

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
ACUPUNCTURE EXAMINING BOARD  
124 Halsey Street, 6th floor  
Sussex Room  
Newark, New Jersey 07102  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2006  
9:30 A.M.**

**I. ROLL CALL**

Shoshanna Katzman, C.A. President Present  
Edith Lee, Ph., C.A. Excused  
Karen Wei-Ru Lin, M.D. Present  
Henry McCann, C.A. Present  
Mark Matzen, Public Member Excused  
Barbara Montana, M..D. Excused  
Nita Raval, Public Member Present  
Roger Rossi, D.O. Present  
Mimi Vassilev-Baker, C.A. Present

**II. MINUTES**

**APPROVAL OF THE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2006**

M/S Lin-Raval to approve as amended. Approved unanimously.

**III. PROPOSED REGULATIONS**

Status Report - Board members were advised that the proposed regulations were reviewed by the full Board of Medical Examiners, which approved the proposal for publication, notice and comment in The New Jersey Register.

**IV. ACUPUNCTURE EXAMINATION**

A. Implementation of new examination format. DAG Weiner reported that she had reviewed issues relating to the format of the examination with others in the Division of Law who were familiar with the Board's Statutes and Regulations. There appeared to be no bar to the Board moving toward a new examination format.

The Board discussed the format and content of the current NCCAOM exam. It was determined the implementation of the Biomedicine module began in January 2003. Therefore, candidates who presented evidence of completion of NCCAOM after that date could use the new format before the regulation is adopted. In the transition, the Board can continue to offer its full Clinical Examination twice a year, to other candidates who do not meet this standard. After the new regulations are adopted, the board will require all candidates to take the NCCAOM Biomedicine module and will no longer offer its own clinical examination.

All candidates will be required to take the Acupuncture Safety and Jurisprudence Examination, which will be offered on a more frequent basis in the board offices.

M/S McCann-Rossi to adopt the examination policy as outlined above. The motion passed with five members voting in favor, none opposed and one abstention (Ms. Baker).

B. Examination Schedule - The Board suggested that the ASJ examination should be offered no less than quarterly.

C. Procedure for handling candidates who failed old examination format. It was determined that any candidates who may have failed the clinical examination, but who meet the requirements under the new examination policy (NCCAOM after January 2003), would now be qualified for licensure. Executive Director Earle reported that this would affect two pending candidates. Any others would be required to re-take the clinical Examination, or take the NCCAOM Biomedicine module.

M/S McCann - Rossi to adopt the policy set forth above. Motion passed with five members in favor, none opposed and one abstention (Baker).

D. Review of new application format - Executive Director Earle presented a draft application format that was approved. The application will be posted as a PDF on the Board's website.

## **V. FOREIGN CREDENTIALS EVALUATIONS**

Submitted for Board review is material from the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officials (AACRAO).

The Board determined that a Basic statement of comparability will be sufficient for the Board's purposes to evaluate whether the individual holds a Baccalaureate degree or some higher degree in addition to acupuncture training.

## **VI. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

A. NCCAOM - Update on June Examinations

This was accepted as informational.

B. Inquiry of Hua Gao - reference TSE Examinations

This applicant failed the TSE examinations on two occasions. She should be advised to take the TOEFL examination, which has replaced the TSE, to meet the Board's requirements.

C. Action Translation Bureau

This was accepted as informational.

## **VII. APPEARANCE - John Manzella, C.A. - 11:30 AM**

Mr. Manzella appeared following his request to modify the conditions of his July 5, 2002 Consent Order. Dr. Edward Reading, Assistant director of the Professional Assistance Program of New Jersey, appeared with him and on his behalf. Dr. Reading submitted a position statement recommending that Mr. Manzella's restrictions imposed by the Order be removed and to issue him an unrestricted license. He reported that Mr. Manzella had been totally compliant with the program.

Mr. Manzella testified that the incident that gave rise to these issues occurred more than 10 and ½ years ago. He has been under the terms of the Consent Order for more than four years. He has developed an excellent support system and now has young children. He would agree to continue his participation in the PAP.

The appearance was concluded and the Board went into Executive Session to deliberate. The Board returned to Public Session.

M/S McCann - Lin to remove the restrictions contained in the 2002 Consent Order and require Mr.

Manzella to enter into a Private Letter Agreement to continue his participation in the PAP. Vote was unanimous.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

M/S Baker - Raval to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 PM. Passed.