

MARYLAND BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE

4201 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
Room 545

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

JANUARY 8, 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, David Bruce, Investigator and David Finkler, AAG

GUESTS:

Kim Lang, MDH

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Mr. Ingegno called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Dr. Ingegno welcomed the Board's new investigator, David Bruce.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 13, 2018 MINUTES

Sherrie Black moved to approve the Minutes as written and Brandie Armijo seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

1. OLD BUSINESS

A. CLEAN UP BILL

Brandie Armijo reached out to Senator Cheryl Kagan and the Senator has agreed to sponsor the Board's Bill. The Board thanked Dr. Armijo for locating a sponsor. Ms. Heisler provided the Board with the proposed Bill and the position paper for final review. After review, the Board asked Ms. Heisler to double check the number of hours required by the ACAOM and to send them a list of House and Senate Committee members.

B. DRY NEEDLING (Added)

Dr. Ingegno inquired whether the Chiropractic Board has commenced drafting of its dry needling regulations. Ms. Heisler stated that she received an email from the Chiropractic Board indicating that they had dry needling on their agenda for discussion at its January meeting and plans to attend. Dr. Ingegno asked Ms. Heisler to draft a letter to the Chair of the Chiropractic Board to express the Acupuncture Board's concern over their lack of

regulations and public safety and copy the Secretary of the Department of Health and Physical Therapy Board.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. BOARD CHAIR MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY

Dr. Ingegno reported that he attended a meeting of Board Chairs and the Secretary on January 3, 2019. He stated that the Director of Constituent Services gave an overview of the new constituent services data system known as IQ and that Secretary Neall encouraged the Boards to consider buying a license in order to access the IQ system directly. Representatives from the MDH Office of Human Resources also provided a presentation on the Performance Planning and Evaluation Program (PEP).

Ms. Black moved to close the meeting at 1:40 PM to go into Administrative Session in accordance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act § 3-305(b)(2) “To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business” and Dr. Armijo seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion