

MEETING MINUTES
UTAH ACUPUNCTURE LICENSING BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 20, 2024 -9:00 A.M.
160 E 300 S, ROOM 474
SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84114

CONVENED: 9:12 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 10:04 A.M.

DOPL STAFF PRESENT:

Bureau Manager: Larry Marx
Board Secretary: Allison Pulsipher

Legal Analyst: Matt Johnson

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Roxene Bates, L. Ac
Jennifer Macali, Public Member
Autumn Bear, L. Ac

Kris Justesen, L. Ac, Chairperson
Kristen Phipps, L. Ac

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

GUESTS:

Laura Burgland, L. Ac

Rey Alonzo, UMA

NOTE: Other guests may have been in attendance electronically but were not identified.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Call Meeting to Order

Ms. Bates called the meeting to order at 9:12 AM.

Read and Approve the November 21, 2023 Minutes (0:02:25)

Ms. Phipps motioned to approve the minutes as written.

Ms. Macali seconded the motion.

The Board passed the motion unanimously.

Board Chair Vote (0:03:50)

Ms. Phipps motioned for Ms. Bates to be Board Chair.

Ms. Macali seconded the motion.

The Board passed the motion unanimously.

Open and Public Meeting Act (0:05:35)

Mr. Marx gave the Open and Public Meeting Act Review.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Vaccinations & Scope of Practice (0:07:55)

Ms. Bates reminded the Board of a previous discussion they had regarding the concerns of allowing their profession to help in a time of crisis with immunization.

Mr. Marx shared with the Board the changes he has proposed to the Acupuncture Practice Act Rule.

Mr. Marx stated he does not have a timeline for when this change will be enacted.

Ms. Bates asked what steps Ms. Justesen had taken in the past to allow her to help with providing immunizations and vaccinations.

Ms. Justesen explained to the Boards the steps she had to take to become a registered volunteer to help with immunizations.

NCCAOM and Upcoming Board Specialties (0:17:25)

Ms. Justesen started the discussion regarding the NCCAOM and what type of changes they have been navigating.

Ms. Justesen explained what some of the other states have been doing when allowing acupuncturists to practice in injection therapy.

Ms. Bates stated she agreed that Utah would not want the same requirements as some of the other states as they do not have the same injection authority.

Ms. Phipps asked for clarification on what they could be injecting.

Ms. Justesen informed the Board what they can do and where to find it in their laws.

Mr. Marx shared the law with the Board and expressed the possible need to add limitations to prevent practice outside their scope.

Mr. Marx discussed the possible additions that could be included to the acupuncture rule with the Board.

Ms. Justesen asked if DOPL would create a registration or database to allow the Division to know who is utilizing this practice.

Ms. Bear stated she agrees that there should be a registration to ensure the Division knows who is utilizing this practice.

Mr. Marx asked if there would be specific continuing education available to keep a provider's skill up-to-date.

Ms. Justesen stated it is something she could discuss with NCCAOM.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: May 21, 2024

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 10:04 A.M.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

5-30-2024
Date Approved

(ss) Renee Bates
Chairperson,
Utah Board of Acupuncture Licensing Board

5/30/2024
Date Approved

(ss) Larry Marx
Bureau Manager, DOPL