

**FINAL APPROVED**  
**ADVISORY BOARD ON ACUPUNCTURE**  
Minutes  
January 27, 2021  
**Electronic Meeting**

The Advisory Board on Acupuncture held a virtual meeting on Wednesday, January 27, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions at 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Janet L. Borges, LAc, Chair  
Sharon Crowell, LAc, Vice-Chair  
Luke Robinson, DO  
Beth Rodgers, Citizen Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** R. Keith Bell, LAc

**STAFF PRESENT:** William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director  
Michael Sobowale, LLM, Deputy Director, Licensing  
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst  
Beulah Baptist Archer, Licensing Specialist

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Joseph Schibner, IV, LAc

**CALL TO ORDER**

Janet Borges, LAc and Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES**

Janet Borges announced the emergency egress procedures for those who may be attending the virtual meeting in the Perimeter Center.

**ROLL CALL** - The roll was called, and a quorum was declared.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 7, 2020**

Sharon Crowell moved to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2020 meeting. Dr. Luke Robinson seconded. By roll call vote, the minutes were approved as presented.

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Beth Rodgers moved to adopt the agenda. Sharon Crowell seconded. By roll call vote, the agenda was adopted.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Joseph Schibner, IV, LAc and President of the new Lotus School of Integrated Professions in Richmond, made a presentation on the need for the Advisory Board to have a regulatory amendment that covers direct supervision of acupuncture students in an educational, clinical setting. This issue was fully discussed with the resolution being that the Lotus School can develop its own supervisory requirements to guide its faculty with regard to the Board of Medicine's delegation statute, 54.1-2901(A)(6), coupled with graduated skills and capabilities of students.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Report of the 2021 General Assembly**

Elaine Yeatts discussed bills in the 2021 General Assembly with interest to the Advisory Board.

### **2. Regulations Governing the Practice of Licensed Acupuncturists**

There was no need to suggest a regulatory amendment based on public comment received at the meeting and discussion.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Archer provided the acupuncture licensing report. The Board has 435 current active licensees with 130 out-of-state. There are 8 current inactive licenses.

## **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:**

May 26, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Janet Borges adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

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Janet L. Borges, L. Ac., Chair

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

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Beulah Baptist Archer, Licensing Specialist