

SC Board of Medical Examiners Acupuncture Advisory Committee

January 11, 2017
Committee Meeting Minutes
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building Room 202-02
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

CALL TO ORDER

William Hendry, Chairman of the Acupuncture Advisory Committee, called the meeting to order at 12:12 P.M. on Wednesday, January 11, 2017, at 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina, with a quorum present indicating on the records that 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: William Hendry, DOM, L.Ac; Leslie Jafarace, L.Ac; Audrey Temelini, L.Ac, and Dr. Nancey T. Tsai, MD.

Staff participating in this meeting included: Sheridan Spoon, Board Administrator; Adam Russell, Advice Counsel; and Vanessa Oliver, Administrative Assistant.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda for the meeting was reviewed and accepted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting held on June 28, 2016 were reviewed having been approved by the Medical Board at its August 2016 meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The committee elected the following officers for 2017.

- Chair-Mr. Hendry Nomination by Ms. Jafarace. Motion carries. Dr. Tsai abstaining.
- Vice-Chair- Ms. Jafarace Nomination by Mr. Hendry. Motion carries. Dr. Tsai abstaining.
- Secretary-Dr. Tsai Nomination by Mr. Hendry. Motion carries.

Approval of Applicants-Temporary to Permanent

The committee approved temporary license applications to permanent status. These applicants were: Meghan Cole, Adam Jackson, Hope Caywood, Lianying He, and Cythera Wilkerson.

Licensed Acupuncturist Committee Vacancy

After review of the letters of interest and CV received, the committee voted to recommend to the Board the appointment of James A. Hogg, L.Ac. [License #201] to the committee from among those who applied: James Hogg, Cassandra Nelson, Joseph Carter, Julie Allison, Marina Ponton and William Skelton.

Formal Approval of Application and Interviewing Criteria

After discussion, the committee was advised that the Board, the committee and the board office follow the criteria and sequence for application approval set forth in S.C. Code 40-47-720 with regard to completion of the application, appearance before a committee or designated board member prior to issuance of the temporary license, and then committee review and recommendation to the board for permanent licensure.

Daith Piercing as a treatment for medical conditions

The committee discussed Daith Piercing. Mr. Hendry explained what Daith piercing is. Daith piercing is purported to be a treatment for medical conditions. It is a form of auricular puncturing that is being used by body piercers to treat migraine headaches.

Members of the committee expressed concern because the practice is increasing. Ms. Jafarace also provided more information about this practice.

After an executive session to receive legal advice, the committee returned to public session and adopted the following statement for board consideration:

“The role of the Acupuncture Advisory Committee is to provide meaningful guidance to the Board of Medical Examiners on problematic issues. Body piercers are providing Auricular service called Daith piercing which is being claimed to be the cure for migraines. There is no scientific evidence the procedure is effective. The length of time for healing (6 months) and the possibility of infection may outweigh any therapeutic value. Due to the increased popularity of Daith piercing and its marketing as a treatment or cure for migraine headaches, the Advisory Committee feels the Board of Medical Examiners consider taking action as appropriate.”

Committee Member Meeting Attendance

Mr. Hendry inquired about committee member attendance. Mr. Russell advised as to SC Code 40-1-60[D] stating that a member is required to attend meetings or have a proper justification as to why they cannot. Unexcused absences may result in the removal from the committee as provided by SC Code 1-3-240 regarding removal of officers by the Governor.

2017 Meeting Date

The committee scheduled a committee meeting for April 12, 2017 at 12pm, Room 107.

Chair and Administrator's Report

Mr. Hendry asked whether the committee should send a letter to informing Mr. Hogg of his appointment to the committee. Mr. Russell advised that the recommendation from the committee to the board would suffice.

Mr. Spoon reminded the members that Acupuncture license renewals begin July 01, 2017. The deadline is September 30, 2017. He advised that the User ID but not the password will be on the renewal notice and for all licensees to make sure they are able to access the *Online Services* portal now before the start of renewals.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and passed at 1:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Vanessa C. Oliver Administrative Assistant