



State of Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners

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REGULAR MEETING

February 26, 2014

OPEN SESSION MINUTES (Teleconference Meeting)

Members of the Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners met at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 26, 2014, at 1400 West Washington, Conference Room B-1, Phoenix, Arizona and via teleconference.

Board Members Present:

John M. Rhodes, P.T., L.AC., Professional Member, Chairman
Teresa Buechel, L.AC., Professional Member, Secretary (via telephone)
Maureen Bronson, Consumer Member
Raoul T. Jacques, Consumer Member
B. Jeffrey Jolley, D.C., Professional Member (via telephone)
Jose Montoya, L.AC., Professional Member
Jennifer Sandoval, L.AC., Professional Member (via telephone)
Craig Seitz, D.C., L.AC., Professional Member (via telephone)

Board Member Absent:

Christopher M. Clair, Consumer Member, Secretary

Administrative Staff:

Pete Gonzalez, Executive Director

Attorney General Representative:

Montgomery Lee, Assistant Attorney General (via telephone)

Call to Order

Chairman Rhodes called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

The three board members: Jennifer Sandoval, Jose Montoya, and Raoul Jacques introduced themselves to the Board.

The following order of business was then considered:

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None.

Applications for Licensure (without self-disclosures)

The Board reviewed the license applicant chart and Board Member Bronson moved for the approval of the applicants for licensure listed below with Board Member Seitz providing a second. The motion carried by unanimous vote: 8-0.

- A. Tai Hawk
- B. Loren M. Starks
- C. Julie Grahe-Keel
- D. Serena L. Gabriel
- E. Lauren H. Daem
- F. Jessica A. Grotfeldt
- G. Leah M. Bicknell
- H. Timoni D. Slusher
- I. Martha J. Vollenweider

Bronson	Buechel	Clair	Jacques	Jolley	Montoya	Rhodes	Sandoval	Seitz	Vote
X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	Aye
									Nay
									Recused
									Abstained
		X							Absent

Legislation

Senate Bill 1136: acupuncture board of examiners

Executive Director Gonzalez provided the Board with an update on the progress of SB 1136 as introduced. Senator Nancy Barto, sponsor of this bill, has reinserted the language that was struck on page 1, line 8. Board Member Seitz would like to see the language changed to a “local and distant site” to clarify the intent of this change.

The Board discussed the new provision included in this bill regarding the fingerprint requirement for licensure. As introduced, the bill requires all licensees and applicants to secure a fingerprint clearance card every six years. An explanation on the difference between the one time fingerprint requirement versus the every six year fingerprint requirement was provided and discussed.

Board Member Seitz believes a one-time fingerprint requirement for new applicants is adequate. Board Member Bronson is in agreement with this requirement.

Board Members Rhodes, Buechel, and Sandoval support the six year fingerprint requirement for current licensees and future applicants.

Board Member Jolley moved to support Senate Bill 1136 with Board Member Bronson providing a second. The motion carried by unanimous vote: 8-0.

Bronson	Buechel	Clair	Jacques	Jolley	Montoya	Rhodes	Sandoval	Seitz	Vote
X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	Aye
									Nay
									Recused
									Abstained
		X							Absent

Senate Bill 1154: physical therapists; dry needling

Chairman Rhodes shared his views on having attended the Senate Health and Human Services committee as Senate Bill 1154 was reviewed.

The bill requires the Arizona State Board of Physical Therapy to establish rules on professional standards of care, training and education qualifications for the performance of dry needling. These new rules must be adopted on or before July 1, 2015.

Executive Director Gonzalez shared the following language prepared by the Arizona State Board of Physical Therapy:

Dry Needling is a skilled intervention performed by a physical therapist (PT) that uses a thin filiform needle to penetrate the skin and stimulate underlying neural, muscular and connective tissues for the evaluation and management of neuromusculoskeletal pain and movement impairments.

The Board acknowledged the bill is a positive step in addressing the dry needling issue, but there is still work to be done.

Board Member Bronson questioned why a sunrise proposal was not introduced by the physical therapy community to expand their scope of practice.

Board Member Sietz moved for the Board to take a neutral position on Senate Bill 1154 with Board Member Jacques providing a second. The motion carried by unanimous vote: 8-0.

Bronson	Buechel	Clair	Jacques	Jolley	Montoya	Rhodes	Sandoval	Seitz	Vote
X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	Aye
									Nay
									Recused
									Abstained
		X							Absent

House Bill 2548: auricular acupuncture: post-traumatic stress disorder

The Board reviewed the language found in this bill and questioned the source of this proposal. In addition, the Board suggested looking at these proposed changes at a future board meeting with the appropriate individuals to better understand the need for the changes.

The Board determined the changes proposed in HB 2548 have not been discussed by the acupuncture community and would like to see these discussions take place before any legislative changes are proposed.

Chairman Rhodes reminded board members of the plan to initiate discussions on the topic of auricular acupuncture at the April 23, 2014 board meeting in Tucson.

Board Member Rhodes moved to oppose House Bill 2548 with Board Member Bronson providing a second. The motion carried by unanimous vote: 8-0.

Bronson	Buechel	Clair	Jacques	Jolley	Montoya	Rhodes	Sandoval	Seitz	Vote
X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	Aye
									Nay
									Recused
									Abstained
		X							Absent

Future Meeting Dates

March 26, 2014
 April 23, 2014 (Tucson)

Call to the Public

No requests were submitted.

Discussion of Items to be place on a future meeting agenda

- Updates on legislation

Adjournment

Board Member Bronson moved for adjournment and Board Member Buechel provided a second. The motion carried by unanimous vote: 8-0. The Board adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Bronson	Buechel	Clair	Jacques	Jolley	Montoya	Rhodes	Sandoval	Seitz	Vote
X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	Aye
									Nay
									Recused
									Abstained
		X							Absent

Respectfully Submitted,



Pete Gonzalez
Executive Director

Approved by the Board: March 26, 2014