



**Acupuncture Board of Examiners**

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**REGULAR MEETING  
OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

Members of the Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners met on: **January 27, 2021, 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, Richard Graham – Licensing Coordinator  
**Attorney General Representative:** Seamus Monaghan, Assistant Attorney General

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairperson Susan Williams called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.
2. **RECOGNITION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Board Members Absent:**

Jamie Fitzgerald  
Scott Selin

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

No conflicts noted

4. **REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

A. December 08, 2020 Regular Session Minutes

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

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

5. **PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion of Procedures for Election of Board Officers
  - i. The Executive Director reviewed the election procedures previously approved by the Board
- b. Election of Board Chairperson pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3902(D)
  - i. Board Member Lehavi nominated Susan Williams for Chairperson. Board Member Fontes Seconded. The Motion Passed Unanimously

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

- c. Election of Board Secretary pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3902(D)
  - i. Board Member Lehavi nominated Board Member Zimmerman for Secretary.
  - ii. Board Member Fontes nominated Board Member Tan for Secretary

Board Member Lehavi moved to appoint Board Member Zimmerman as a secretary  
Board Member Fitzgerald seconded. The Motion Passed Unanimously

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

Board Member Fontes moved to appoint Board Member Tan as a secretary  
Board Member Hayden seconded. The Motion Passed

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

Pursuant to Board Policy, Board Member Zimmerman is appointed Secretary after receiving the majority of the vote.

- d. Review and Adoption of Fees pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3927

Board Member Tan moved to apply a fifteen (15) dollar fee to cover the cost of producing a License Verification. Board Member Fontes Seconded. The Motion passed.

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

Board Member moved to continue all other fees as previously established. Board Member Hayden seconded. The Motion Passed.

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

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

Ratification of Licenses Issued by the Executive Director

- A. Huyen Thai
- B. Nadine Desormeau
- C. Brooke Gentile
- D. Xiyuan Qiu
- E. Jennifer Perzichilli
- F. Joy Lechner

Applicants Trained Outside of United States

- G. Yinghua He

Ratification of Temporary Licenses issued by the Executive Director

H Jennifer Louise Perzichilli *Issued December 18, 2020 - January 18, 2021*

Executive Director Geriminsky provided a summary of license eligibility for Applicants A-I 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 Lehavi moved to ratify licensure of Applicants A-F and H with Board Member Klein providing a second. The Motion Passed.

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

The Board reviewed the education of Applicant Yinghua He and found that the education completed was at least equivalent to that which would have been obtained in the United States. Board Member Tan moved to approve the foreign education and to approve applicant Yinghua He for licensure after she provides proof of legal presence in the United States. The Motion was seconded by Board Member Zimmerman. The Motion Passed.

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

							X		Absent
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**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

Candace Lee Jordan	Susan M Pistawka	Lloyd G Wright
Nathan R White	Beverly A Lawrence	Gary D Marker
Irene E Chappelle	Nadine F Butler	Denise Jenderzak
Stephani Sarnoski	Julia A Eastman	Angela A Edge
Lori J Binder	Marcy L Raybourn	Sarica Cernohous
Dianne S Darcy	Frances E Towle	Roberta Daugherty
Paul A Sweeney	Mukhtar F Ramsey	Harold H. Itokazu Jr.
Jennifer L Parks	Mingzhu P Sun	Lou Ann Behringer
Bryon L Powers	William C Smith	Christian E Armanti
Marcia R Riggs	Thomas Economou	Shuyuan Hong
Shinai Lilly	Nobuko M Pyle	Amanda Baron
Mica J Triton	Ruben Hong	William Donahue
Renee E Altman	Julie M Baron	Judith DeBeaumont
Sung Hyun Cho	David D Seltzer	Jimmy W Liu
Kimberly D Maloney	Burton N Shapiro	Roger L Fenneman
Hsiao Hsien Chu	Maria A Restivo	Josh Whiteley
Dale G Carlson	Natascha Hebell	Jennifer Daltilio
Kathrin Munger	Kari A Hahn	Aaron R Bigler
Karin A Singer	Danielle Dickshinski	Hyesun Cho
Anita M Pietrofitta	Tisha A Benoit	QiLing Lu
Jasmine Allam	Emily O Rea	Elizabeth V Tukan

Zhen Hu	Yong Deng	Perry J Cooper
Christopher Vedeler	Adam P Kerievsky	Diana L Da Grossa
Rachel Crowley	Toni L Bennalley	Martha Jean Painter
Hong Tao Liang	Lindsey M Watson	Ing C Wong
Sybil I Ihrig	Mary T O'Neill	Feng Zhang
Homi J Kaikobad	Neil A Kremer	Cynthia L Poppe
Julie Sandschafer	Susan H Luo	Janis Schreiber
David M Bell	Julie Grahe-Keel	Mindy L Hayden
Jamie M Szybala	Lori S Gardner	Jay D Zamora
Lin Yan	Toni Andrikopoulos	David D Seltzer

92 renewals

Auricular Acupuncturists

Natividad S Cano	Misty Nicole Dillon	Samantha	A	Hendrix
Stephanie Marie Barreto	John H Groel			

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

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

**7. REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ALLEGATIONS OF UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

Brent Thompson Case#2019-ACU-0006

The Board reviewed the above case, the failure to comply with the Board Order, and the additional court documentation showing conviction of a class 4 felony. After further discussion Board Member Hayden moved to issue a complaint and notice of Formal Hearing. Board Member Zimmerman seconded. The Motion Passed.

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

Board Member Fontes moved to continue the prior Interim Consent Agreement. Board Member Zimmerman seconded. The Motion Passed.

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

Board Member Fontes moved to adopt the Factual allegations and potential violations of law and rule found in the Interim Consent Agreement. Board Member Hayden seconded. The Motion Passed.

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

**8. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LEGISLATION FROM THE 2021 - 55TH LEGISLATURE 1ST REGULAR SESSION**

Including but not limited to

**a. SB1255**

The Director provided a general overview of the current status of SB1255.

**b. Sunrise Application by PIHMA**

The Board heard comments from Jonathan Lindsay the Lobbyist from PIHMA explaining their intended legislation. Mr. Lindsay indicated their legislative plan includes herbs, lasers, acupuncture assistants, injection therapy, animal acupuncture and western clinical and radiological testing.

The Board took no position or action.

**9. 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, budget, the effects of the fee waivers, 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.

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

- February 24, 2021
- March 24, 2021
- April 28, 2021
- May 26, 2021
- June 23, 2021
- July no meeting
- August 25, 2021 Flagstaff
- September 22, 2021
- October 27, 2021 Tucson
- December 08, 2021

The Board reviewed the upcoming regularly scheduled dates. The Board took no action.

**11. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

The Board received no comment

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

No New Items Requested

**13 ADJOURNMENT**

Board Member Zimmerman moved for adjournment and Board Member Tan provided a second. The Motion passed. The Board adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

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