

1 NORTH CAROLINA ACUPUNCTURE LICENSING BOARD

2 Friday, October 19, 2018

3 BOARD MEETING

4 The October 2018 Board meeting of the North Carolina Acupuncture Licensing Board took place on  
5 Friday, October 19, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. by conference call, with the following Board members present:  
6 Chairperson Cissy Majebe, L.Ac.; Chester Phillips, L.Ac.; Ji Fei Wang, L.Ac.; Karen Vaughn, L.Ac.; and Keli  
7 Beck, M.D. Toni Rittenberg L.Ac. was absent due to traveling and Shay Cline, L.Ac. was absent to attend  
8 a memorial service. Marc Cutler, L.Ac. and Nikole Mariencheck, Esq. were also absent.

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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 No members of the public were present.

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15 C. Majebe called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m., took roll, and established a quorum. C. Majebe read  
16 the Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Statement and welcomed everyone.

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18 Ratification of the September Meeting Minutes: The minutes for the September 2018 meeting were  
19 presented to the Board for review. K. Beck moved to approve the September 2018 Minutes; K. Vaughn  
20 seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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22 Standards and Licensing Committee:

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24 New License Applications

25 K. Vaughn reported that the members of the Committee reviewed and approved the applications for  
26 licensure of 2 new applicants, Melody Beus and Patricia Menefee. K. Vaughn moved to approve the  
27 license applications of both applicants. K. Beck seconded the motion and the new license applications of  
28 Melody Beus and Patricia Menefee were unanimously approved.

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30 License Reinstatement

31 K. Vaughn reported that the members of the Committee reviewed and approved one application for  
32 Reinstatement of Licensure, submitted by Mary Theus. K. Vaughn moved to approve the license  
33 reinstatement of Mary Theus. C. Phillips seconded the motion and the license reinstatement of Mary  
34 Theus was unanimously approved.

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36 License Renewal

37 K. Vaughn reported that the members of the Committee had reviewed the license renewal applications  
38 of five licensees who had resubmitted their renewal application with additional credits after receiving  
39 notice that they needed additional CEU credits. K. Vaughn noted that four of the five resubmissions had  
40 been approved by the committee: Joel Proper; Phillip Ramsey; Wendy Cheng and Richard Koerber. K.  
41 Vaughn moved to approve the license renewals of Joel Proper; Phillip Ramsey; Wendy Cheng and  
42 Richard Koerber. C. Phillips seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. K. Vaughn  
43 moved that the fifth license renewal application, submitted by Elyse Beffa, be granted provisionally  
44 upon submission of five more core acupuncture credits prior to November 1. C. Phillips seconded the  
45 motion, and it passed unanimously. Elyse Beffa subsequently submitted the required credits and her  
46 license was renewed effective October 31, 2018.

1 Late License Renewals

2 K. Vaughn reported that an additional late license renewal application had been received by the Board  
3 from Anisha Fraser along with payment for the late fee and the Committee determined that every credit  
4 submitted was adjunctive. K. Vaughn moved that Anisha Fraser’s renewal be granted provisionally upon  
5 submission of fifteen core acupuncture credits prior to November 1. C. Phillips seconded the motion,  
6 and it passed unanimously. Anisha Fraser subsequently submitted the required credits and her license  
7 was renewed effective October 23, 2018.

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9 CEU Class Approval

10 K. Vaughn reported that no new applications for course or teaching approval had been submitted.

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12 Ethics Committee

13 C. Phillips noted the Ethics Committee had nothing to report.

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15 Board of Operations

16 In Ms. Norfleet’s absence as Chair, C. Majebe noted that there was no report from the Board of  
17 Operations.

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19 General Discussion

20 M. Tadych reported to the Board about the call he recently received from a patient who experienced an  
21 adverse response to dry needling performed by a physical therapist. Emergency relief acupuncture was  
22 also discussed, in light of out-of-state inquires following the recent hurricane, involving the issue of  
23 acupuncturists licensed in other states being permitted to practice in NC without a NC license. K. Beck  
24 indicated that the Good Samaritan Law may be instructive; K. Vaughn was asked to check with the Red  
25 Cross to see how it handles this situation; M. Tadych pointed out the possibility of looking into the  
26 reciprocity provisions of 21 NCAC 01 .0105 for guidance, as well as at what the NC Medical Board does.  
27 C. Majebe requested this issue be put back on the agenda for the next meeting.

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29 C. Majebe confirmed the next meeting will take place by conference call on November 30, 2018.

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31 At 9:45 a.m., K. Vaughn moved to adjourn the meeting; C. Phillips seconded the motion and the motion  
32 passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

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