

CALIFORNIA ACUPUNCTURE BOARD

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Approved 11/2/07 **ACUPUNCTURE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Office of Dr. Steven Tan
Westlake Village, CA
(by teleconference)

Department of Consumer Affairs
Sacramento, CA

Special Board Meeting Monday, October 1, 2007

Board Members Present

Steven Tan, M.D., L.Ac., Chair
Kenny Cherng, L.Ac., Vice Chair
Robert Brewer, Public Member
Adam Burke, L.Ac.
Larry Yee, Public Member

Members Absent

Cary Nosler

Staff Present

Janelle Wedge, Executive Officer
Don Chang, Legal Counsel
Mary Howard, Administrative Coordinator
Christie Loftin, Examination Coordinator
Nancy Linn, Office of Examination Resources

Guest List on File

1. Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum – Janelle Wedge, Executive Officer

Janelle Wedge called the Acupuncture Board meeting to order at approximately 3:00 p.m. By way of roll call, a quorum was established. Present in Sacramento were Kenny Cherng, Robert Brewer, Adam Burke, and Larry Yee. Present in Westlake Village was Steven Tan.

2. Determination of Need for Special Meeting – Janelle Wedge, Executive Officer

Janelle Wedge told the board that due to some reported irregularities in the August 7, 2007 licensing examination, exam results were withheld and an investigation was opened. The investigation is now completed and she would like to report to the board the specifics of the alleged security breach leading to the investigation and the findings of the investigation. She continued to say that any further delay in making a determination on this exam will further harm the students in making student loan payments or preparing for future exams. A delay in the decision will also impact the board in preparing for and scheduling future exams.

Public Comment was taken from several members of the audience including acupuncture association representatives and legal counsel, as well as students who took the August exam. General consensus was the delay of the results was causing a high level of emotional and financial stress for the good faith examinees. It was also requested that the board provide additional information on any details of the investigation that could be made public.

Legal Counsel Don Chang explained to the board that they had heard a summary from their executive officer as to the need for a special meeting and asked that if the board was in agreement that a motion be made.

ADAM BURKE MOVED AND LARRY YEE SECONDED A MOTION THAT THERE WAS A NEED FOR A SPECIAL MEETING TO CONSIDER THE ALLEGED SECURITY BREACH OF THE AUGUST 7, 2007 CALIFORNIA ACUPUNCTURE LICENSING EXAMINATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL: AYES – KENNY CHERNG, ADAM BURKE, ROBERT BREWER, LARRY YEE AND STEVEN TAN. NO – NONE.

3. CLOSED SESSION – August 7, 2007 CALE – Alleged Security Breach; Delay/Release of Results.

As a result of the motion and pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c) (1) the board went into closed session. The public was informed that the board's website would be updated with the outcome of the meeting within a couple days.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:25 p.m.