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### REGULAR MEETING OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Members of the Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners met on: **August 09, 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 12:03 p.m.
2. **RECOGNITION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

**Board Members Present:**

Tali Lehavi  
Matthew Klein  
Alex Tan, Chairperson  
Mario Fontes, Vice Chairperson  
Jose Tomas

**Board Members Absent:**

Rosemary Zimmerman

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

No conflicts noted

4. **Review, Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Continuing Education Course Approval**

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)p

- a. **Treating Fertility/Infertility & Neurological Issues**

After review, the Board found this application met the minimum requirements for approval. Tali Lehavi moved to approve this course. Board Member Fontes seconded. The motion passed

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

						Recused
						Abstained
		X				Absent

**5. 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. **Lazers**

Director provided an overview of the rule making process and indicated rules will be drafted for the board’s review.

**6. 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. Anne Kuzyk
- B. Volodar Kuzyk
- C. Alan Chung
- D. Heath Shealy
- E. Lillea Ellisian
- F. Sydney Hodge

The Licensing Coordinator provided an overview of the applicants and stated that each had been found to meet the minimum qualifications for licensure. This being the case they had been issued a license by the Director pursuant to the Boards delegation.

Board Member Fontes moved to approve. Board Member Lehavi seconded the motion. Motion passes.

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

**Auricular Acupuncturist:**

A. Michael Smotherman

The Licensing Coordinator 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 certificate pursuant to the Boards delegation.

Board member Fontes moved to approve. Board Member Klein seconded the motion. The motion passes.

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

**7. Review, Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Executive Directors Report**

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- 1. Board office Highlights
- 2. Surveys
- 3. Budget and potential fee increase
- 4. Website

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

**8. Review, Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Future Regular Meeting Dates**

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)

Meetings to be held telephonically

- September 27, 2023
- December 6, 2023
- January 24, 2024

The Board took no action

**9. Call to the Public**

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The Board may make an open call to the public during the meeting, subject to reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions, to allow individuals to address the Board on any issue within its jurisdiction. Those wishing to address the Board should fill out a speaker request form. Pursuant to A.R.S. §

38-431.01 (H), members of the Board are not allowed to discuss or take action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and action. However, the Board may ask staff to review a matter or may ask that a matter be placed on a future agenda.

There were no calls to the public during this meeting.

**10. Discussion of Items to be placed on a future meeting agenda**

At the request of the Director, the board moved the discussion and action of a fee increase to a future meeting.

**11. Adjournment**

Chairperson Tan adjourned the meeting at 12:32pm with no objections.