

1 NORTH CAROLINA ACUPUNCTURE LICENSING BOARD

2 Friday, June 28, 2019

3 BOARD MEETING

4 The June 2019 Board meeting of the North Carolina Acupuncture Licensing Board took place on Friday,
5 June 28, 2019, at the offices of Stevens Martin Vaughn & Tadych PLLC, with the following Board
6 members present: Chairperson Cissy Majebe, L.Ac.; Chester Phillips, L.Ac.; Ji Fei Wang, L.Ac.; Shay Cline,
7 L.Ac.; Toni Rittenberg, L.Ac.; Karen Vaughn, L.Ac.; Keli Beck Jones, M.D.; and Nikole Mariencheck, Esq.
8 Marc Cutler, L.Ac. was present by telephone.

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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: Junie Norfleet, L.Ac., Chair of the Operations
14 Committee and upcoming appointee to the Board and Gilda Hunt, L.Ac., representative of NCSAAM and
15 upcoming appointee to the Board.

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17 C. Majebe called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m., and after taking roll and establishing a quorum, she
18 read the Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Statements. C. Majebe then noted that she
19 anticipated that G. Hunt and J. Norfleet would be receiving formal appointments to the Board shortly.

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21 **Ethics Committee**

22 Discussion was reserved until after the Ethics Committee met at noon.

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24 **Operations Committee**

25 C. Majebe reported that Nan Cameron worked on committee instructions in the past while on the Board
26 and will pass her information on to the current Operations Committee. C. Majebe requested that all
27 current Committee members send her their work to date on this project, so that the Operations
28 Committee can complete its project of compiling information for each Committee. J. Norfleet reported
29 that she and Nicole spoke with a current NC licensee who has experience in using CE Broker and learned
30 that he had no complaints with CE Broker, but that the Basic Level offered does not store information
31 and that in reality users incur charges beyond the Basic Level.

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33 **General Discussion**

34 There was further discussion about how helpful the CE Broker program would be when the Board has to
35 review every renewal to determine if the credits submitted are Core Acupuncture or Adjunctive
36 Therapy. C. Majebe noted that NCCAOM is now assigning CEU credits into categories, but that its
37 designations don't necessarily conform to ours. [Example: AOM-BIO category includes western medicine
38 that is not considered core acupuncture by NCALB; Medical Qigong is within this category for NCCAOM,
39 but is adjunctive for NCALB] It was decided that it would be helpful to licensees and the Board if the
40 programs approved by the NCALB from now on are awarded CEUs designated as either Core or
41 Adjunctive Therapy credits.

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43 There was consensus that to be a core course for CEU purposes, at least 50% of the course content must
44 be either (1) related to traditional Chinese medicine according to acupuncture theory, or (2) related to
45 application and treatment with acupuncture needling and moxa techniques. Mr. Tadych referenced §90-
46 451 (1) and (3) of the Statute as a starting point, which defines acupuncture as "a form of health care
47 developed from traditional and modern Chinese medical concepts that employ acupuncture diagnosis

1 and treatment, and adjunctive therapies and diagnostic techniques, for the promotion, maintenance,
2 and restoration of health and the prevention of disease” and also defines the practice of acupuncture. It
3 was determined that the development of a definition for “core” acupuncture be turned over to the
4 Standards and Licensing Committee for formulation, based on the discussion.

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6 **Standards and Licensing Committee**

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8 **New License Applications**

9 K. Vaughn reported that the members of the Committee reviewed and approved one application for
10 licensure, submitted by Amy Alena. K. Vaughn moved for approval of the license application of Amy
11 Alena. K. Jones seconded the motion and the new license application of Amy Alena was unanimously
12 approved.

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14 **License Renewals:**

15 K. Vaughn noted that 74 license renewal applications had been reviewed and approved by the Standards
16 and Licensing Committee, and that additional renewal applications remained for review by Board
17 members at the meeting. It was decided that review of the remaining renewal applications would take
18 place after the other business of the Standards and Licensing Committee was finished. K. Vaughn moved
19 that the license renewals of the 74 listed licensees already reviewed by the Committee be approved. S.
20 Cline seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A list of the 74 pre-approved licensees
21 for whom renewal was approved at the June 28 meeting is attached.

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23 **Inactive Status**

24 K. Vaughn reported that the Standards and Licensing Committee had reviewed and approved eight
25 requests for inactive status from April Smith, Marilyn Jean Hardesty-Prater, Treayor Smith, Vismay Kim,
26 Janet Silverman, Sandra Luczynski, Bruce Ladd and Laura Hillerman. K. Vaughn moved that the inactive
27 status requests of all listed licensees be approved. S. Cline seconded the motion and the motion was
28 passed unanimously.

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30 **CEU Teaching Credits and Course Approval**

31 K. Vaughn reported that Ann Wolman had submitted a request for 10 teaching credits for teaching the
32 course: “HM 911 Materia Medica & Classical Formulas 1” at Daoist Traditions during 6/20-6/21,
33 9/27-9/28, 11/21-11/22/2019 and 1/23-1/24/2020. K. Vaughn moved that Ann Wolman be
34 granted 10 CEU teaching credits for teaching this course. S. Cline seconded the motion and the
35 motion passed unanimously.

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37 **Unapproved Renewals that require the submission of additional CEU credits**

38 K. Vaughn then noted renewal applications that could not be approved by the Standards and Licensing
39 Committee until additional materials were received, as follows: Tracy Krohn (1 more core acupuncture
40 credit); Lauren Jubelier (15 core credits); Ben Townsend (15 core credits); Sarah Fields (9 core credits);
41 Carol Ramsey (13 core credits); Jongbae Park (14 core credits unless he submits syllabi establishing that
42 his courses had core content); and Aimee Sheppard (9 core credits). K. Vaughn moved that each of these
43 licensees be told they need the additional noted credits for renewal; S. Cline seconded the motions and
44 the motions passed unanimously.

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46 **Break in Meeting for Ethics Committee to Meet**

1 After the Standards and Licensing Committee report concluded, Board members reviewed the additional
2 renewal applications. At 11:35 a.m., the Ethics Committee convened an Ethics Committee Meeting in
3 another room, and K. Vaughn moved to go into closed session at 11:35 a.m. K. Jones seconded the
4 motion, and it was approved unanimously. The closed session recessed at 11:58 a.m., and began again
5 at 12:06 p.m. to speak with an acupuncturist. The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m. C. Majebe did
6 not participate in the closed session as a committee member.

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8 **Return to Meeting of the Full Board**

9 The Board meeting resumed at 1:30 p.m.

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11 **Standards & Licensing Committee**

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13 **Unapproved Renewals that require submission of additional CEU credits**

14 K. Vaughn noted that following Board review of the remaining renewal applications, four additional
15 licensees were found to be lacking in core acupuncture credits, as follows: Paul Buchman (1 core credit);
16 Stephen L. Capps (1 core credit); Fang Ji (15 core credits); and Lisa Sherman (5 core credits). K. Vaughn
17 moved that the four listed licensees be told that they need the additional noted credits for renewal; S.
18 Cline seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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20 **License Renewals:**

21 K. Vaughn noted that an additional 65 license renewal applications had been reviewed and approved by
22 two Board members during the break, and moved that the additional 65 license renewals be approved.
23 S. Cline seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously, with C. Phillips and T. Rittenberg
24 abstaining with respect to their respective renewals. A list of the 65 additional licensees for whom
25 renewal was approved at the June 28 meeting is attached.

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27 **Ethics Committee**

28 C. Phillips updated the Board as to the closed meeting with an acupuncturist, stating that the Committee
29 did not find the acupuncturist in violation of a statute and the informal investigation would be closed.

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31 **Final Remarks**

32 C. Majebe thanked the Board for all their work and named J. Wang as the Chair of the Standards &
33 Licensing Committee, following the expiration of K. Vaughn's membership on the Board on July 1. C.
34 Majebe also named K. Jones as the Chair of the Ethics Committee. K. Vaughn was given a plaque in
35 gratitude for her service to the Board. C. Majebe remarked that despite the disappointing result of the
36 dry needling litigation, she had enjoyed the professionalism of working with the caliber of the people on
37 the Board. She was then given a gift in commemoration of her service.

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39 At 2:20 p.m. K. Vaughn moved to adjourn the meeting, S. Cline seconded and the motion passed
40 unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

41 Attested to by: _____

License Renewals Approved at June 28, 2019 Meeting

Pre-approved by Standards & Licensing Committee

1. Amanda Gates
2. Barbara Dennis
3. Michael Rossoff
4. Kassie Kinard Morgan
5. Maria Belluccio
6. Allison Mahoney
7. Lori Fendell
8. Mary Cissy Majebe
9. Natasha Kubis
10. Jennifer Williams
11. Eric Schmiedecke
12. Junie Norfleet
13. Errica Burke
14. Susan McKibben
15. Charles Lininger
16. Barbara Thurman
17. Ronald Mullen
18. Chris Landoll
19. Renard Mercurio
20. Robert Russell
21. Robin Rosenberg
22. Toby Wedgle
23. Mary J. Houge
24. Bridgette Barker
25. Brian Nell
26. Holly Carr
27. Leon McKay
28. Caroline Proctor
29. Andrew Prescott
30. Amber Kent
31. Jeffrey Fox
32. Yanming Xia
33. Luis Lopez
34. Justin Thornton

35. Whitney Madden
36. Philip Ricker
37. Jonathan Walker
38. Mary Lynn White
39. Rachel Nowakowski
40. Sarah Wood
41. Alison Born
42. Jessica Wilcox
43. Colleen Cole
44. Alexander Roman
45. Eric Karchmer
46. Stephanie Pieper
47. Sara Mills
48. Christopher Bassett
49. Mary Catherine Browne
50. Bethany Hauch
51. Boyd (Robert) Bailey
52. Cynthia Milligan
53. Titianna Sanabria
54. Zachery Cohn
55. Brian Moran
56. Diana Autumn Zamzow
57. William Welder
58. Yao Quing Huang
59. Marilyn Kaylor
60. Karen Velasquez
61. Cheryl Blankenship
62. Hannah Kim
63. Stacy McCurdy
64. Anne Bailey
65. Shisan Wang
66. Haeng Jin Lee
67. Penny Rule
68. Fang Cai
69. Suzanne Dansereau
70. Kevin Kim
71. Amanda Nolff
72. Sarah Girard

73. Sylvia Bognar
74. Candice Behan

Reviewed and Approved by Board members at June 28, 2019 meeting

1. Aguirre, Lauren
2. Azzaro, Anthony
3. Berisha, Tina
4. Bernhard, Miriam
5. Best, Deleon
6. Bloom, Anne
7. Bredenberg, Mildred Lee
8. Bree, Heather
9. Carrigan, Michael
10. Cliff, Crystal
11. Cox, Jason
12. Davis, Jessica
13. Davison, Nancy
14. Denniston, Robert
15. Edmunds, Cynthia
16. Elliott, Edward
17. Erickson, Cholena
18. Gach, Lily
19. George, Helen
20. George, Todd
21. Gorla, Salvatore
22. Harding, Michael
23. Harris, Shannon
24. Harrison, Dennis
25. Hartman, Nicholas
26. Hill, Kristin
27. Ho, Jeri
28. Hoggard, Paulette
29. Hunt, Gilda
30. Jennings, Mary
31. Juedemann, Lissa
32. Kuper, Ashley
33. Kusturic, Nick
34. Lawrence, Robert Malik

35. Lee, Jacob
36. Lee, Tara
37. Leonzio, Hillary
38. Li, Ning
39. Mager, Carmela
40. Mitchell, Kolleen
41. Momenee, Karen
42. Morehead, Ken
43. Noto, Lisa
44. Nowosad, Andrew
45. Oberlender, Shaina
46. Peek, Hope
47. Peters, David
48. Phillips, Chester
49. Pierce, Jeanne
50. Puckett, Laura Missing check
51. Qi, Cang Cang
52. Ramsey, Carol
53. Rivas, Gretchen
54. Rittenberg, Toni
55. Roberts, William
56. Robinson, Peggy Regis
57. Robinson, Sarah
58. Sheftall, Rebeccah
59. Smith, Megan
60. Spitz, Leah
61. Syed, Najeeba
62. Thelen, Michelle
63. Velasco, Janelle
64. Warren, Alison
65. Wilcox, Jessica