



Acupuncture Board of Examiners

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REGULAR MEETING OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Members of the Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners met on: **January 25, 2023, 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: Mona Larson, Assistant Attorney General

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairperson Alex tan called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.
2. **RECOGNITION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Board Members Present:

Tali Lehavi
Rosemary Zimmerman
Matthew Klein
Alex Tan, Chairperson
Mario Fontes, Vice Chairperson

Board Members Absent:

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

No conflicts noted

4. **Review, Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Election of Officers and Fees**

The Board, upon a majority vote of a quorum of the members, may hold an executive session for the purposes of obtaining legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3)

- a. Election of Chairperson
Board Member Fontes Nominates Alex Tan
Member tan accepted the nomination

There being no further nominations a vote was held. Board Member Fontes moved to elect Board member Tan as Chairperson. Board Member Klein seconded the motion. The Motion Passed.

Fontes	Lehavi	Zimmerman	Klein	Tan	Tomas	Vote
X	X	X	X	X	X	Aye

						Nay
						Recused
						Abstained
						Absent

b. Election of Vice Chairperson

Chairperson Tan nominated Member Fontes as Vice Chair
Board member Fontes accepted the nomination

Board member Zimmerman nominated Member Lehavi as Vice Chairperson
Member Lehavi accepted the nomination

There being two nominees, the Board voted on both nominations and with the person receiving the greater number of votes being elected

The Vote regarding election of Board Member Fontes fell as follows

Fontes	Lehavi	Zimmerman	Klein	Tan	Vote
X	X	X	X	X	Aye
					Nay
					Recused
					Abstained
					Absent

The Vote regarding election of Board Member Lehavi fell as follows

Fontes	Lehavi	Zimmerman	Klein	Tan	Vote
	X	X			Aye
X			X	X	Nay
					Recused
					Abstained
					Absent

As Board Member Fontes received the greater number of votes he was elected as Vice Chairperson.

c. Setting of fees

The Board discussed the current fee schedule and that fee increases may be necessary in future years. Board member Zimmerman Moved to continue CY22 fee schedule for CY23. Board Member Fontes seconded. The Motion Passes.

Fontes	Lehavi	Zimmerman	Klein	Tan	Vote
X	X	X	X	X	Aye
					Nay
					Recused
					Abstained
					Absent

5. Review, Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Injection Course Approval

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a. Acupuncture Point Injection provided by Christina Captain

This item was tabled by consensus with Member Zimmerman working to come up with a list of questions that would provide the Board with greater information necessary to approve a course of this nature.

6. Review, Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Current and Potential Legislation

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a. Animal Acupuncture

The Board reviewed potential legislation to be filed the the Arizona Acupuncture Society and had several points where additional oversight or clarification might be needed to administer this program efficiently including, an approval process, and additional rigor for which certifying bodies were chosen. The Board asked the Director to communicate these items with AMAAZ directly.

7. Review, Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Substantive Policy Statements and Potential Rulemaking

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Recurring Agenda items

- A. Acupuncture Assistants
- B. Herbal Therapies
- C. Lasers

The Board took no action but requested that these items remain on the agenda for review on an ongoing basis.

8. Review, Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Applications for Licensure and Certification

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Ratification of Licenses Issued by the Executive Director

General Acupuncturists:

- A. Kathy Kristine Veon
- B. Megan E Neal
- C. Hsiaoling Huang
- D. Katie M Borchert
- E. Nina Echemendia
- F. Jessica Renee Peterman
- G. Jessica May
- H. Elena Pavlova Nott
- I. Teri C Powers

Auricular Acupuncturist:

- J. Dennis Pepe
- K. Rosemarie Font

The Director provided an overview of the applicants and stated that each had been found to meet the minimum qualifications in statute. This being the case they had been issued a license or certificate pursuant to the Boards delegation.

Board member Lehavi moved to ratify these issued licenses. Board Member Fontes seconded. The Motion Passed.

Fontes	Lehavi	Zimmerman	Klein	Tan	Vote
X	X	X	X	X	Aye
					Nay
					Recused
					Abstained
					Absent

Board member Zimmerman moved to ratify these issued certificates. Board Member Klein seconded. The Motion Passed.

Fontes	Lehavi	Zimmerman	Klein	Tan	Vote
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X	X	X	X	X	Aye
					Nay
					Recused
					Abstained
					Absent

Applicants to be reviewed by the Board for foreign education:

A. Li Ping Jian

After review of the education received the Board found it was substantially similar to that which would be obtained in the United States. Board Member Fontes moved to approve the license pending passing the NCCAOM Exams. Board Member Zimmerman Seconded. The Motion Passed.

Fontes	Lehavi	Zimmerman	Klein	Tan	Vote
X	X	X	X	X	Aye
					Nay
					Recused
					Abstained
					Absent

9. Review, Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Executive Directors Report

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1. Board office Highlights
2. Surveys
3. Thentia Database

The Executive Director provided a general overview of the above items. The Board took no action.

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

- March 22, 2023
- May 24, 2023
- July 26, 2023

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

11. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No Comment received

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

None noted.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair tan adjourned the meeting at 1:16 p.m. without objection.