

## **SC BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS ACUPUNCTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

October 19, 2020

Committee Meeting Minutes

Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building via Teleconference

110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Leslie Jafarace, Chairman of the Acupuncture Advisory Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina. A quorum was present, and the meeting was held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act by notice mailed to The State Newspaper, Associated Press, and all other requesting persons, organizations, or news media. In addition, notice was posted on the bulletin boards located at both main entrances of the Kingstree Building where the Board office is located.

Committee members present via telephone were Ms. Leslie Jafarace, L.Ac, Dr. James Hogg, L.Ac, DACM, MSTOM, Dr. William Hendry, L.Ac, DAOM, and Dr. Emily Darr, MD

Staff participating in this meeting were Sheridon Spoon, Board Administrator; Adam Russell, Advice Counsel, and Debra Wade, Program Coordinator I

Court Reporter present was Tina Behles

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda for the meeting was reviewed and approved.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the meeting held September 16, 2019 and January 06, 2020 was reviewed and approved by committee members.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

A motion was made and carried for the election of the 2020 Committee officers, as follows:

Chair - Ms. Leslie Jafarace, L.Ac.

Vice-Chair - Dr. James Hogg, L.Ac, DACM, MSTOM

Secretary - Dr. William Hendry, L.Ac, DAOM

### **ACUPUNCTURE APPLICANT APPEARANCE**

The committee reviewed applicant Sook Sung An Kil application for licensure.

After an executive session, the committee denied Ms. An Kil for acupuncture license approval based on background information. She has since withdrawn her application.

### **CHAIR REPORT**

Ms. Jafarace informed the committee that on January 21, 2020, The Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services announced the approval of coverage for Acupuncture patients. The patient must be treated by a licensed Physician or health care provider (a nurse practitioner or physician assistant) that holds a master or doctoral level degree in acupuncture or Oriental Medicine from an accredited school, and have a current, full active and unrestricted license to practice acupuncture in a state where care is being provided must treat the patient.

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### **Adjournment**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2021 at 1:00 pm in Room 202-03.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Vanessa C. Oliver, Administrative Assistant