

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: November 7, 2025

Time: 1:00 p.m.

In-Person Meeting Location: PVL Exam Room 330
HRH King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, Third Floor
Honolulu, HI 96813

Virtual: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Meeting

Recording Link: <https://youtu.be/XxjmC3xEz5U>

The agenda for this meeting was posted on the State electronic calendar as required by HRS section 92-7(b).

Members Present: Deborah McMenemy, L.Ac., D.A.O.M., Chair
Brooke Foreman, L.Ac., D.A.C.M., Vice Chair
Sherry Mizumoto, L.Ac., D.A.O.M.
Marta Rebella, Public Member

Staff Present: Young-Im Wilson, Supervising Executive Officer (“EO”)
Jordan A.K. Ching, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)
Breyanah Panzardi, Tech Support
Cortnie Tanaka, Secretary

Guest(s): Jayne Tsuchiyama
Wai H. Low
Becky Jacobs
Kacey Smith
Ruosi Lee

Agenda: The agenda for this meeting was posted to the State electronic calendar as required by Hawaii Revised Status (“HRS”) section 92-7(b).

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:13 p.m., at which time quorum was established.

Chair McMenemy welcomed everyone to the meeting and proceeded with a roll call of the Board members. All Board members present confirmed that they were present and alone.

Chair McMenemy asked if any members from the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There were none.

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the draft minutes and identified several corrections.

For the November 20, 2024 Public Hearing meeting minutes, it was noted that on page three, fifth paragraph, the term “futa” should be corrected to “fuzi” (F-U-Z-I) in reference to herb toxicity knowledge. Additionally, on page nine, the affiliation for Dr. Alicia Zetler, listed as a recent graduate, should be updated from “ICON” to “IAOM.”

For the November 20, 2024 meeting minutes, the Board requested a correction on page four, in the paragraph at the bottom, revising the phrase “or wish to use any acupuncture title” to “wishing to use any acupuncture title.”

Regarding the February 27, 2025 open session meeting minutes and the February 27, 2025 executive session meeting minutes, the Chair reported that no corrections were needed.

It was moved by Ms. Mizumoto, seconded by Vice Chair Foreman, and unanimously carried to approve open and executive session minutes of the February 27, 2025, meeting and the open session and the November 20, 2024 public hearing minutes and the November 20, 2024 meeting minutes with amendments as previously stated.

Chair McMenemy asked if any members from the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There was none.

Applications:

The Chair asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There was none.

It was moved by Vice Chair Foreman, seconded by Ms. Rebella, and unanimously carried to enter into executive session at 1:22 p.m., to pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(a), to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional licenses cited in HRS §26-9 and, pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(4), to consult with the Board’s attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board’s powers, duties, privileges, immunities and liabilities. (Note: Board members and staff entered the Zoom Breakout Room).

It was moved by Ms. Rebella, seconded by Ms. Mizumoto, and unanimously carried to return to the open session meeting at 1:33 p.m. Board members and staff returned to the main Zoom meeting. All Board members present confirmed that they were present and alone.

A. Applications

i. ACUI

a. Mollie Elise Picton-Wiggs

It was moved by Vice Chair Foreman, seconded by Ms. Mizumoto, and unanimously carried to approve the application for Mollie Elise Picton-Wiggs.

ii. ACU

a. Jordan Lee Brown

It was moved by Vice Chair Foreman, seconded by Ms. Mizumoto, and unanimously carried to defer the application for Jordan Lee Brown pending confirmation of additional documents.

B. Ratification List

Upon a motion by Vice Chair Foreman, seconded by Ms. Mizumoto, it was voted on and unanimously carried to ratify the attached list of licenses.

New Business:

Chair McMenemy asked if any members from the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There were none

A. Approval of Regulated Industries Complaints Office Advisory Committee Member Appointees

Chair McMenemy announced the board discussed this agenda item in executive session.

It was moved by Ms. Rebella, seconded by Vice Chair Foreman, and unanimously carried to approve the Regulated Industries Complaints Office Advisory Committee Member Appointee.

C. 2026 Meeting Schedule

Chair McMenemy invited members of the public to provide oral testimony on the agenda item.

J. Tsuchiyama raised her hand and was recognized by the Chair. Ms. Tsuchiyama expressed appreciation for the Board's continued efforts and requested clarification regarding the staffing situation, noting that it had previously contributed to meeting cancellations.

EO Wilson responded that meetings will continue as scheduled. Ms. Tsuchiyama had no further comments.

Chair McMenemy then informed the Board that she will be unavailable for the October 8, 2026 meeting, and EO Wilson acknowledged the note.

With no further discussion, the Board proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

Executive Officer Report:

Chair McMenemy asked if any members from the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There was none.

EO Wilson provided an update on the status of SB 1373 SD2 HD2 and SB 1565.

Chair McMenemy asked whether EO Wilson was aware of any new legislation related to acupuncture anticipated for the upcoming Legislative Session. EO Wilson responded that there were no new bills known at this time.

Wai H. Low raised his hand and was recognized by the Chair. Mr. Low stated that the association has a bill still active in the Legislature that is expected to carry over into the next term and has not yet died.

Chair McMenemy requested additional clarification from EO Wilson regarding SB 1565. EO Wilson reported that SB 1565 is no longer active, as it did not advance out of the Senate Committee.

Chair McMenemy advised Mr. Low to follow up with his association regarding the bill status.

Next Meeting:

February 12, 2026 1:00pm
King Kalakaua Conference Room
HRH King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, First Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

Taken and Recorded by:

/s/ Young-Im Wilson
Young-Im Wilson
Executive Officer

Minutes approved as is.

Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of _____

November 7, 2025 Rat List

ACU	ACU-1457-0	Vanessa Leilani Tucker
	ACU-1458-0	RUKMINI ROSE W VALDEZ
	ACU-1459-0	Emily M Lundin
	ACU-1460-0	ELISHA SIRENA ZEITLER
	ACU-1461-0	RENATA MAE LLOYD
	ACU-1462-0	MEGHANE AYA HERNANDEZ
	ACU-1463-0	Kristine K Ichigotora
	ACU-1464-0	Corey Elizabeth Pile
	ACU-1465-0	Corrine A Sharp
	ACU-1466-0	POMAIKAIKEALOHA T NAKOA
	ACU-1467-0	Selena Waara
	ACU-1468-0	YEKATERINA D KAN
	ACU-1469-0	Celeste Xanadu Blake
	ACU-1470-0	ANTHONY M GIOVANNIELLO
	ACU-1471-0	BO M CAMPOT
ACU-1472-0	DAVID M CHAN	
ACUI	R-25522007	MICHELLE LEA RUSSO
	R-25807001	Ella Drury
	R-25807002	Lauren Kapule
	R-25807003	Rachelle Haunani Wehrsig
	R-25807004	Michelle Wilson Chan
	R-25814004	Ayaka Sato
	R-25818001	SHIRLEY CHEN
	R-25820001	Nicholas Shaw
	R-25827001	CHRISTINE TUAZON
	R-25828003	ANGEL PARK
	R-25910001	LEESA L HUDMAN
R-25925009	NICOLE L SCARBOROUGH	