

MARYLAND BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE

4201 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
Room 545

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

NOVEMBER 12, 2019
1:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Thomas Ingegno, L.Ac., DACM, Chair, Sheryl Hongsermeier, L.Ac., RN, Vice Chair, Brandie Armijo, L.Ac., LPN, BSN, DACM, Sherrie Black, L.Ac., RN, Esq., Peter Marinakis, L.Ac., Ph.D., Barbara Huston, Consumer

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bonnie Miranda, Consumer

BOARD STAFF PRESENT: Penny Heisler, Executive Director, Cynthia Dobbins, Administrative Officer, and David Finkler, AAG

GUESTS:

Lillian Reese, Regulations Coordinator, Kim Lang, MDH, David Kim, L.Ac.

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Dr. Ingegno called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 MINUTES

Dr. Armijo moved to approve the Minutes as written and Ms. Hongsermeier seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

1. OLD BUSINESS

A. CHIROPRACTIC BOARD DRY NEEDLING REGULATIONS

Ms. Heisler informed the Board that the Secretary signed off on the Chiropractic Board's dry needling regulations, which included the 20 hour training requirement. The proposal will be published in the Maryland Register on December 6, 2019 for a 30 day public comment period.

B. CHANGES TO COMAR 10.26.02

Dr. Ingegno asked the Board to review the latest proposal for any changes or additions before submission to the Secretary for signoff. After a lengthy discussion, Ms. Black moved to incorporate the following changes to the proposed regulation and Dr. Armijo seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Page 2 -(d) (ii) delete " including ultrasound"

Page 4 -E. insert (3) Passed the NCCAOM written and practical examination components in English;

Page 10 - 08. (3) (d) delete “Herbal formulas; or”

Ms. Reese stated that the Department of Health representatives may be able to move forward with the regulation prior to the AELR moratorium in December. She then gave the Board a brief overview of the regulatory process. She informed the Board that this process can take a minimum of 6 months before an effective date is granted.

Ms. Heisler stated that she received an inquiry from the public questioning whether the Board should regulate the practice of herbal medicine. Dr. Marinakis stated that herbal products are not regulated by Federal law and are currently defined as dietary supplements. He added that anyone can buy herbs in grocery stores or over the internet. After a lengthy discussion, the Board decided to refrain from regulating herbs at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.