

1 NORTH CAROLINA ACUPUNCTURE LICENSING BOARD

2 Friday, August 23, 2019

3 BOARD MEETING

4 The August 2019 Board meeting of the North Carolina Acupuncture Licensing Board took place on  
5 Friday, August 23, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. by conference call, with the following Board members present:  
6 Chairperson Junie Norfleet, L.Ac.; Nikole Mariencheck, Esq.; Ji Fei Wang, L.Ac.; Shay Cline, L.Ac.; and  
7 Gilda Hunt, L.Ac. Keli Beck, M.D., Toni Rittenberg, L.Ac., Chester Phillips, L.Ac., and Marc Cutler, L.Ac.  
8 were unable to attend due to prior commitments or family emergency.

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

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13 The following members of the public were present: Cissy Majebe, Chair of the Operations Committee,  
14 and Linda Tolentino, representative of NCSAAM.

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16 J. Norfleet called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m., and after taking roll and establishing a quorum, she  
17 read the Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Statements. Minutes for the May 24, 2019 meeting  
18 were reviewed by the Board members. G. Hunt moved to approve the draft minutes for May 24, 2019  
19 as amended. S. Cline seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Minutes for the July  
20 19, 2019 meeting were also reviewed by the Board members. S. Cline moved to approve the draft  
21 minutes for July 19, 2019 as written. N. Mariencheck seconded the motion and the motion passed  
22 unanimously.

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24 **General Discussion**

25 After welcoming the members of the public attending the meeting, J. Norfleet opened a discussion  
26 about potential conflicts of interest for G. Hunt in serving on the NCALB and the Board for NCSAAM,  
27 noting that the two Boards serve different interests, with the NCALB protecting the public while the  
28 NCSAAM serves the acupuncture profession. G. Hunt reported that the Ethics Commission reviewed this  
29 potential conflict and found that she could undertake both roles, but would need to be diligent in  
30 recognizing potential conflicts and avoid voting in them. Mr. Tadych noted that every member needs to  
31 be vigilant with respect to potential conflicts of interest. G. Hunt acknowledged that she understood her  
32 responsibility with regard to potential conflicts of interest.

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34 **Ethics Committee**

35 In the absence of K. Beck and C. Phillips, P. Pritchard reported that the Ethics Committee had a matter  
36 pending but was not yet ready to bring the matter before the Board for discussion.

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38 **Operations Committee**

39 C. Majebe reported that it was still important for the Board Chairs to provide information for an  
40 Operations Manual, and that she would be contacting each Chair to begin this process.

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42 **Standards and Licensing Committee**

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44 **New License Applications**

45 J. Wang reported that the members of the Committee reviewed and approved nine applications for  
46 licensure: Kelly Bailey; Karmal Spaeth; Melissa "Verone" Bright; Kelly Joan Rios; Jason R. Sherman;  
47 Marzena Ewa Piotrowicz; Emma Kiel Boddery; Belle Lauramarie Kuhn; and Daniel Hughston Armstrong.

1 J. Wang moved for approval of the license applications of all nine applicants. S. Cline seconded the  
2 motion and the new license applications of Kelly Bailey; Karmal Spaeth; Melissa “Verone” Bright; Kelly  
3 Joan Rios; Jason R. Sherman; Marzena Ewa Piotrowicz; Emma Kiel Boddery; Belle Lauramarie Kuhn; and  
4 Daniel Hughston Armstrong were unanimously approved.

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6 License Renewals:

7 J. Wang reported that the Standards and Licensing Committee had reviewed and approved seven license  
8 renewals for licensees who had submitted additional CEU credits at the Board’s instruction. J. Wang  
9 moved for approval of the license renewal applications of Carol Ramsey, Stephen Capps, Paul Buchman,  
10 Fang Ji, Lisa Sherman, Paul Farago and Tracy Krohn. S. Cline seconded the motion and the motion was  
11 passed unanimously.

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13 Late License Renewals

14 J. Wang reported that the Standards and Licensing Committee had reviewed and approved three late  
15 license renewals for licensees Amanda Brown, Kristi Joyce and Jesse Andreas. Ms. Brown and Mr.  
16 Andreas have already paid their late fee; Ms. Joyce asked for waiver of the late fee. J. Wang moved for  
17 approval of the late license renewals of Amanda Brown and Jesse Andreas, and for approval of the late  
18 license renewal of Kristi Joyce, upon payment of the late fee. S. Cline seconded the motion and the  
19 motion passed unanimously.

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21 CEU Teaching Credits and Course Approval

22 J. Wang reported that Christopher Zock had submitted a request for 16 teaching credits for the CEU  
23 course: “Orthopedic Trigger Point Acupuncture: Dry Needling and Chinese Medicine” (for LACs  
24 only), and that Karen Velasquez had submitted a request for CEU course and teaching approval for  
25 “Tongue Diagnosis Fundamentals” for 3 CEUs. J. Wang moved for approval of both requests. S. Cline  
26 seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved, with G. Hunt abstaining as to the request  
27 submitted by Ms. Velasquez.

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29 Inactive Status

30 The Board discussed a late inactive status renewal request from Kristin Althea O’Connor who had been  
31 out of the country and not aware of her inactive status renewal deadline. Mr. Tadych confirmed that a  
32 late fee for late renewal of inactive status could not be charged because it is not provided for by statute,  
33 but that the Board in its discretion could approve the late renewal without imposition of a late fee. J.  
34 Wang moved that the Board approve the late renewal of inactive status by Ms. O’Connor and advise her  
35 that this is a one-time waiver only. S. Cline seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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37 General Discussion

38 J. Norfleet thanked the Standards and Licensing Committee for their work and reminded Board  
39 members of the next meeting by conference call on September 27, 2019.

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41 At 9:41 a.m., S. Cline moved to adjourn the meeting, G. Hunt seconded and the motion passed  
42 unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

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