

1 NORTH CAROLINA ACUPUNCTURE LICENSING BOARD

2 Friday, August 24, 2018

3 BOARD MEETING

4 The August 2018 Board meeting of the North Carolina Acupuncture Licensing Board took place on
5 Friday, August 24, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. by conference call with the following Board members present:
6 Chairperson; Cissy Majebe, L.Ac.; Karen Vaughn, L.Ac.; Ji Fei Wang, L.Ac.; Shay Cline, L.Ac.; Chester
7 Phillips, L.Ac.; Toni Rittenberg, L.Ac.; Keli Beck, M.D and Nikole Mariencheck, Esq. Marc Cutler, L.Ac.
8 was absent for a family medical matter.

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10 Also present at the meeting were Board Counsel, Michael Tadych, Esq.; and Pat Pritchard, Associate
11 Director.

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13 The following member of the public was present: James Mohebli.

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15 C. Majebe called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m., and after taking roll call and establishing a quorum,
16 she read the Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Statement.

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18 Ratification of the June 1, 2018 Meeting Minutes: The minutes for the June 1, 2018 meeting were
19 presented to the Board for review. K. Vaughn moved to approve the June 1, 2018 Minutes as drafted; S.
20 Cline seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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22 Ratification of the July 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes: The minutes for the July 13, 2018 meeting were
23 presented to the Board for review. C. Majebe suggested a change in the general discussion of practicing
24 under another acupuncturist's license to clarify the student-teacher relationship with the student
25 enrolled in a course of study that has been approved by the Board. K. Vaughn moved to approve the
26 July 13, 2018 Minutes as clarified; S. Cline seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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28 General Discussion

29 The Board briefly discussed the questions raised by J. Polsky and B. Wells recently with regard to the
30 need for time outs prior to acupuncture treatment given the Joint Commission requirements for
31 patients undergoing procedures. C. Majebe stated that she had confirmed this served the purpose of
32 refocusing on procedures requiring anesthesia, which is not the case with acupuncture treatment. K.
33 Beck confirmed that it would not apply to acupuncture treatment, although there is no reason an
34 acupuncturist couldn't do a time out if their institution required it. The Board will write a letter
35 explaining this to Mr. Polsky and Mr. Wells.

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37 The Board also briefly discussed whether licensed acupuncturists are permitted to perform acupuncture
38 on animals. K. Vaughn said that she has been in contact with the Veterinary Board in the past and been
39 told that only licensed veterinarians are permitted to perform acupuncture on animals. C. Majebe asked
40 if they have a statutory citation for that, and K. Vaughn said she can contact the Board again to ask that
41 question. C. Majebe said without statutory authority, she didn't think we could answer that question.
42 M. Tadych suggested in that case the correct response would be there is nothing written that prohibits
43 it. After review of the veterinary practice statute and the NC Veterinary Medical Board's posted
44 minutes, M. Tadych noted the Veterinary Practice Act, G.S. 90-181(6) defines the "practice of veterinary
45 medicine" as "To diagnose, treat, correct, change, relieve, or prevent animal disease, deformity, defect,
46 injury, or other physical or mental conditions; including the prescription or administration of any drug,
47 medicine, biologic, apparatus, application, anesthetic, or other therapeutic or diagnostic substance or

1 technique on any animal.” M. Tadych also indicated that page 9 of the June 18, 1999 Minutes of the NC
2 Veterinary Medical Board contained the following exchange without citation to any specific statute, law
3 or regulation, “The Board reviewed the letter of Dr. Daniel Bossut concerning him providing veterinary
4 acupuncture services to other veterinarians in the state. Dr. Edwards made a motion to inform Dr.
5 Bossut that he must be a licensed veterinarian to provide these services. Dr. Padgett seconded the
6 motion. The motion passed unanimously.”

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8 Also discussed was a recent inquiry about the use of therapeutic ultrasound by acupuncturists. C.
9 Majebe, noting that it is similar to the use of a TDP lamp, said it is permitted if the acupuncturist has
10 received training in its use and K. Vaughn agreed. K. Beck clarified that it would be fine for an
11 acupuncturist to use therapeutic ultrasound as a heat force, but not for the purpose of diagnosis.

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13 It was decided that the Board needed to go into closed session briefly pursuant to N.C. Gen. State. §143-
14 318.11(a)(1) to protect confidential information. K. Vaughn moved to go into closed session for the
15 stated reason. S. Cline seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. At 9:30 a.m. the Board left the
16 open session to commence the closed session.

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18 Open Session Resumed

19 The Board returned to Open Session at 9:48 a.m. The public member had left the call.

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21 Ethics Committee

22 C. Phillips stated that the Ethics Committee had nothing to report.

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24 Operations Committee

25 C. Majebe reported that J. Norfleet has requested everyone look at the new website and report any
26 issues they observe.

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28 Standards and Licensing Committee:

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30 New License Applications

31 K. Vaughn reported that the members of the Committee reviewed and approved the applications for
32 licensure of Amber Leigh Mank, Robert Bradley, Maegan Emily Brown, Chelsea Krueger Wynter,
33 Monique Santoro, Lynne Marie Morgan, Julie Cummings, Ruben Hong and Lindsay Nichole Buffkin. K.
34 Vaughn moved to approve the license applications of all nine of the listed applicants. S. Cline seconded
35 the motion and the new license applications of Amber Leigh Mank, Robert Bradley, Maegan Emily
36 Brown, Chelsea Krueger Wynter, Monique Santoro, Lynne Marie Morgan, Julie Cummings, Ruben Hong
37 and Lindsay Nichole Buffkin were unanimously approved. In addition, K. Vaughn noted the receipt and
38 provisional approval of applications of Dia Wong and Melissa Ann Anderson, with the CNT verification
39 missing for Ms. Wong and the application and initial licensing fee of Ms. Anderson missing. K. Vaughn
40 moved that Dia Wong’s license application be approved provisionally upon receipt of her CNT
41 verification and Melissa Ann Anderson’s license application be approved provisionally upon receipt of
42 her application and licensing fees. S. Cline seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
43 Note: Dia Wong’s CNT verification was received on August 29, 2018 and Melissa Ann Anderson’s fees
44 were received on August 27, 2018, finalizing the approval of their licenses.

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46 Inactive Status

1 K. Vaughn reported that the Standards and Licensing Committee had reviewed and approved a request
2 for inactive status from Derek Williams. K. Vaughn moved that the inactive status request of Derek
3 Williams be approved. S. Cline seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.
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5 License Reinstatement Applications

6 K. Vaughn reported that the Standards and Licensing Committee had received and approved License
7 Reinstatement Applications for Cristin Gregory, Caroline La, Jeremy Linquist and Stephanie Crowley
8 (Hall). K. Vaughn moved that the licenses of Cristin Gregory, Caroline La, Jeremy Linquist and Stephanie
9 Crowley (Hall) be reinstated. S. Cline seconded the motion, and the motion for reinstatement of licenses
10 for Cristin Gregory, Caroline La, Jeremy Linquist and Stephanie Crowley (Hall) was unanimously
11 approved.
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13 License Renewals:

14 K. Vaughn reported that six licensees had resubmitted their renewal applications in an effort to
15 complete their renewal after notice that their renewal application required additional information or
16 CEUs, and that five of the six had been approved by the committee. K. Vaughn moved to approve (1) the
17 license renewal application of Garrett Krause, after noting that he submitted the additional credits he
18 needed; (2) the renewal application of Siwei Wang, noting that he had submitted the additional 5 credits
19 the Board had required upon their earlier review of his renewal application; (3) the renewal application
20 of Julie Hackman, noting that she had also submitted a missing live CEU certificate she had been
21 required to submit; (4) the renewal application of Peter Choi, noting that he had provided proof that a
22 Korean course had been approved by NCCAOM; and (5) the renewal application of Paula Kearney,
23 noting that she had submitted a new core acupuncture certificate to complete her missing 15 core
24 credits. S. Cline seconded the motion for the renewal of the licenses of Garrett Krause, Siwei Wang, Julie
25 Hackman, Peter Choi and Paula Kearney, and the motion passed unanimously. Discussion regarding the
26 remaining resubmittal from licensee Andrew Kingoff was postponed for closed session. After a brief
27 closed session discussion, K. Vaughn moved for the approval of the license renewal of Andrew Kingoff;
28 S. Cline seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
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30 K. Vaughn reported that ten licensees had submitted late renewals, some saying that they had been
31 confused by the November 1, 2018 date of expiration on the wallet card they received which included
32 the grace period prior to expiration if the renewal was timely submitted. The Board discussed whether
33 those confused by the card should be required to pay a late fee, or if there should be a waiver of the fee.
34 It was noted that the reminder letters and the previous renewal congratulations letters that the
35 licensees had received after renewing in July 2016 had notified the licensees that their renewal
36 postmark deadline was July 1, 2018, and that the licensees were on notice of the deadline. C. Majebe
37 noted that only approximately 4% of the licensees who received the wallet card with the November 1,
38 2018 expiration date had missed the July 1, 2018 renewal deadline. Following discussion, K. Vaughn
39 moved that all licensees who submitted their renewal late be charged the late fee.
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41 With respect to nine of the ten late renewals, K. Vaughn moved to approve the renewal applications of
42 Kathleen Miller, Lisa Oskardmay, Virginia Browning, Claudia Brukhalter, Janet Lee, Liz Roseman,
43 Stephanie VanOver and Ashley Layne Taylor. The motion was seconded by S. Cline and the motion
44 passed unanimously. With respect to the remaining late renewal, Elyse Beffa, who had not submitted
45 sufficient CEU credits, K. Vaughn moved to extend the renewal period through November 1, 2018. S.
46 Cline seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
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1 CEU Teaching Credits

2 K. Vaughn advised the Board that David Peters had submitted an application for 4 teaching credits for
3 teaching the course Qigong Level 1: Internal Alchemy, and for 6 teaching credits for teaching the course
4 Into to Biomedical Functional Nutrition to Enhance TCM. K. Vaughn also noted that Dahvid Weiss
5 submitted an application for 8 teaching credits each for teaching the course Acutonics Energetics of
6 Points & Meridians and (Level One) Sound Gates to Meridian Harmonics. K. Vaughn moved to grant the
7 request for teaching CEU credits to David Peters and Dahvid Weiss. S. Cline seconded the motion and
8 the motion passed unanimously.

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10 CEU Class Approval

11 With regard to courses submitted for CEU approval, K. Vaughn advised the Board that three courses had
12 been submitted to the Board for approval and had received preliminary approval by the Standards and
13 Licensure Committee:

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15 Course Title: Acutonics Energetics of Points & Meridians

16 Provider/Organization: Acutonics Institute of Integrative Medicine

17 CEUs Requested: 24

18 Lecturer: Dahvid Weiss

19 Date: October 12-24, November 30-December 2, 2018

20 Location: Divine Resonance Health Center, Asheville, NC

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22 Course Title: (Level One) Sound Gates to Meridian Harmonics

23 Provider/Organization: Acutonics Institute of Integrative Medicine

24 CEUs Requested: 24

25 Lecturer: Dahvid Weiss

26 Date: October 20-22, 2018

27 Location: Divine Resonance Health Center, Asheville, NC

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29 Course Title: Trigger Point Needling: Fundamentals

30 Provider/Organization: David Peters

31 CEUs Requested: 4

32 Lecturer: David Peters

33 November 3, 2018

34 Location: Long Life Wellness Center

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36 K. Vaughn moved to approve the above courses for the requested CEU credits; S. Cline seconded the
37 motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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39 C. Majebe noted the need to maintain the deadline for submission of applications to be determined at
40 Board Meetings as the Monday prior to the Friday meeting. K. Vaughn suggested that we adopt that
41 deadline as Board Policy and post it on the website. K. Vaughn moved to return to closed session briefly
42 pursuant to N.C. Gen. State. §143-318.11(a)(1) to protect confidential information while discussing the
43 remaining pending renewal. S. Cline seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. At 10:33
44 a.m. the Board left the open session to commence the closed session. The vote following this closed
45 session was reported above.

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1 Open Session Resumed

2 The Board returned to Open Session at 10:45 a.m. C. Majebe reminded Board members of the
3 remaining meetings for the year, to take place on September 28, October 19 and November 30. K.
4 Vaughn noted she will be out of the country for the September meeting, and S. Cline reported he will be
5 unavailable as well. C. Majebe requested they prepare J. Wang for handling the Standards & Licensing
6 Committee's portion of the September meeting.

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8 At 10:56 a.m., K. Vaughn moved to adjourn the meeting, S. Cline seconded and the motion passed
9 unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

10 Attested to by: _____