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**JANUARY 21, 2015  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES  
HUDSON CONFERENCE ROOM, 6<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
NEWARK, NJ 07102  
9:00 a.m.**

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### **I OPENING STATEMENT AND ROLL CALL**

A regular meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Acupuncture was held at 124 Halsey Street, Newark on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor on Wednesday, January 21, 2015. Henry McCann, L.Ac, Vice President of the Board, announced that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was prepared in the office of the Board and mailed out to the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, the Star Ledger, the Record, the Press of Atlantic City, the Asbury Park Press, and the Trenton Times. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. A roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded and a quorum was present:

#### **PRESENT**

**Henry McCann, L.Ac  
Edith Lee, PhD., L.Ac  
Mimi Vassilev-Baker, L.Ac  
Barbara Montana, M.D.  
Roger Rossi, D.O.**

#### **EXCUSED**

**Shoshanna Katzman, L.Ac  
Karen Wei-Ru Lin, M.D.**

#### **ALSO PRESENT**

**Jodi Krugman, DAG  
Renee P. Clark, Executive Director  
Sonia Claudino Administrative Staff**

#### **MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC**

**Romel Washington,  
Member of the National Acupuncture  
Detoxification Association (NADA)**

## II MINUTES

The Board reviewed the September 17, 2014 Public Session Minutes. After review, a motion was made by Ms. Lee, seconded by Dr. Rossi to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

## III PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Mr. Rommell Washington attended the meeting on behalf of NADA, a non-for-profit training and advocacy organization that encourages community wellness through the use of a standardized auricular acupuncture protocol for behavioral health, including addictions, mental health, and disaster and emotional trauma. NADA works to improve access and effectiveness of care through promoting policies and practices which integrate acupuncture style treatment with other Western behavioral health modalities.

The Board reviewed it for informational purposes. The Board thanked Mr. Washington for the information provided.

## IV NEW BUSINESS

- a. Assembly No. 3804 which requires State agencies periodically review administrative rules and regulations to ensure continued efficacy.

The Board reviewed this for informational purposes as it will not impact the Board.

- b. Christine Siegel submitted an inquiry in regards to the incorporation of the NADA protocol.

After discussion, the Board informed Mr. Washington that in order to allow NADA's protocol, a legislative change must be made. Mr. Washington should contact the Acupuncture association. The Board thanked Mr. Washington for attending the meeting.

- c. Donna Zou submitted an inquiry in regards to the NCCAOM herbology competency examination for grandfathering of practice herbology in New Jersey.

After review a motion was made by Ms. Lee, seconded by Dr. Rossi to send Ms. Zou a letter advising her that she shouldn't practice Herbology therapy until she passes the examination and becomes certified by the Board. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

## **V HANDOUTS**

- a. The Board reviewed an article published on Philly.com submitted by Dr. Barbell from the Board of Dentistry in regards to a segment on dry needling done by a physical therapist that was to air on CBS. Acupuncturists all over the state contacted CBS to complain and the segment was pulled.

This was reviewed for informational purposes.

## **VI ADJOURNMENT**

A recommendation was made by Ms. Lee, seconded by Ms. Vassile-Baker to proceed to Executive Session to consider and review continuing education, correspondence and other information received pursuant to the Board's investigative authority in order to determine whether violations of law, including Board's regulations, have occurred. The results of these deliberations will be made known when, and if, the Board determined to initiate disciplinary or other enforcement actions. If the Board determines to initiate disciplinary or other enforcement actions. If the Board chooses to issue a Uniform Penalty Letter, the action will be taken in Public Session immediately after the Executive Session.

A motion was made by Dr. McCann, seconded by Ms. Lee to adjourn the meeting at 12:00p.m. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
NEW JERSEY ACUPUNCTURE EXAMINING BOARD

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Renee P. Clark