

1 NORTH CAROLINA ACUPUNCTURE LICENSING BOARD
2 Friday, September 27, 2019
3 BOARD MEETING

4 The September 2019 Board meeting of the North Carolina Acupuncture Licensing Board took place on
5 Friday, September 27, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. by conference call, with the following Board members present:
6 Chairperson Junie Norfleet, L.Ac.; Ji Fei Wang, L.Ac.; Shay Cline, L.Ac.; Gilda Hunt, L.Ac. Chester Phillips,
7 L.Ac.; and Marc Cutler, L.Ac. Nikole Mariencheck, Esq.; Toni Rittenberg, L.Ac.; and Keli Jones, M.D.,
8 were unable to attend due to prior professional, travel or family commitments.
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10 Also present at the meeting were Board Counsel, Michael Tadych, Esq.; and Pat Pritchard, Executive
11 Director, and Marieke Pieterman, L.Ac. of NCSAAM.
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13 The following members of the public were present: Remy Coeytaux, M.D., Ph.D. and Carolyn S. Huffman,
14 Ph.D. of Wake Forest Baptist Health.
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16 J. Norfleet called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m., and after taking roll and establishing a quorum, she
17 read the Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Statements.
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19 Ratification of June Meeting Minutes: The minutes for the June 28, 2019 meeting were reviewed by the
20 Board members. G. Hunt moved to approve the draft minutes for June 28, 2019 as amended. C. Phillips
21 seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
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23 Ratification of August Meeting Minutes: The minutes for the August 23, 2019 meeting were also
24 reviewed by the Board members. M. Cutler moved to approve the draft minutes for August 23, 2019 as
25 written. S. Cline seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
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27 General Discussion

28 After welcoming the members of the public attending the meeting, J. Norfleet invited Drs. Coeytaux and
29 Huffman to speak, and share their thoughts with the Board. Dr. Coeytaux stated that they are working
30 on research protocols for auricular acupuncture using tacks, and are interested in getting the approval
31 of the NCALB on their plan to train nurses, RNs, PAs and PTs in using the protocols, similar to what is
32 being done at Veterans Hospitals. Dr. Huffman mentioned that they have already spoken with the
33 Nursing Board, and been told that they will defer to the Acupuncture Board's position. After brief
34 additional discussion on whether the Board has authority to grant such approval, S. Cline moved to go
35 into closed session pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §143-318.11(a)(3), to preserve attorney client privilege
36 while consulting with counsel. G. Hunt seconded the motion. J. Norfleet told the public members they
37 could remain on the line. Dr. Coeytaux decided to remain on the line while Dr. Huffman left. The vote to
38 move to closed session was unanimous, and at 9:28 a.m. the Board adjourned the open session of the
39 meeting.
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41 Closed Session

42 At 9:28 the Board commenced a closed session meeting based on attorney client privilege. The closed
43 session adjourned at 10:00 a.m.
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45 Open Session Resumed

46 After taking role and establishing that all previous attendees were present with the exception of Dr.
47 Huffman, J. Norfleet advised Dr. Coeytaux that the Board still has questions because the members are

1 speculating on the specifics of what Dr. Coeytaux is proposing. J. Norfleet then asked him to submit a
2 proposal in writing with specifics as to what he is proposing to do initially and in the future. Dr. Coeytaux
3 agreed to do so and left the call at 10:04 a.m.

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5 **Operations Committee**

6 J. Norfleet reported that she and C. Majebe were looking into the Board's financial information and
7 were working on being able to get into the Board's bank accounts to continue their review.

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9 **Standards and Licensing Committee**

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11 **New License Applications**

12 J. Wang reported that the members of the Committee reviewed and approved three applications for
13 licensure: Mitchell-Paul Kaleakini Barros; Joseph Allen Burdett; and Eric Aufdencamp. J. Wang
14 moved for approval of the license applications of all three applicants. S. Cline seconded the motion and
15 the new license applications of Mitchell-Paul Kaleakini Barros; Joseph Allen Burdett; and Eric
16 Aufdencamp were unanimously approved.

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18 **License Renewals:**

19 J. Wang reported that the Standards and Licensing Committee had reviewed and approved two license
20 renewals for licensees who had submitted additional CEU credits at the Board's instruction. J. Wang
21 moved for approval of the license renewal applications of Lauren Jubelirer and Aimee Sheppard. S. Cline
22 seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

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24 **Late License Renewals**

25 J. Wang reported that the Standards and Licensing Committee had reviewed and approved one late
26 license renewal for licensee Ann Fitzgerald. Ms. Fitzgerald has paid her late fee. J. Wang moved for
27 approval of the late license renewal of Ann Fitzgerald. S. Cline seconded the motion and the motion
28 passed unanimously.

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30 **CEU Teaching Credits and Course Approval**

31 J. Wang reported that there were no new courses or teaching credit applications submitted for
32 approval.

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34 **Inactive Status**

35 J. Wang reported that two additional licenses have asked to go inactive after their deadline to renew or
36 request inactive status had passed. The Board discussed the possibility of allowing a general 120 day
37 grace period, similar to the grace period under N.C. Gen. Stat. §90-455(b). Mr. Tadych confirmed that
38 adoption of a policy would be helpful, and that there would be no statutory authority to go beyond the
39 120 period. S. Cline moved that the Board adopt the policy of accepting late inactive applications as
40 long as they fall within the 120 day period following their due date. G. Hunt seconded the motion and it
41 passed unanimously.

42 J. Norfleet brought up the need to make another policy decision with regard to when CEUs awarded for
43 course approvals will be identified as core or adjunctive credits. All of the Board agreed that the
44 decision as to whether a course contained core, adjunctive or both should be made at the time the
45 course is submitted for approval.

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2 **Ethics Committee**
3 C. Phillips reported that the Ethics Committee had a matter pending that members needed to meet
4 about, but that the Committee was not yet ready to bring the matter before the Board for discussion
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6 **General Discussion**
7 J. Norfleet thanked all Board members for their work and reminded everyone of the next meeting by
8 conference call on October 25, 2019.
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10 At 10:29 a.m., S. Cline moved to adjourn the meeting, G. Hunt seconded and the motion passed
11 unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.
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13 Attested to by: _____