

**FINAL APPROVED**

**ADVISORY BOARD ON ACUPUNCTURE**

Minutes

**September 21, 2022**

The Advisory Board on Acupuncture met on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** R. Keith Bell, LAc - Vice-Chair  
Luke Robinson, DO  
Sharon Crowell, LAc  
Beth Rodgers - Citizen Member

**STAFF PRESENT:** William L. Harp, MD - Executive Director  
Michael Sobowale, LL.M - Deputy Director for Licensure  
Colanthia Opher – Deputy Director for Administration  
Erin Barrett, JD - DHP Senior Policy Analyst  
Beulah Baptist Archer - Licensing Specialist

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Floyd Herdrich, LAc  
Sean Orr, LAc

**CALL TO ORDER**

Janet L. Borges called the meeting to order at 10:06 am.

**EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES**

Dr. Harp announced the emergency egress procedures.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called; no quorum was declared.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The October 6, 2021 minutes were not approved as a quorum was not present.

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The meeting agenda was not adopted for lack of a quorum.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 1. Periodic Review of Regulations Governing the Practice of Licensed Acupuncturists

Mrs. Barrett discussed the mandatory four-year review of Chapter 18 VAC 85-110 to determine whether this regulation should be repealed, amended or retained in its current form, without impacting public safety. The review of the regulations will be guided by the principles in Executive Order 14 as amended July 16, 2018.

She presented her recommendations to amend or delete current provisions in 18VAC85-110-20, 18VAC85-110-145, 18VAC85-110-161, 18VAC85-110-176, 18VAC85-110-177, 18VAC85-110-179, and 18VAC85-110-181. Some of these provisions are in the law, and it is unnecessary to repeat them in regulation. Janet Borges suggested amended language in 18VAC85-110-80 to state as follows:

1. Passing the NCCAOM examination, resulting in current, active certification by the NCCAOM at the time the application is filed with the Board;
2. Delete language “Passing the Point Location Examination” since this is already part of the required NCCAOM certification examination.

Ms. Barrett will present the revisions discussed for amending Chapter 110 to the Board of Medicine with a recommendation for adoption.

### 2. Review of Bylaws for Advisory Boards

Erin Barrett presented the uniform Bylaws for all Advisory Boards that the full Board approved at its June meeting. Since the Bylaws are slated to become effective on September 29, 2022, this was for information only.

### 3. Approval of the 2023 Meeting Calendar

The 2023 meeting calendar was not approved as a quorum was not present.

### 4. Election of Officers

There was no quorum to elect officers.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### Licensing Statistics

Beulah Archer provided the acupuncture licensing report. The Board has 449 current active licensees with 135 out of state current active licensees. There are 5 current inactive licenses.

### Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is February 8, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Janet L. Borges adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

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