

NORTH CAROLINA ACUPUNCTURE LICENSING BOARD  
Friday, September 28, 2018  
BOARD MEETING

The September 2018 Board meeting of the North Carolina Acupuncture Licensing Board took place on Friday, September 28, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. by conference call, with the following Board members present: Chairperson Cissy Majebe, L.Ac. Chester Phillips, L.Ac.; Keli Beck, M.D.; Marc Cutler, L.Ac.; and Ji Fei Wang, L.Ac. Karen Vaughn, L.Ac. and Toni Rittenberg L.Ac. were absent due to traveling and Shay Cline, L.Ac. was absent due to attendance at a seminar. Nikole Mariencheck, Esq. was also absent.

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

The following members of the public were present: Heather Geoghegan, a licensee up for renewal; Jahmid Moheballi, a new license applicant; and Junie Norfleet, Chair of the Board Operations Committee.

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

Ratification of the August Meeting Minutes: The minutes for the August 24, 2018 meeting were presented to the Board for review. C. Majebe noted a change to include a TDP lamp on page 2, line 9 and M. Tadych suggested that his quotation of the NC Veterinary Medical Board's June 18, 1999 Minutes should be noted. With these changes, M. Cutler moved to approve the August 24, 2018 Minutes; K. Beck seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Standards and Licensing Committee:

New License Applications

J. Wang reported that the members of the Committee reviewed and approved the applications for licensure of 6 new applicants: Pamela K. Peterson, Jahmid Moheballi, Tracy Presley Smith, Courtney Salamone, Jaime Michelle Ridgway, and Nadia Ling Ling Johnson. J. Wang moved to approve the license applications of all of the listed applicants. M. Cutler seconded the motion and the new license applications of the 6 listed applicants were unanimously approved.

License Renewal

J. Wang reported that the members of the Committee had reviewed and approved the license renewal application of Tamara Freedman, who had resubmitted her renewal application with additional credits after receiving notice that she needed 4 additional CEU credits. J. Wanginal moved to approve the license renewal of Ms. Freedman. M. Cutler seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Late License Renewals

J. Wang reported that the two additional late license renewal applications had been received by the Board from Andrea Fochios and Heather Geoghegan and had been reviewed and approved by the Committee. It was noted that Ms. Fochios had paid her late fee. J. Wang moved to approve the license renewal of Andrea Fochios; M. Cutler seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. C. Majebe called on Ms. Geoghegan, who wished to be heard on the issue of the late fee. Ms. Geoghegan explained that she travels six months of the year and missed her license renewal reminder, that she had been aware the license renewal in past years had been due on July 1, but had been confused by the

1 November 1, 2018 expiration date on her wallet card, and requested that the Board waive the late fee.  
2 C. Majebe asked if anyone else had received a waiver of the late fee, and P. Pritchard confirmed there  
3 had not been any waivers. C. Majebe suggested the renewal be approved contingent on receipt of Ms.  
4 Geoghegan's late fee. J. Wang moved for renewal of the license of H. Geoghegan contingent upon  
5 receipt of her late fee. M. Cutler seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.  
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7 CEU Class Approval

8 J. Wang advised the Board that one course had been submitted to the Board for approval and had  
9 received preliminary approval by the Standards and Licensure Committee:  
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11 Course Title: Acupuncture and Herbal Therapy Protocols for Opioid Withdrawal

12 Provider/Organization: NCSAAM

13 CEUs Requested: 3

14 Lecturer: Catherine Browne

15 Date: November 3, 2018

16 Location: Harmony Wellness Clinic, Harmony, NC  
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18 J. Wang moved to approve the above course for the requested CEU credits; M. Cutler seconded the  
19 motion and the motion passed unanimously.  
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21 CEU Teaching Credits

22 J. Wang advised the Board that Catherine Browne had submitted an application for 3 teaching credits  
23 for teaching the course Acupuncture and Herbal Therapy Protocols for Opioid Withdrawal. J.  
24 Wang moved to grant the request for teaching CEU credits for Catherine Browne. M. Cutler seconded  
25 the motion and the motion passed unanimously.  
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27 Ethics Committee

28 C. Phillips noted the Ethics Committee had a matter to discuss in closed session regarding a licensee. C.  
29 Majebe announced the need to go into closed session pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §143-318.11(a) (1) to  
30 preserve confidentially. M. Cutler moved to go into closed session for the stated reasons. K. Beck  
31 seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. At 9:40 a.m., the Board left the open session to  
32 commence the closed session. The closed session ended at 9:49 a.m.  
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34 At 9:50 a.m. the open session resumed with all of the attendees present.  
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36 C. Majebe confirmed the next two meetings to take place by conference call on October 19, 2018 and  
37 November 30, 2018.  
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39 At 9:59 a.m., M. Cutler moved to adjourn the meeting; C. Phillips seconded the motion and the motion  
40 passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.  
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