

MARYLAND BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE
4201 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
Room 505

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

MARCH 10, 2020
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, Bonnie Miranda, Consumer

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

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

GUESTS:

Lillian Reese, Regulations Coordinator, David Wurzell L.Ac., Denise Tyson, L.Ac., MAS, 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 JANUARY 14, 2019 MINUTES

Dr. Armijo moved to approve the Minutes with a minor correction and Dr. Marinakis seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

1. OLD BUSINESS

A. CHIROPRACTIC BOARD DRY NEEDLING REGULATIONS

Ms. Reese informed the Board that Chiropractic Board's dry needling regulations were posted in the Maryland Register for public comment and the comment period ended on January 21, 2020. She said that she is only aware of 2 comments and both were in opposition. Ms. Reese said that the Chiropractic Board has stated it will not make any further changes in response to the public comments.

B. COMAR 10.26.02 CONTINUING EDUCATION

At the last meeting, Ms. Heisler recommended that the Board review its current CEU requirements to determine whether they are in line with the legislative changes made through the passage of HB 404. Ms. Heisler recommended deleting the references to all

of the listed sponsoring organizations and suggested allowing 20 hours or less for passing the NCCAOM exam and up to 10 hours for serving on a professional board involving acupuncture and East Asian medicine. She said that these changes align with the NCCAOM's PDA requirements. Ms. Reese recommended that the Board move the continuing education requirements from 10.26.02, to create its own section, COMAR 10.26.06. Dr. Marinakis moved to approve all of the proposed changes and move the continuing education requirements under a new section, COMAR 10.26.06. Dr. Armijo seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the motion.

C. POINT INJECTION THERAPY

Dr. Ingegno reviewed the list of proposed injectable substances recommended by the Committee. After a lengthy discussion, Dr. Marinakis moved to add sugars under COMAR 10.26.02.08 B 3 (d) and to approve the all of the changes made to COMAR 10.26.02 as corrected to date. Ms. Black seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the motion. Ms. Reese will compile all of the changes made at today's Board meeting and submit them to the Secretary for sign off.

Ms. Hutson moved to close the meeting at 2:20 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. Marinakis seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.