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OFFICE OF NEVADA BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COUNCILS STANDARDS
NEVADA STATE BOARD OF ORIENTAL MEDICINE

*****PUBLIC NOTICE*****
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
May 19, 2026 @ 6:00 PM
Via Zoom and teleconference
*****MINUTES*****

Board Staff:
Merle Lok, Executive Director
Henna Rasul, SDAG

Public:
Chelsea Capurro
Wang Yik Chan
Tom Clark
Keita Sekine

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establish Quorum.**
Angela Nation, OMD, the President, called this meeting to order, conducted roll call and established the presence of a quorum. The following Board Members were present: Dr. Angela Nation, Dr. Huiwen Zhang, Dr. Michael Ferris, Dr. John Park, and Dr. Ron Kong.
- 2. Public Comment.**
None.

3. Public Hearing – R149-26 (Informational)

- The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested parties regarding the adoption of regulations that pertain to LCB File No. R149-26, Chapter 634A of the Nevada Administrative Code.

A REGULATION relating to Oriental Medicine which deletes the requirement for the Applicant’s social security number, updates the name of the national organization, clarifies the requirement of a current valid license in another state for endorsement eligibility, expands the automatic acceptance of all continuing education classes approved by the national organization, and eliminates and/or reduces certain fees; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

- **Open Public Comments – No vote may be taken upon a matter raised during a period devoted to public comment until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. (NRS 241.020)**

- **Close Public Comments**

4. LCB File No. R149-26 – Consideration of Public Comments (For Possible Action).

There are no public comments. ED states that issues raised from the workshop were about the acupuncture point injection therapy provisions (“APIT”). The APIT provisions have been removed because the LCB states that there is a conflict with existing statutes. Also, there was a question about the rationale for reducing the application and examination fees more than the renewal fees from the small business impact survey. ED explained that the reason for the reduction in the application and examination fees is that we wanted to be more in line with the application and exam fees from California and other states.

5. Consideration of Adoption of Regulations – LCB File. No. R149-26 (For Possible Action).

Motion: Dr. Ferris moves to approve adoption of LCB File No. R149-26

Second: Dr. Zhang

The motion is approved unanimously.

6. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the minutes for the 5/19/2026 board meeting and the 6/23/2026 workshop (For Possible Action).

Motion: Dr. Ferris moves to approve

Second: Dr. Kong

The motion is approved unanimously.

7. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding interviewing the following lobbyists for the 2027 session:

A. Chelsea Capurro; and

B. Tom Clark

(For Possible Action).

Both lobbyists discuss their backgrounds and experiences with lobbying and will submit proposals for the next meeting. This matter is tabled.

8. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the definition of oriental manipulation listed in the scope of practice (For Possible Action).

This matter is tabled as the Board needed more information from the person who submitted this question.

9. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the review of the transcript evaluation of Wang Lik [sic: Yik] Chan (For Possible Action).

The applicant describes his five-year bachelor's program, academic credits, instructional hours, subject coverage, and hospital clinical training. The applicant further states he has a master's degree. Dr. Zhang states that Beijing University is one of the best schools in China. ED states that the applicant is applying under NRS 634A.140(2), which addresses equivalent oriental medicine education and at least four years of lawful foreign practice. ED requests the Board determine whether the applicant's date of practice began in September 2022 with the applicant's doctor qualification certificate or in October 2023 with the applicant's doctor practice registration certificate. The discussion addressed whether his hospital work constitutes independent practice and whether the 2022 certificate marked the date of licensure. The applicant states that he treated patients in a hospital setting and that his practice should be counted from 2022. ED states that this is only a preliminary review and the applicant still has to satisfy the other application requirements such as the NCBAHM Diplomate of Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine, a background check, and other requirements.

Motion: Dr. Nation moves to approve that the applicant falls within the 4 year practice requirement and his transcript also satisfies the transcript requirement but he must still submit other necessary documentation for his application

Second: Dr. Zhang

The motion is approved unanimously.

- 10. Review, discussion, and possible action for the state licensure exam being held on 9/26/2026 to be administered by Dr. Sandip Thanki at 4350 E. Sunset Road, Ste 107A, Henderson, NV 89014 at the rate of \$60 per hour (For Possible Action).**

Motion: Dr. Ferris moves to approve

Second: Dr. Zhang

The motion is approved unanimously.

- 11. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding allowing the following applicants to take the state licensing exam on 9/26/2026 and being awarded the OMD licensure subject to passing the exam:**

A. Ariel Donofrio;

B. Bich Ngoc Nguyen; and

C. Young Suk Seo

(For Possible Action).

For item A:

Motion: Dr. Nation moves to approve

Second: Dr. Zhang

Recuse: Dr. Ferris as he plans to hire Ariel Donofrio

The motion is approved by the rest of the Board

For items B and C:

Motion: Dr. Ferris moves to approve

Second: Dr. Zhang

The motion is approved unanimously.

- 12. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding allowing applicant Haeni Kim to take the state licensing exam on 9/26/2026, on condition of receiving verification letters from the California Acupuncture Board and her TCM school prior to the exam date, and being awarded the OMD licensure subject to passing the exam (For Possible Action).**

ED states that this application is complete except for the verification letters from the California Acupuncture Board and the applicant's TCM school.

Motion: Dr. Nation moves to approve the Agenda item, subject to receiving these 2 letters which satisfies the application requirements prior to the date of the state licensing exam

Second: Dr. Ferris

The motion is approved unanimously.

13. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding NOMA's CEU titled Modern Interpretation of 5 Element & Its Application offered via Zoom on 9/6/2026 from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. for 10 credit hours (For Possible Action).

Motion: Dr. Ferris moves to approve

Second: Dr. Zhang

The motion is approved unanimously.

14. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding Alpine Wellness Center's CEU titled Acupoint Regenerative Therapies offered in person on 9/18/2026-9/20/2026 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for 24 credit hours (For Possible Action).

Motion: Dr. Zhang moves to approve

Second: Dr. Ferris

The motion is approved unanimously.

15. Update from the Treasurer regarding Board accounts and other matters (For Discussion only).

Dr. Ferris states that the accounts look fine.

16. Approve or disapprove of future Board meeting dates (For Possible Action).

Dr. Nation states that the next meeting will be on 9/24/26 at 6 p.m.

Motion: Dr. Nation moves to approve

Second: Dr. Zhang

The motion is approved unanimously.

17. Public Comment.

None.

18. Adjournment.

Dr. Nation adjourns the meeting.

The minutes will be approved at a subsequent meeting.