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DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
LANSING

MARLON I. BROWN, DPA
ACTING DIRECTOR

JANUARY 11, 2024 MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Acupuncture met in regular session on January 11, 2024, at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Center Room 4, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

CALL TO ORDER

Caitlin Bonk, OMD, LAc, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Caitlin Bonk, OMD, LAc, Chairperson
Carey Ryan, LAc, Vice Chairperson
Mark Crapo, OMD, DAc, LAc, Professional Member
Abigail Ellsworth, ND, LAc, Professional Member
Fatima Fahs, MD
Liz Lukasik, Public Member
Ryan Mehmandoost-Gauthier, DAOM, LAc, LMT, Professional Member
Heather Sloan, LAc, Professional Member

Members Absent: Carlota Almanza-Lumpkin, Public Member
Brian Emrys, LAc, Professional Member
Kristen Hall, Public Member
Zhiling Trowbridge, MD

Staff Present: Dena Marks, JD., Departmental Specialist, Boards and Committees Section
Kimmy Catlin, Board Support, Boards and Committees Section
Sloane Ebersole, Senior Analyst, Compliance Section

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Crapo, seconded by Lukasik, to approve the agenda as presented.

A voice vote was held.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Fahs, seconded Sloan, to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2023, meeting minutes as written.

A voice vote was held.

MOTION PREVAILED

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Sara Al Rawi

Ryan recused herself from the matter.

MOTION by Ellsworth, seconded by Lukasik, to untable the matter.

A voice vote was held.

MOTION PREVAILED

MOTION by Fahs, seconded by Mehmandoost-Gauthier, to approve the application for licensure.

A voice vote was held.

MOTION PREVAILED

A roll call vote was held: Yeas – Crapo, Ellsworth, Fahs, Lukasik, Mehmandoost-Gauthier,
Sloan, Bonk
Nays – None
Recuse – Ryan

MOTION PREVAILED

NEW BUSINESS

HPRP Annual Report

Marks explained what the Health Professional Recovery Program (HPRP) is, provided a brief overview of the program and presented the HPRP Executive Summary: October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023.

Conflict of Interest

Marks helped the members with completion of the Disclosure of Interest form (C-46).

Credentials Verification

Marks stated that to keep accurate records, the department requested verification of credentials of all board members.

Chair Report

None

Department Update

Marks stated that the bureau will hold the next Board Member Training on February 20, 2024, via Zoom. All board members are welcome to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held April 18, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Center Room 4, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Ellsworth, seconded by Sloan, to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

A voice vote was held.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on April 18, 2024.

Prepared by:
Kimmy Catlin, Board Support Technician
Bureau of Professional Licensing

January 12, 2024