

# **MARYLAND BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE**

**4201 Patterson Avenue**

**Third Floor**

**Baltimore, MD 21215**

## **MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY REGULAR SESSION**

June 20, 2023 12:15 p.m. via **GOOGLE MEET**

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

- Brandie Armijo, DACM, Dipl. Ac (NCCAOM®), LPN, BSN, Clinical Acupuncturist, Board Chair
- Sherrie Black, L.Ac., RN, Esq., Board Vice Chair,
- Christina Tian, DACM, CMD, MAOM, L.Ac., Professional Member
- Barbara Huston, Consumer Member
- Peter Marinakis, Ph.D, L.Ac., Professional Member

### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

### **BOARD STAFF PRESENT:**

- Tiffany Smith-Williams, Executive Director
- David Finkler, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
- Lillian Reese, Legislative and Regulations Coordinator to the Health Profession Boards

### **GUESTS:**

None

#### **A. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

Board Chair Armijo called the meeting to order at 12:19 p.m. Attendance confirmed for each board member. Quorum confirmed - five of seven members present. Two positions vacant - one professional and one consumer. Other Health Professions, Boards and Commissions staff recognized.

#### **B. BILLS**

The Executive Director (the “ED”) shared that two bills were to be discussed and voted on by the Board. The ED requested that Legislative and Regulations Coordinator (LRC) Reese provide some background on the bills.

LRC Reese discussed the Sunset Bill first, providing a summary including activity from the last legislative session and information shared during a meeting with the MDH Secretary staff.

- Last session the former MDH Secretary proposed reducing the length of the Health Professions Boards & Commissions sunset's from 10 to three years. The current MDH Secretary proposed two years.
- At present there is no commitment to what will be proposed during the upcoming legislative session. *To Be Determined* is one of the recommended options for the Board to submit in the sunset bill. The Board also has the option to request something else, including the traditional 10 years. There is no downside. Other Boards have requested 10 years.

After some discussion, the Board Vice Chair moved that the Board request 10 years. Consumer Member Huston seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Next, LRC Reese shared a summary about the Reciprocity Bill. Language about reciprocity must be present in each Board's statute in order for the Boards to propose such activity. The addition was being proposed for a specific Board by the Attorney General's Office, Health Occupations, Prosecution and Litigation Division. Considering that all Board's may consider establishing such relationships with regulatory bodies in other States, the intent of the bill is to submit a bill from the Maryland Department of Health for all the Boards that consent. This is preferable to submitting separate bills for the same authority for each Board separately in the future. After some discussion Consumer Member Huston moved to join the bill in order that the Board would have the authority to engage, if desired in the future. Board Vice Chair Black seconded. The vote was unanimous.

#### **C. OPEN DISCUSSION**

The floor was opened for discussion. No topics were introduced.

#### **D. LICENSURE DISCUSSION: TRANSITION to CLOSED SESSION**

Board Chair Armijo made a motion to close the Regular Session of the board meeting to discuss issues related to licensure of an individual to comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirements that prevents public disclosure about a particular procedure. Board Vice Chair Black made the motion. Professional Member Tian seconded. The vote was unanimous.

#### **E. ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Session of the May Board Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.