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SEPTEMBER 16, 2015 PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES HUDSON CONFERENCE ROOM, 6TH 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 6th floor on Wednesday, September 16, 2015. Dr. Roger Rossi, Acting 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

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

EXCUSED

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

ALSO PRESENT

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Malcolm Youngren, M. Ed, Chief Operating officer of Pacific College of Oriental Medicine
Belinda Anderson, Ph.D., L.A.c.,
Academic Dean of Pacific College of Oriental Medicine.

II ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Acting Chair directed that this matter be tabled to the next scheduled Board meeting.

III MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Lee, seconded by Dr. Montana to approve the May 20, 2015 Public Session Minutes with amendments. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

IV 2016 MEETING DATES

Board to approve January 20, March 16, May 18, 2016, July 20, September 14 and November 16 as the 2016 meeting dates.

After review, a motion was made by Ms. Lee, seconded by Dr. Montana to approve the 2016 meeting dates. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

V NEW BUSINESS

- a. Bob Campanelli, Ethics Officer was scheduled to present the mandatory ethics training for Board members. Since half of the Board Members were not present. Chair directed to have Mr. Campanelli come to the next scheduled Board meeting.
- b. The Board reviewed Assembly No. 709 which requires pharmacies and prescribers to notify patients about how to ensure proper and safe disposal of unused prescription drugs.

After review, a motion was made by Ms. Lee, seconded by Dr. Montana to support the Bill.

- c. The Board reviewed Assembly No. 4672 which repeals law suspending certain licenses, registrations and certifications for failure to repay student loans.

After review, a motion was made by Dr. Montana, seconded by Ms. Lee to approve recommendations. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- d. The Board reviewed Assembly No. 4497 which prohibits courts and professional Boards from denying professional licenses to child support obligors under certain circumstances.

After review, a motion was made by Ms. Lee and Ms. Vassilev-Baker to take a neutral position. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

VI OLD BUSINESS

- a. Cynthia Neipris from Pacific College of Oriental Medicine submitted an inquiry for Board review in regards to recently being granted regional accreditation by Western Association of Schools and Colleges and whether it will alter the rule that has been applied in the past requiring Masters graduates from their Bachelor of Professional Studies/Masters degree program to also have a separate Bachelors degree in order to obtain an Acupuncture license in the State of New Jersey. **Dr. McCann recused himself since he currently works for Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Due to Dr. McCann's recusal there was no quorum present.** After review and in order for the Board to make a determination as to whether this new program will satisfy the Board's regulation course hour requirements. A recommendation was made to request that Ms. Neipris provide the course curriculum including required hours for completion and the course catalog. In addition, to invite Ms. Neipris to attend the next scheduled Board meeting to answer questions about the program.

Malcolm Youngren, M.Ed, Chief Operating Officer for Pacific College of Oriental Medicine and Belinda Anderson, Ph.D., L.A.c., Academic Dean appeared before the Board to answer questions. Pacific College of Oriental Medicine is requesting approval since they are accredited by ACAOM and are hoping that the Board will accept their new Master's degree program since the hours required exceed the requirements of the Board by 65 hours. Dr. Anderson advised the Board that Masters and Bachelors degrees are bundled into one. Dr. Anderson stated that in the New York campus over the last year there has been 550 students and 370 students are for oriental medicine. Other campuses have similar programs but they are only requesting approval of the New York campus since most of their graduates seek licensure in New Jersey. Other than New Jersey, California is the only State other than New Jersey that doesn't accept their program since they they have their own examination.

After discussion, the Board needs to establish if there is a Masters and Bachelors program that meets our requirements. A motion was made by Ms. Lee, seconded by Dr. Montana to request that ACAOM provide information as to their accreditation program and criteria requirements. In addition, Pacific College must provide clarification indicating whether they have any deliberation on undergraduate and graduation courses, how is a Bachelor degree designated and if the student goes back to school how they determine what courses are needed. This matter has been tabled pending the information requested.

VII FYI

Subchapter 5 Abandonment of Applications.

The board reviewed it for informational services.

VIII HANDOUTS

No handouts were provided.

IX ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Lee, seconded by Dr. Montana 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 Ms. Vassilev-Baker, seconded by Dr. Montana to adjourn the meeting at 1:35p.m. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
NEW JERSEY ACUPUNCTURE EXAMINING BOARD

Renee P. Clark
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