupuncture with Point Location, and Biomedicine exam modules for licensure and revising the acupuncture license application

The Board discussed revisions to the acupuncture license application and consulted Dr. Wai Low.

Chair Kroll asked Dr. Wai Low, “In what case will an applicant need to be approved by the Board in order to take the examination from the NCCAOM?”

Dr. Wai Low stated that an applicant might want to verify that their foreign education meets the Hawaii requirements before registering to take the NCCAOM exam.

Chair Kroll stated that NCCAOM must verify if the education meets their standards to sit for the exam. In addition to passing the NCCAOM exam, the applicant needs to meet Hawaii education and training requirements for a license.

The Board realized that the current application does not include requiring the Biomedicine module and inquired why it was not listed. Dr. Wai Low stated that when NCCAOM switched from a written comprehensive exam in 2004, the modules were separated into Foundations of Oriental Medicine and Acupuncture with Point Location, and Biomedicine was later separated into its own module.

The Board members agreed that the exam equivalency requirements on the application should include the following modules that are currently required for the NCCAOM Certification in Acupuncture: Biomedicine, Foundations of Oriental Medicine, and Acupuncture with Point Location.

It was moved by Vice Chair McMenemy, seconded by Dr. Foreman, voted on and unanimously carried to approve the amendment to the application to require the Biomedicine exam module for licensure.

The Board discussed removing outdated and confusing information from the instructions of the acupuncture license application. The EO will work on revising the application for the Board to review at the next meeting.

7. Unfinished Business: None
8. Next Meeting: Thursday, August 3, 2023
1:00 p.m.
Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
9. Adjournment: Chair Kroll adjourned the meeting at 2:24 p.m.

Reviewed and Approved by:

Taken and recorded by:

/s/Risé Doi

/s/Kawehi Mau

Risé Doi
Executive Officer

Kawehi Mau
Secretary

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- Minutes approved as is.
 Minutes approved with changes.