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REGULAR MEETING OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Members of the Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners met on: **October 28, 2020, at 12:00 noon**

This Meeting was held telephonically and was open to the public by calling in to a phone line

Board Staff: David Geriminsky - Executive Director

Attorney General Representative: Seamus Monaghan, Assistant Attorney General

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairperson Susan Williams called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

2. RECOGNITION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Board Members Present:

Susan Williams, Chairperson
Mario Fontes, Secretary
Tali Lehavi
Alex Tan
Rosemary Zimmerman
Mindy Hayden
Matthew Klein

Board Members Absent:

Scott Selin
Jamie Fitzgerald

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – A.R.S. §38-503

No conflicts noted

4. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A. August 31, 2020 Regular Session Minutes

Board Member Zimmerman moved for the adoption of Agenda Item 4(A) with Board Member Fontes providing a second. The Motion Passed.

| Fitzgerald | Fontes | Williams | Lehavi | Hayden | Zimmerman | Klein | Selin | Tan | Vote |
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| | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | Aye |
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| | | | | | | | | | Recused |
| | | | | | | | | | Abstained |
| X | | | | | | | X | | Absent |

5. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

Ratification of Licenses Issued by the Executive Director

- A. Alison Warren
- B. Sayo Yamaguchi
- C. Samaya Ray
- D. Sahib Singh
- E. Jennifer Ann Walz
- F. Tanya Michelle

Ratification of Certificates issued by the Executive Director

- G. Jinheng Li
- H. Bugra Tek

Executive Director Geriminsky provided a summary of license eligibility for Applicants A-H indicating that all applicants have submitted all required documentation and had no disqualifying information in their application and so had been issued licensure or certification pursuant to the Boards delegation.

Board Member Fontes moved to ratify licensure and certification of Applicants A-H with Board Member Zimmerman providing a second. The Motion Passed.

| Fitzgerald | Fontes | Williams | Lehavi | Hayden | Zimmerman | Klein | Selin | Tan | Vote |
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| | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | Aye |
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| | | | | | | | | | Recused |
| | | | | | | | | | Abstained |
| X | | | | | | | X | | Absent |

6. CONSENT AGENDA FOR REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE BOARD ON RATIFICATION OF RENEWAL OF LICENSES/CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO INDIVIDUALS WHO MET REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL

Licensed Acupuncturists

- Christine R Oagley Robert Stagnitto Pauline Chow Della Estrada
- Quan Liang Karla VonEhrenkrook Julie Rae Nancy D Gilliam
- Jeffrey T Kenney Whitney O Morgan MARIA HELIOTI Nicole yers-Koenig
- Crystal M Maylone Alexis M Starnes Andrew Wen Beverly J Fisher
- Gary H Talkington Luzivone Damaceno Kiera U Lane XinXin Wang

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| Jeremy M Breach | Jennifer S Sandoval | Eamon Spearman | Timothy R Blee |
| Sing-Tak Chow | Lauren B Phillips | Reginald A Stout | Whitney O Morgan |
| Damon A Sage | Saja Lynn | Donald D Lightner | Douglas H Johnson |
| Susanti Cai | Dao Huynh | Clayton d Woolley | Ellen C Sudak |
| Akilah Vogt | Marie L Veverka | James J Burnis | Angela Nunez |
| Stuart Rodes | Julie M Peterson | Yangming M Chen | Leslie McGee |
| JoAnn E Murray | Jennifer L Roseman | Michele Paula Roy | Chiu-An Chang |
| Patricia Connelly | Raymond K Yau | Kelly Hsu MD, | Raymond R Botte |
| Theresa M Emrie | Jung Shik Choi | Kimberly La Pick | Matthew Woolsey |
| Andrea L Bowman | Candice M Thomas | Carleen Cotter | Rebecca F Burrous |
| Emilie C Wilson | Judy R Zobel | Gregory Kay | Keith F Zabik |
| Andrew B Kim | Kelley K Crittenden | Nancy A Brem | Amey S Aubry |
| Elizabeth Hachenberg | Lili Liu | Cathlena Guadagnino | Christa A Sullivan |
| Marissa Ann Gorey | Sharon E Viernes | Shelby Ramirez | Jeanne Huang |
| Kathrin C Munger | Sarah E Hartwig | Erica M Lyons | Audra Sexton |
| Jessica Mann | Mary A Rodriguez | David W Epley | Sarah E Hartwig |
| Joyce K Drena | Helen B Cooner | Steven Cooner | Shri J Drake |

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| Annie Meigs | Tutsie Silapalikitporn | Seva Khalsa | Bonny C Phyfield |
| Michele I Smith | Joan E Spencer | Jennifer Rockrich | Sonja L White |
| Kimberly M Mathis | Teresa A Buechel | Rita E Confer | Shoshana P Ringel |
| Sarah R Hauer | Joyce Wong | Michelle L Derby | Firuzeh Mehrabani |
| Shauna K Starr | Jong Chan Song | Juan R Tejada | Beverly Coleman |
| Yongzhi Pan | Stephanie D Selman | Qing Liu | Raymond S Hauer |
| Guohua Ye Massey | Ernest Didde-Esteban | Andrea N Geiger | Charyse Harvick-McIntire |
| Allen G Jackson | Robin Wiesner | Jennifer Chou | Shannon D Gomez |
| John Sowersby | James W Moore | Lori Elizabeth True | Cailin E O'Hara |
| Jean M Carr | Dewey G Sparger | Jill R Darban | Karl T Stertzbach |
| Debra Lapiers | Amy E Wheeler | Susan C Sandlin | MaryEllen Velahos |
| Maharlika Robertson | Bryan Freiberg | Jennifer Providence | Dennis S Way |
| Dennis S Way | Suzanne Gaynor | Robert Benhuri | Sara Asadoorian |
| Claudia M Carrillo | Jungin Yee | Zachary Steinshouer | Alexander K Tan |
| Dana L Price | Sherry C Tackett | Susan K Wagner | Yuan C Zhang |

148 renewals

Auricular Acupuncturists

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| B. Michael Nayeri | Liana Joy Condello | Brenna Lynn Gonzales |
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The Executive Director provided an overview of Licenses and Certificates renewed stating each had been reviewed, found eligible, and was renewed pursuant to the Boards authorization.

Board Member Fontes moved to ratify and approve all applicants for renewal listed above with Board Member Tan providing a second. The Motion Passed.

| Fitzgerald | Fontes | Williams | Lehavi | Hayden | Zimmerman | Klein | Selin | Tan | Vote |
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| | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | Aye |
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| | | | | | | | | | Recused |
| | | | | | | | | | Abstained |
| X | | | | | | | X | | Absent |

7. REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CHANGES TO STATUTES OR RULES

The Board reviewed potential changes to statutes or rules including creating an inactive status. At a previous meeting the Board asked the Executive Director to draft legislation to create an inactive license status in the upcoming legislative session. Director Geriminsky provided this draft legislation and the Board moved by consensus to have him continue forward with the changes as drafted except that the inactive status would be for 5 years and have a fee of \$100.00.

8. REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FEE AND CONTINUING EDUCATION WAIVERS RELATED TO COVID-19

The Board received an update on revenues and expenditures related to their decision to waive renewal fees and Continuing Education Requirements during the declared state of emergency surrounding COVID-19. The Board took no action.

9. REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RATIFICATION OF CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROGRAM (CDP) APPROVAL

A. Crossing Arrows Counseling Services

The Board reviewed the application of the above CDP and the Executive Director provided an overview. After discussion, Board Member Fontes moved to approve the CDP. Board Member Zimmerman seconded. The Motion Passed.

| Fitzgerald | Fontes | Williams | Lehavi | Hayden | Zimmerman | Klein | Selin | Tan | Vote |
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| | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | Aye |
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| X | | | | | | | X | | Absent |

10. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

A. Budget/Strategic Plan

- B. Summary of Current Events
- C. Survey Results
- D. Complaints Status
- E. Legislation
- F. Board Office Highlights

Executive Director Geriminsky provided the Board an update on pending complaints, licensing totals and generally on the above items. The Board thanked the Executive Director for keeping them informed and for the efficient operation of the Board office.

11. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FUTURE REGULAR MEETING DATES

- December 08, 2021
- January 27, 2021
- February 24, 2021
- March 24, 2021
- April 28, 2021
- May 26, 2021

The Board reviewed the upcoming regularly scheduled dates. Board member Zimmerman moved to approve these Board Meeting Dates. Board Member Lehavi seconded. The Motion Passed.

| Fitzgerald | Fontes | Williams | Lehavi | Hayden | Zimmerman | Klein | Selin | Tan | Vote |
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| | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | Aye |
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| | | | | | | | | | Recused |
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| X | | | | | | | X | | Absent |

12. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

The Board received Comment from Catherine Niemiec and Jonathan Lindsay from PIHMA. PIHMA will be submitting a Sunrise Package to the legislature to expand and clarify the scope of practice of Acupuncturists and to create a new license or certificate type of Acupuncture Assistants. The Board asked that PIHMA be available at a later Board Meeting to present on their application.

13. DISCUSSION OF ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON A FUTURE MEETING AGENDA

No New Items Requested

14 ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Zimmerman moved for adjournment and Board Member Lehavi provided a second. The Motion passed. The Board adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

| Fitzgerald | Fontes | Williams | Lehavi | Hayden | Zimmerman | Klein | Selin | Tan | Vote |
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| | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | Aye |
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| | | | | | | | | | Recused |
| | | | | | | | | | Abstained |
| X | | | | | | | X | | Absent |