

1 NORTH CAROLINA ACUPUNCTURE LICENSING BOARD

2 Friday, March 2, 2018

3 BOARD MEETING

4 The February 2018 Board meeting of the North Carolina Acupuncture Licensing Board was rescheduled
5 and took place on Friday, March 2, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. by conference call, with the following Board
6 members present: Chairperson Cissy Majebe, L.Ac.; Karen Vaughn, L.Ac.; Shay Cline, L.Ac.; Marc Cutler,
7 L.Ac.; Ji Fei Wang, L.Ac.; Toni Rittenberg, L.Ac.; and Chester Phillips, L.Ac. Nikole Mariencheck, Esq
8 joined the meeting at 9:16 a.m. Keli Lynne Beck, M.D. was absent to attend a patient in labor.

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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 members of the public were present: Junie Norfleet.

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15 C. Majebe called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m., took roll, and established a quorum. C. Majebe read
16 the Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Statement and announced the need to go into closed
17 session pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §143-318.11(a)(3), to preserve the attorney client privilege while
18 conferring with Mr. Tadych regarding the status of the pending lawsuit involving the NCBPTE. K. Vaughn
19 moved to go into closed session for the stated reason. C. Phillips seconded the motion and it passed
20 unanimously. At 9:07 a.m., the Board left the open session to commence the closed session.

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22 Open Session Resumed

23 The Board returned to Open Session at 9:31 a.m. Present were all of the individuals originally present at
24 the Open Session.

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26 Standards and Licensing Committee:

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28 New License Applications

29 K. Vaughn reported that members of the Committee reviewed and approved the applications for
30 licensure of Peggy Regis Robinson, Nicole Marcelle Fodel, Stephanie A. Ballard and Michael A. Carrigan.
31 K. Vaughn moved to approve the license applications of all four of the listed applicants. S. Cline
32 seconded the motion and the new license applications of Peggy Regis Robinson, Nicole Marcelle Fodel,
33 Stephanie A. Ballard and Michael A. Carrigan were unanimously approved.

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35 Inactive Status Request

36 K. Vaughn reported that the Committee had received and approved one request for inactive status from
37 Sharon Crowell. K. Vaughn moved that the inactive status request of Sharon Crowell be approved. S.
38 Cline seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

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40 License Renewals

41 Karen Vaughn reported that the Committee had reviewed two applications for license renewal, the first
42 from Tanya Coon and the second from Deborah Goodwin. K. Vaughn indicated that Tanya Coon had met
43 her renewal requirements, but the renewal application of Deborah Goodwin contained 48 hours of
44 Acutonics. Board members briefly discussed whether an Acutonics course could fulfil the required core
45 acupuncture credits necessary for renewal. It was suggested that the decision on this renewal be
46 delayed until the Committee received additional information and could review the course in question.
47 S. Cline moved to delay a decision on Deborah Goodwin's renewal until more information was obtained

1 about the Acutonics course K. Vaughn seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. K.
2 Vaughn moved to approve the license renewal of Tanya Coon; S. Cline seconded the motion and the
3 license renewal of Tanya Coon was unanimously approved.

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5 CEU Submissions

6 With regard to courses submitted for CEU approval, K. Vaughn advised the Board that one course had
7 been submitted to the Board for approval and had received preliminary approval by the Standards and
8 Licensure Committee:

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10 Course Title: Ishizaka Ryu Traditional Japanese Acupuncture, used for Pain Control, Concussion,
11 and Face and Body Rejuvenation

12 Provider/Organization: NCSAAM
13 CEUs Requested: 4
14 Lecturer: Naoki Kubota
15 Date: August 25, 2018
16 Location: Long Life Wellness Center, Cary, NC

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18 K. Vaughn moved to approve the above course for the requested CEU credits; S. Cline seconded the
19 motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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21 With regard to courses submitted for teaching credit CEU approval, K. Vaughn advised the Board that
22 Naoki Kubota has requested corresponding CEU approval for teaching the above course. K. Vaughn
23 moved to award Naoki Kubota 4 CEU credits for teaching the above course and S. Cline seconded the
24 motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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26 Finally, K. Vaughn moved to deny the new license application of an individual discussed during closed
27 session, for a misrepresentation made on the application. S. Cline seconded the motion and the motion
28 passed unanimously.

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30 Ethics Committee

31 C. Phillips summarized the status of the Complaint against Mr. Fox, and noted that the letters are ready
32 to be sent to all parties. C. Phillips also requested input from the Board with regard to forms being used
33 by Mr. and Ms. McGimsey in their practice. A discussion about what should be included in an informed
34 consent form occurred, and it was determined that specific benefits and risks should be listed in the
35 form, but that the Board cannot recommend a specific form. C. Phillips moved that the Board send the
36 McGimseys a letter asking them to generate a form that has greater specificity with regard to the risks
37 and benefits of acupuncture, and suggest that they consult an attorney or other advisors with regard to
38 what an appropriate informed consent form would contain. The motion was seconded by M. Cutler and
39 it passed unanimously. Finally, C. Phillips noted that the letter that was to be written to Mr. Shin was to
40 be sent if it had not yet been.

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42 Rules Committee

43 Mr. Tadych reported on the current status of the submitted rule revisions, and the Board was advised
44 that additional technical changes had been requested by the Rules Review Commission (RRC) attorney.
45 Mr. Tadych told the Board that a meeting with the RRC attorney was scheduled for the following week,
46 with final versions of the rules to be submitted on March 9, 2018.

1 Ratification of the August and September, 2017 NCALB Meeting Minutes: The minutes for these two
2 meetings were presented to the Board for review; one typographical error in the August minutes was
3 noted, and Karen Vaughn moved to approve the August and September 2017 minutes as amended; S.
4 Cline seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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6 C. Majebe reminded everyone that all committees need to meet and begin drafting policies and
7 procedures, noting that the Rules Committee and the Standards and Licensing Committee have already
8 met and begun the process. C. Majebe confirmed that the next meeting is scheduled to take place by
9 conference call on March 30, 2018. M. Tadych updated the Board briefly on an inquiry received from
10 the State Auditor's office, and the responses that have been provided by Mr. Hawley.

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12 At 10:30 a.m., K. Vaughn moved to adjourn the meeting; S. Cline seconded the motion and the motion
13 passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m

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15 Attested to by: _____