

## **ADVISORY BOARD ON ACUPUNCTURE**

Minutes

June 5, 2024

The Advisory Board on Acupuncture met on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions at 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Janet L. Borges, L.Ac- Chair  
Luke Robinson, DO  
Haley Parker, L.Ac

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:** William L. Harp, MD - Executive Director  
Michael Sobowale, LL.M - Deputy Director for Licensure  
Erin Barrett, JD - DHP Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs  
Roslyn Nickens, Licensing Supervisor  
Beulah Baptist Archer - Licensing Specialist

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Katie Clifton, L.Ac, ASVA

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Janet L. Borges called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

### **EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES**

Dr. Harp announced the emergency egress procedures.

### **ROLL CALL**

The roll was called; a quorum was declared.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

There were no minutes to approve.

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Janet Borges motioned to adopt the agenda; Dr. Robinson seconded. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 1. Regulatory Update

Mrs. Barrett advised the Board of the fast-track periodic review items that are still in the Secretary's office.

### 2. Legislative Update

Mrs. Barrett stated that the Board has no jurisdiction over auricular acupuncture and can provide no guidance regarding the modality. Mrs. Barrett addressed questions pertaining to any parameters that could be set for this modality by saying that the Virginia Board of Medicine cannot take action if the practitioner is not licensed by another Virginia Board.

### 3. Request to Add Occupational English Test to Regulations for Foreign-Trained Applicants

Mrs. Borges addressed the Advisory Board regarding the need to add an Occupational English examination to the acupuncture requirements for licensure. Dr. Harp advised that the Advisory Board could agree to take no action at this time and revisit the matter, as an agenda item. Haley Parker motioned that the Advisory Board take no action on the OET; Dr. Robinson seconded. Motion carried.

### 4. Orientation to the Board of Medicine and Advisory Board

Dr. Harp provided a detailed presentation of the history, function and importance of the Medicine and Advisory Boards as both maintain the commitment to protect the public.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### Licensing Statistics

Beulah Baptist Archer provided the acupuncture licensing report. The Board currently has 626 Licensed Acupuncturists.

Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is October 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to conduct, Janet L. Borges adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

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William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director