California Acupuncture Board Meeting November 6, 2026

Board Members

Dr. Yong Ping Chen, L.Ac., Ph.D, President
Hyun "Francisco" Kim, M.S., L.Ac., Vice President
Gregory Leung
Dr. Shu Dong Li, Ph.D
Dr. Farshid Namin, L.Ac., DAOM

CALIFORNIA ACUPUNCTURE BOARD
1625 North Market Blvd., Suite N-219
Sacramento, CA 95834
P 916.515.5200 F 916.928.2204
www.acupuncture.ca.gov

CALIFORNIA ACUPUNCTURE BOARD MEETING

NOTICE AND AGENDA

Friday, November 6, 2026

9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or upon completion of business

Physical Address:

South Baylo University
Los Angeles Campus
4055 Wilshire Boulevard
Suite 500
Auditorium
Los Angeles, CA 90010

Remote Access:

The public may also participate in this meeting via Webex Events. While the Board is webcasting the meeting as a courtesy to the public, the meeting will continue, even if the webcast fails. If you wish to have a guaranteed opportunity to participate or observe, please attend in person at a noticed physical location.

Instructions to connect to the meeting can be found by clicking here.

Click here to join the meeting

If joining using the link above

Webinar number: 2484 331 6595
Webinar password: DCA116

If joining by phone

+1-415-655-0001 US Toll
Access code: 2484 331 6595
Passcode: 322116

The California Acupuncture Board will host an in-person meeting at the above time and address, pursuant to Government Code, section 11122.5.

ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Members of the Board

Dr. Yong Ping Chen, L.Ac., Ph.D, President
Hyun "Francisco" Kim, M.S., L.Ac., Vice-President
Gregory Leung
Dr. Shu Dong Li, Ph.D
Dr. Farshid Namin, L.Ac., DAOM

1. **Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of Quorum**

2. **President's Remarks (Chen)**

3. **Review and Possible Action on Board Meeting Minutes for May 15, 2026 (Chen)**

4. **Executive Management Report**
   (A) Budget Update
   (B) Licensing Report Q4 2025-26 & Q1 2026-27
   (C) Enforcement Report Q4 2025-26 & Q1 2026-27
   (D) Business Modernization Update

5. **Legislative Report and Possible Action on Bills of Interest to the Board (Brothers)**
   (A) AB 1558 (Arambula) Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act
   (B) AB 1775 (Ward) Veterans
   (C) AB 1767 (Berman) Department of Consumer Affairs: Public Members of Boards: Conflicts of Interest
   (D) AB 1811 (Rogers) Health Professionals.
   (E) AB 1949 (Lee) Medi-Cal: Acupuncture Treatments
   (F) AB 1979 (Bonta) Health Care Services: Artificial Intelligence
   (G) AB 2497 (Johnson) Physical Therapists
   (H) AB 2551 (Elhawary) Equity in Higher Education Act: Time, Place, and Manner Policies: Student Code of Conduct Violations: Open Forum (previously: Health Care Coverage)
   (I) SB 944 (Weiner) Medi-Cal: Acupuncture
   (J) SB 1159 (Cabaldon) Artificial intelligence: transparency and governance
   (K) SB 1391 (Wahab) Department of Consumer Affairs: retired category licenses
   (L) SB 1445 (Comm on BPED) Healing Arts.

6. **Regulatory Report (Brothers)**
   (A) Disciplinary Guidelines; Uniform Standards for Substance Abusing Licensees; Probation Disclosure (Title 16 CCR section 1399.469)
   (B) Align Curriculum Standards and Approval Related Regulations with Statute (Title 16 CCR sections 1399.425, 1399.427, 1399.434, 1399.435, 1399.437 and 1399.439)
   (C) Standards of Practice for Telehealth Services (Title 16 CCR section 1399.452.1)

(D) Hand Hygiene Requirements (Title 16 CCR section 1399.451)

7. Discussion and Possible Approval of 2026 Sunset Report (Bodea)

8. Future Agenda Items (Chen)

9. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda (Chen)

The Board may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during the Public Comment section that is not included on this agenda, except whether to decide to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting. (Gov. Code, §§ 11125, 11125.3, 11125.7(a).)

10. Adjournment (Chen)

Informational Notes:

Discussion and action may be taken on any item on the full board meeting agenda. The agenda, as well as any available Board meeting minutes and materials, can be found on the California Acupuncture Board website: www.acupuncture.ca.gov.

The time and order of agenda items are approximate and subject to change at the discretion of the Board President; agenda items scheduled for a particular day may be moved or continued to an earlier or later noticed meeting day to facilitate the effective transaction of business.

The Board plans to webcast this meeting at the Webex address listed on the agenda above. Webcast availability cannot, however, be guaranteed due to limitations on resources or other technical difficulties that may arise. Please note that the meeting will continue even if the webcast fails. If you wish to participate or to have a guaranteed opportunity to observe, please attend at a noticed location. Adjournment, if it is the only item that occurs after a closed session, may not be webcast.

Members of the public may but are not obligated to provide their names or personal information as a condition of observing or participating in the meeting. When signing into the Webex platform, participants may be asked for their name and email address. Participants who choose not to provide their names will be required to provide a unique identifier such as their initials or another alternative, so that the meeting moderator can identify individuals who wish to make public comment; participants who choose not to provide their email address may utilize a fictitious email address in the following sample format: XXXXX@mailinator.com.

Government Code, section 11125.7 provides the opportunity for the public to address each agenda item during discussion or consideration by the Board or prior to the Board taking any action on said item. Members of the public will be provided appropriate opportunities to comment on any issues before the Board, but the Board President may, at his or her discretion, apportion available time among those who wish to speak. Individuals may appear before the Board to discuss items not on the agenda; however,

the Board can neither discuss nor take official action on items not noticed in the agenda. (Gov. Code, §§ 11125, 11125.3, 11125.7(a).)

Board meetings are open to the public and are held in barrier free facilities that are accessible to those with physical disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you are a person with a disability requiring disability-related modifications or accommodations to participate in the meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, please contact the Board at (916) 515-5200; Fax: (916) 928-2204. Requests should be made as soon as possible, but making the request at least five (5) working days prior to the scheduled meeting helps ensure that the Board can meet its obligations. You may also dial the voice TTY/TDD Communications Assistant at (800) 322-1700 or 7-1-1.



Draft 05.15.26 Board Meeting Minutes

CALIFORNIA ACUPUNCTURE BOARD
1625 North Market Blvd., Suite N-219
Sacramento, CA 95834
P 916.515.5200 F 916.928.2204
www.acupuncture.ca.gov

CALIFORNIA ACUPUNCTURE BOARD
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
May 15, 2026

Physical Location:
Department of Consumer Affairs
1747 North Market Boulevard
Ruby Room, Suite 182
Sacramento, CA 95834

Additional Public Participation:
Teleconference via WebEx Teleconference

The recording of the webcast is available here.

Staff Present

Benjamin Bodea, Executive Officer
Brennan Meier, Legal Counsel
Jay Herdt, Licensing Manager
Kristine Brothers, Policy Coordinator
Enrico Garcia, Administrative Coordinator
Marisa Ochoa, Central Services Manager, Remote

Members of the Board

Dr. Yong Ping Chen, Ph.D., L.Ac., President
Hyun "Francisco" Kim, M.S., L.Ac., Vice President
Gregory Leung (Absent)
Shu Dong Li, Ph.D.
Ruben Osorio
Dr. Farshid Namin, L.Ac., DAOM

Item 1 – Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of Quorum (0:06)

Meeting commenced at 9:43 a.m.

Roll call taken. All members present except Board Member Greogory Leung. Quorum established.

Item 2 – President's Remarks (0:45)

President Yong Ping Chen (President Chen) welcomed members, staff, and the public to the meeting.

Item 3 – Review and Possible Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for March 26, 2026 (2:30)

MOTION (2:58) Vice-President Francisco Kim (VP Kim) moved to approve the March 26, 2026, meeting minutes. Board Member Ruben Osorio (Member Osorio) seconded.

Yes: Chen, Kim, Li, Osorio, Namin

The motion carried 5-0.

Item 4 – Executive Management Report

(A) Budget Update (4:36)

(B) Licensing Report Q2 & Q3 2025-26 (9:38)

(C) Enforcement Report Q2 & Q3 2025-26 (30:58)

(D) Business Modernization Update (37:04)

A public comment was received:

1. Public Comment 1 (39:26)

The Board recessed from 10:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

Roll Call taken at 10:46 a.m. All members present. Quorum established.

Item 5 – Legislative Report and Possible Action on Bills of Interest to the Board (42:20)

(A) AB 1558 (Arambula) Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act

(B) AB 1775 (Ward) Veterans

(C) AB 1767 (Berman) Department of Consumer Affairs: Public Members of Boards: Conflicts of Interest

(D) AB 1949 (Lee) Medi-Cal: Acupuncture Treatments

(E) AB 1979 (Bonta) Health Care Services: Artificial Intelligence

(F) AB 2140 (Johnson) Healing Arts: Reports: Claims against Licensees

(G) AB 2497 (Johnson) Physical Therapists

(H) AB 2551 (Elhawary) Health Care Coverage

(I) AB 2668 (Fong) Acupuncture: Department of Consumer Affairs

(J) SB 944 (Weiner) Medi-Cal: Acupuncture

(K) SB 1159 (Cabaldon) Artificial intelligence: transparency and governance

(L) SB 1391 (Wahab) Department of Consumer Affairs: retired category licenses

MOTION (1:01:51)VP Kim moved to oppose AB 2497, unless amended to remove Sections Six and Eight of the bill that address introducing dry needling in the scope for the Physical Therapy profession in California. Member Namin seconded.

Yes: Chen, Kim, Li, Osorio, Namin

The motion carried 5-0.

A public comment was received:

1. Public Comment 1 (1:03:03)

MOTION (1:06:07) President Chen moved to take a support position on SB 1159, as amended on March 25, 2026, for the reasons discussed by members and staff and as reflected in the staff memo. Member Osorio seconded.

Yes: Chen, Kim, Li, Osorio, Namin

The motion carried 5-0.

MOTION (1:07:49) Member Namin moved to take a support position on AB 1949. VP Kim seconded.

Yes: Chen, Kim, Li, Osorio, Namin

The motion carried 5-0.

Public comments were received from:

1. Public Comment 1 (1:13:36)
2. Public Comment 2 (1:15:19)

MOTION (1:18:50) President Chen moved to take a support position on SB 944. Member Osorio seconded.

Yes: Chen, Kim, Li, Osorio, Namin

The motion carried 5-0.

Item 6 – Regulatory Report

(A) Disciplinary Guidelines; Uniform Standards for Substance Abusing Licensees; Probation Disclosure (Title 16 CCR section 1399.469) (1:21:55)

(B) Align Curriculum Standards and Approval Related Regulations with Statute (Title 16 CCR sections 1399.425, 1399.427, 1399.434, 1399.435, 1399.437 and 1399.439) (1:22:50)

(C) Application for Retired Status; Retired Status; Restoration (Title 16 CCR section 1399.419.3 and 1399.460) (1:23:41)

(D) Standards of Practice for Telehealth Services (Title 16 CCR section 1399.452.1) (1:24:11)

(E) Hand Hygiene Requirements (Title 16 CCR section 1399.451) (1:24:58)

No public comment was received.

Item 7 – Discussion and Possible Action on Acupuncture Education Requirements

(A) Doctorate Degree (1:26:22)

(B) Prerequisites/Science Requirements (1:26:22)

(C) Clinical Education Requirements (*clinical internship/externship) (1:26:22)

Public comments were received:

1. Public Comment 1 (1:46:27)
2. Public Comment 2 (1:49:24)
3. Public Comment 3 (1:52:10)

The Board recessed from 12:20 p.m.-12:35 p.m.

Roll Call taken at 12:36 p.m. All members present. Quorum established

MOTION (2:12:32) President Chen motioned to direct staff to explore and develop a possible regulatory package that removes the in-school clinic requirement of 75% and include possible alternatives. VP Kim seconded.

Yes: Chen, Kim, Li, Osorio, Namin

The motion carried 5-0.

A public comment was received:

1. Public Comment 1 (2:13:58)

(D) Accreditation Requirements – Letter of Intent (2:17:58)

Public comments were received:

1. Public Comment 1 (2:37:05)
2. Public Comment 2 (2:39:57)
3. Public Comment 3 (2:41:26)

Item 8 – Nomination and Election of Officers (2:43:12)

VOTE: Member Osorio nominated Board President Yong Ping Chen and Board Vice-President Francisco Kim be reelected as president and vice-president of the California Acupuncture Board.

Yes: Chen, Kim, Li, Osorio, Namin

5-0

Board President Yong Ping Chen and Vice-President Kim are reelected as president and vice-president of the California Acupuncture Board.

Public comment was received:

1. Public Comment 1 (2:46:11)

Item 9 – Future Agenda Items (2:49:40)

A public comment was received:

1. Public Comment 1 (2:52:19)

Item 10 – Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda (2:54:19)

Public comments were received:

1. Public Comment 1 (2:55:16)
2. Public Comment 2 (2:57:21)

Item 11 – Adjournment

President Chen adjourned the meeting at or around 1:28 p.m.

DRAFT



Budget Update

Department of Consumer Affairs

Expenditure Projection Report

Acupuncture Board
Reporting Structure(s): 11111700 Support
Fiscal Month: 13
Fiscal Year: 2025 - 2026
Run Date: 09/01/2026

PERSONAL SERVICES

Fiscal Code	Line Item	PY Budget	PY FM13	Budget	Current Month	YTD	Encumbrance	YTD + Encumbrance	Projections to Year End	Balance
5100 PERMANENT POSITIONS		$1,029,000	$1,017,540	$1,040,000	$86,937	$1,033,999	$0	$1,033,999	$1,033,999	$6,001
5100 TEMPORARY POSITIONS		$19,000	$308	$19,000	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$19,000
5105-5108 PER DIEM, OVERTIME, & LUMP SUM		$12,000	$8,606	$12,000	$4,500	$8,730	$0	$8,730	$8,730	$3,270
5150 STAFF BENEFITS		$545,000	$523,339	$577,000	$43,179	$563,445	$0	$563,445	$563,445	$13,555
PERSONAL SERVICES		$1,605,000	$1,549,793	$1,648,000	$134,616	$1,606,174	$0	$1,606,174	$1,606,174	$41,826

OPERATING EXPENSES & EQUIPMENT

Fiscal Code	Line Item	PY Budget	PY FM13	Budget	Current Month	YTD	Encumbrance	YTD + Encumbrance	Projections to Year End	Balance
5301 GENERAL EXPENSE		$73,000	$24,356	$73,000	$4,762	$10,281	$43,294	$53,575	$53,575	$19,425
5302 PRINTING		$18,000	$12,654	$18,000	$6,763	$17,808	$1,603	$19,411	$19,411	-$1,411
5304 COMMUNICATIONS		$18,000	$2,918	$18,000	$1,269	$4,580	$0	$4,580	$4,580	$13,420
5306 POSTAGE		$6,000	$12,767	$6,000	$920	$3,771	$0	$3,771	$3,771	$2,229
53202-204 IN STATE TRAVEL		$34,000	$26,625	$34,000	$20,794	$43,816	$0	$43,816	$43,816	-$9,816
5322 TRAINING		$4,000	$8	$4,000	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$4,000
5324 FACILITIES		$65,000	$159,958	$65,000	$13,902	$161,550	$0	$161,550	$161,550	-$96,550
53402-53403 C/P SERVICES (INTERNAL)		$502,000	$92,440	$502,000	$44,392	$202,830	$0	$202,830	$202,830	$299,170
53404-53405 C/P SERVICES (EXTERNAL)		$496,000	$350,247	$484,000	$150,719	$450,520	$80,207	$530,728	$530,728	-$46,728
5342 DEPARTMENT PRORATA		$535,000	$469,858	$707,000	-$33,689	$612,145	$0	$612,145	$612,145	$94,855
5342 DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES		$323,000	$151,207	$323,000	$47,453	$192,555	$0	$192,555	$192,555	$130,445
5344 CONSOLIDATED DATA CENTERS		$4,000	$6,926	$4,000	$6,769	$6,769	$0	$6,769	$6,769	-$2,769
5346 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		$18,000	$109,845	$18,000	$1	$16,375	$0	$16,375	$16,375	$1,625
5362-5368 EQUIPMENT		$28,000	$13,964	$0	$0	$50,895	$0	$50,895	$50,895	-$50,895
5390 OTHER ITEMS OF EXPENSE		$3,000	$19	$3,000	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$3,000
54 SPECIAL ITEMS OF EXPENSE		$0	$867	$0	$6	$442	$0	$442	$442	-$442
OPERATING EXPENSES & EQUIPMENT		$2,127,000	$1,434,659	$2,259,000	$264,061	$1,774,337	$125,104	$1,899,441	$1,899,441	$359,559

OVERALL TOTALS		$3,732,000	$2,984,452	$3,907,000	$398,677	$3,380,512	$125,104	$3,505,616	$3,505,616	$401,384
REIMBURSMENTS		-$23,000	-$34,119	-$23,000				-$17,360	-$17,360	
OVERALL NET TOTALS		$3,709,000	$2,950,333	$3,884,000	$398,677	$3,380,512	$125,104	$3,488,256	$3,488,256	$418,744
										10.78%

Department of Consumer Affairs

Revenue Report

Acupuncture Board
Reporting Structure(s): 11111700 Support
Fiscal Month: 13
Fiscal Year: 2025 - 2026
Run Date: 09/01/2026

Revenue

Fiscal Code	Budget	YTD
Delinquent Fees	**$77,000**	**$59,550**
Other Regulatory Fees	**$296,000**	**$297,815**
Other Regulatory License and Permits	**$706,000**	**$744,732**
Other Revenue	**$265,000**	**$275,654**
Renewal Fees	**$2,927,000**	**$2,962,170**
Revenue	**$4,271,000**	**$4,339,921**

Reimbursements

Fiscal Code	Budget	YTD
Scheduled Reimbursements	**$23,000**	**$392**
Unscheduled Reimbursements	**$0**	**$17,142**
Reimbursements	**$23,000**	**$17,534**

0108 - Acupuncture Fund
Analysis of Fund Condition
(Dollars in Thousands)
2026 Budget Act with Workload Revenue

Prepared 10.8.2026

	Actuals 2025-26	CY 2026-27	BY 2027-28	BY +1 2028-29
BEGINNING BALANCE	$ 6,170	$ 4,317	$ 4,440	$ 4,286
Prior Year Adjustment	$ 57	$ -	$ -	$ -
Adjusted Beginning Balance	$ 6,227	$ 4,317	$ 4,440	$ 4,286
REVENUES, TRANSFERS AND OTHER ADJUSTMENTS				
Revenues				
4121200 - Delinquent fees	$ 60	$ 61	$ 61	$ 61
4127400 - Renewal fees	$ 2,962	$ 3,146	$ 2,994	$ 2,994
4129200 - Other regulatory fees	$ 298	$ 297	$ 297	$ 297
4129400 - Other regulatory licenses and permits	$ 745	$ 719	$ 720	$ 720
4163000 - Income from surplus money investments	$ 275	$ 188	$ 182	$ 168
Totals, Revenues	$ 4,340	$ 4,413	$ 4,256	$ 4,242
Loans transfer to BU9991 Fund 0001 per Section 13.40, Chapter 4, Statutes of 2025 EO E 25/26-202	$ -2,500	$ -	$ -	$ 2,500
Totals, Transfers and Other Adjustments	$ -2,500	$ -	$ -	$ 2,500
TOTALS, REVENUES, TRANSFERS AND OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	$ 1,840	$ 4,413	$ 4,256	$ 6,742
TOTAL RESOURCES	$ 8,067	$ 8,730	$ 8,696	$ 11,028
Expenditures:				
1111 Department of Consumer Affairs (State Operations)	$ 3,488	$ 4,011	$ 4,131	$ 4,255
9900 Statewide General Administrative Expenditures (Pro Rata) (State Operations)	$ 262	$ 279	$ 279	$ 279
TOTALS, EXPENDITURES AND EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS	$ 3,750	$ 4,290	$ 4,410	$ 4,534
FUND BALANCE				
Reserve for economic uncertainties	$ 4,317	$ 4,440	$ 4,286	$ 6,494
Months in Reserve	12.1	12.1	11.3	16.7

NOTES:
1. Assumes workload and revenue projections are realized in BY+1 and ongoing.
2. Expenditure growth projected at 3% beginning BY+1.



Licensing Report

FY 25/26 Acupuncture Licensing Report

License Status	Q1 Jul - Sep	Q2 Oct - Dec	Q3 Jan - Mar	Q4 Apr - Jun
Active	10086	10078	10084	10007
Inactive	1405	1437	1447	1416
Delinquent	1421	1290	1247	1289
Valid	12912	12805	12778	12712
Retired	N/A	N/A	N/A	71
Cancelled	179	161	83	84
Initial AC License Applications Approved	63	66	74	95
Initial AC License Applications Denied	0	0	0	0
AC License Renewals	1228	1344	1571	1448
Active Wall Licenses	5819	5925	6451	6761
Initial Wall Licenses	386	294	821	583
Wall License Renewals	454	541	602	506

FY 25/26 Continuing Education Report

Type	Q1 Jul - Sep	Q2 Oct - Dec	Q3 Jan - Mar	Q4 Apr - Jun
New CE Provider Applications Approved	12	15	8	11
CE Provider Applications Denied	0	0	0	0
CE Provider Renewals	31	27	40	36
Course Applications Received	451	532	571	451
Course Applications Approved	498	530	576	530
Course Denials	0	0	0	0

FY 25/26 Acupuncture Educational and Training Programs

Application for Board Approval of Curriculum (ABAC)	Q1 Jul - Sep	Q2 Oct - Dec	Q3 Jan - Mar	Q4 Apr - Jun
New ABAC - Received	6	1	4	1
Resubmission ABAC - Received	12	6	4	11
ABAC - Incomplete	14	2	5	14
ABAC - Approved	3	0	0	3
Loss of Approval	1	0	0	2

FY 25/26 Acupuncture Tutorial Training Programs Report

Type	Q1 Jul - Sep	Q2 Oct - Dec	Q3 Jan - Mar	Q4 Apr - Jun
Applications Received	9	8	8	5
New Program Approvals	11	3	5	6
Programs Completed	3	1	2	2
Programs Terminated or Revoked	0	0	1	4
Total Approved Programs	74	76	78	78

2026-27 Acupuncture Licensing Report

License Status	Q1 Jul - Sep	Q2 Oct - Dec	Q3 Jan - Mar	Q4 Apr - Jun
Active	10019			
Inactive	1392			
Delinquent	1240			
Valid	12651			
Retired	131			
Cancelled	73			
Initial AC License Applications Approved	74			
Initial AC License Applications Denied	0			
AC License Renewals	1533			
Active Wall Licenses	7021			
Initial Wall Licenses	530			
Wall License Renewals	627			

FY 26/27 Continuing Education Report

Type	Q1 Jul - Sep	Q2 Oct - Dec	Q3 Jan - Mar	Q4 Apr - Jun
New CE Provider Applications Approved	10			
CE Provider Applications Denied	0			
CE Provider Renewals	24			
Course Applications Received	483			
Course Applications Approved	548			
Course Denials	0			

FY 26/27 Acupuncture Educational and Training Programs

Application for Board Approval of Curriculum (ABAC)	Q1 Jul - Sep	Q2 Oct - Dec	Q3 Jan - Mar	Q4 Apr - Jun
New ABAC - Received	0			
Resubmission ABAC - Received	8			
ABAC - Incomplete	5			
ABAC - Approved	0			
Loss of Approval	0			

FY 26/27 Acupuncture Tutorial Training Programs Report

Type	Q1 Jul - Sep	Q2 Oct - Dec	Q3 Jan - Mar	Q4 Apr - Jun
Applications Received	7			
New Program Approvals	10			
Programs Completed	3			
Programs Terminated or Revoked	4			
Total Approved Programs	81			

EXAMINATION RESULTS STATISTICS - FIRST TIME AND OVERALL						
1/1/2026-6/30/2026						
APPROVED ACUPUNTURE AND EDUCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS	1ST TIME TAKERS			OVERALL (Includes Re-Takers)		
	PASS	FAIL	PASS %	PASS	FAIL	PASS %
Academy of Chinese Culture & Health Sciences	4	0	100%	4	1	80%
Acupuncture & Integrative Medicine College, Berkeley	14	3	82%	18	4	82%
Alhambra Medical University	10	1	91%	10	2	83%
American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine at CIIS*	1	0	100%	1	0	100%
AOMA Graduate School of Integrative Medicine*	1	0	100%	2	0	100%
Atlantic Institute of Oriental Medicine	1	0	100%	1	0	100%
California Trinity University*	0	0	0%	0	1	0%
California University Silicon Valley	3	0	100%	4	2	67%
Daoist Traditions College of Chinese Medical Arts	1	0	100%	1	0	100%
Dongguk University Los Angeles	2	2	50%	6	3	67%
Emperor's College of Tradional Chinese Medicine *	6	2	75%	8	2	80%
Five Branches University	8	2	80%	19	3	86%
Golden State University*	1	0	100%	1	0	100%
Institute of Clinical Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine	1	0	100%	1	0	100%
New England School	2	1	67%	2	1	67%
Oregon College of Oriental Medicine*	0	2	0%	0	2	0%
Pacific College of Health and Science	23	5	82%	30	9	77%
Phoenix Institute of Herbal Medicine & Acupuncture*	0	0	100%	1	0	100%
Seattle Institute of Oriental Medicine*	1	0	100%	1	0	100%
South Baylo University	14	9	61%	16	13	55%
Southern California University School of Oriental Medicine & Acupuncture*	0	1	0%	1	1	50%
Southern California University of Health Sciences	2	2	50%	3	4	43%
Southwest Acupuncture College*	1	0	100%	1	0	100%
University of East West Medicine	12	2	86%	14	4	78%
Whitewater University of CA	6	1	86%	6	2	75%
Yosan University	8	0	100%	8	5	62%
Tutorials	1	3	25%	2	6	25%
Foreign	10	0	100%	12	0	100%
GRAND TOTAL	133	36	79%	173	65	73%

*Previously Approved Training Program

EXAMINATION RESULTS STATISTICS - BY LANGUAGE			
1/1/2026 - 6/30/2026			
LANGUAGE	**PASS**	**FAIL**	**PASS %**
Chinese	57	17	**77%**
English	101	42	**71%**
Korean	15	6	**71%**
GRAND TOTAL	**173**	**65**	**73%**



Enforcement Report

CALIFORNIA ACUPUNCTURE BOARD
1625 North Market Blvd., Suite N-219
Sacramento, CA 95834
P 916.515.5200 F 916.928.2204
www.acupuncture.ca.gov

Enforcement Report for FY 2025/2026: Quarter 4 (April- June)

COMPLAINTS/CONVICTIONS & ARRESTS

		Received
Fraud		1
Incompetence/Negligence		4
Unprofessional Conduct		21
Sexual Misconduct		4
Unlicensed/Unregistered		6
Criminal Charges/Convictions*		6
• *Applicants*	*0*	
• *Licensees*	6	
Total		**42**

*The table above shows the number of complaints received by complaint type for this quarter. When each complaint is logged into the database it is assigned a complaint type based upon the primary violation identified.

INVESTIGATIONS*

DCA Category	Received	Closed	Pending**
Unsafe/Unsanitary Conditions	0	1	7
Fraud	1	4	22
Non-jurisdictional	0	0	2
Incompetence/Negligence	4	9	62
Other	0	0	6
Unprofessional Conduct	21	15	83
Sexual Misconduct	4	0	21
Unlicensed/Unregistered	6	0	17
Criminal Charges/Convictions (includes pre-licensure)	6	3	44
Total	**42**	**32**	**261**

* Includes both formal investigations by DCA category conducted by DOI and desk investigations by staff.
** These numbers include current and previous quarters, and the DCA Category may change after the investigation is initiated to better categorize the complaint.

Enforcement Performance Measures

Q4 April 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026

Performance Measure (PM) 1 - Intake Volume: Complaints and Convictions/Arrests received

Total Intake Received (Complaints & Convictions)	FY 2024/25	Fiscal Year 2025/26				
	Prior Year	Q1 Jul - Sep	Q2 Oct - Dec	Q3 Jan - Mar	Q4 Apr - Jun	YTD
Complaints Received	116	30	47	40	36	153
Convictions/Arrest Received	27	5	5	5	6	21
Total Intake Received	143	35	52	45	42	174

PM 2 - Total Intake Cycle Time

Cycle Time (Target: 10 Days)	FY 2024/25	Fiscal Year 2025/26				
	Prior Year	Q1 Jul - Sep	Q2 Oct - Dec	Q3 Jan - Mar	Q4 Apr - Jun	YTD
Avg. Days to close or assign	2.8	4	2	2	2	2.5

PM 3 - Inv. Cycle Time - Intake, investigation, and case outcome for complaints not reffered to the AG

Inv. Cycle Time of Non-AG Cases (Target: 200 Days)	FY 2024/25	Fiscal Year 2025/26				
	Prior Year	Q1 Jul - Sep	Q2 Oct - Dec	Q3 Jan - Mar	Q4 Apr - Jun	YTD
Desk Investigations Closed	125	57	49	44	30	305
Field Investigations Closed	23	11	6	10	2	29
All Investigations Closed	148	68	55	54	32	209
Avg. Days to Close All Investigations	472	1080	474	521	659	684

The numbers represent investigations closed without AG action in the specified timeframes.

Aging of Non-AG Cases	FY 2024/25	Fiscal Year 2025/26				
	Prior Year	Q1 Jul - Sep	Q2 Oct - Dec	Q3 Jan - Mar	Q4 Apr - Jun	YTD
Up to 90 Days	44	12	28	21	9	70
91 - 180 Days	28	13	4	11	9	37
181 Days - 1 Year (364)	21	5	3	10	5	23
1 to 2 Years (365-730)	14	7	10	3	1	21
2 to 3 Years (731- 1092)	14	0	1	0	1	2
Over 3 Years (1093 +)	27	31	9	9	7	56

Non-AG Discipline	FY 2024/25	Fiscal Year 2025/26				
	Prior Year	Q1 Jul - Sep	Q2 Oct - Dec	Q3 Jan - Mar	Q4 Apr - Jun	YTD
Final Citations*	4	2	16	17	4	39
Avg. Days to Complete Citations**	395	294	2	441	1839	644.0
License Denials	0	0	0	0	0	0

* A citation is final 30 days after issuance or after the appeal process has resolved.

** A complete citation is when respondent has addressed fines and abatement order.

PM 4 Cycle Time-Initial Discipline

Average number of days to close cases submitted to the AG for formal disciplinary action.

AG Cases Target: 540 Days	FY 2024/25	Fiscal Year 2025/26				
	Prior Year	Q1 Jul - Sep	Q2 Oct - Dec	Q3 Jan - Mar	Q4 Apr - Jun	YTD
Total Final Orders	1	0	0	0	1	1
Avg. Days to Complete	817	0	0	0	2390	598

AG Actions	FY 2024/25	Fiscal Year 2025/26				
	Prior Year	Q1 Jul - Sep	Q2 Oct - Dec	Q3 Jan - Mar	Q4 Apr - Jun	YTD
AG Cases Initiated	1	0	3	8	1	12
AG Cases Pending	2	0	4	12	13	See current Q
SOIs Filed	0	0	0	0	0	0
Accusations Filed	0	0	0	3	6	9
Revoked	0	0	0	0	0	0
Voluntary Surrender	2	0	0	0	1	1
Probation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Public Reprimand	0	0	0	0	0	0
Closed w/out Disciplinary Action	2	0	0	0	0	0

These numbers represents AG cases closed in the specified timeframes.

AG Case Closure Time Frames	FY 2024/25	Fiscal Year 2025/26				
	Prior Year	Q1 Jul - Sep	Q2 Oct - Dec	Q3 Jan - Mar	Q4 Apr - Jun	YTD
Up to 90 Days	0	0	0	0	0	0
91 - 180 Days	0	0	0	0	0	0
181 Days - 1 Year (364)	0	0	0	0	0	0
1 to 2 Years (365-730)	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 to 3 Years (731- 1092)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Over 3 Years (1093 +)	1	0	0	0	1	1

Other Legal Actions	FY 2024/25	Fiscal Year 2025/26				
	Prior Year	Q1 Jul - Sep	Q2 Oct - Dec	Q3 Jan - Mar	Q4 Apr - Jun	YTD
PC 23 Ordered	1	0	0	0	0	0
Interim Suspension	0	0	0	0	0	0

Probationers	FY 2024/25	Fiscal Year 2025/26				
	Prior Year	Q1 Jul - Sep	Q2 Oct - Dec	Q3 Jan - Mar	Q4 Apr - Jun	YTD
Total licensees on Probation	1	1	1	0	0	See current Q
Accusation/Petitions to Revoke Filed	1	0	0	0	0	0
Subsequent Discipline Final Orders	1	0	0	1	0	1

CALIFORNIA ACUPUNCTURE BOARD
1625 North Market Blvd., Suite N-219
Sacramento, CA 95834
P 916.515.5200 F 916.928.2204
www.acupuncture.ca.gov

Enforcement Report

FY 2026/2027 Quarter 1

July- September 2026

COMPLAINTS/CONVICTIONS & ARRESTS

DCA Category		Received
Fraud		3
Incompetence/Negligence		16
Unprofessional Conduct		22
Sexual Misconduct		4
Unlicensed/Unregistered		7
Criminal Charges/Convictions*		2
• *Applicants*	*0*	
• *Licensees*	*2*	
Total		**54**

*The table above shows the number of complaints received by complaint type for this quarter. When each complaint is logged into the database it is assigned a complaint type based upon the primary violation.

INVESTIGATIONS*

DCA Category	Received	Closed	Pending**
Unsafe/Unsanitary Conditions	0	2	5
Fraud	3	2	22
Non-jurisdictional	0	1	1
Incompetence/Negligence	16	7	71
Other	0	0	6
Unprofessional Conduct	22	34	69
Sexual Misconduct	4	3	21
Discipline by Another State Agency	0	0	0
Unlicensed/Unregistered	7	5	18
Criminal Charges/Convictions (incl. pre-licensure)	2	6	35
Total	**54**	**60**	**248**

* Includes both formal investigations by DCA category conducted by DOI and desk investigations by staff.
** These numbers include current and previous quarters and the DCA Category may change after the investigation is initiated to better categorize the complaint.

Enforcement Performance Measures

Q1 July 1, 2026 - September 30, 2026

Performance Measure (PM) 1 - Intake Volume: Complaints and Convictions/Arrests received

Total Intake Received (Complaints & Convictions)	FY 2025/26	Fiscal Year 2026/27				
	Prior Year	Q1 Jul - Sep	Q2 Oct - Dec	Q3 Jan - Mar	Q4 Apr - Jun	YTD
Complaints Received	153	52				52
Convictions/Arrest Received	21	2				2
Total Intake Received	174	54				54

PM 2 - Total Intake Cycle Time

Cycle Time (Target: 10 Days)	FY 2025/26	Fiscal Year 2026/27				
	Prior Year	Q1 Jul - Sep	Q2 Oct - Dec	Q3 Jan - Mar	Q4 Apr - Jun	YTD
Avg. Days to close or assign	2.5	2				2.0

PM 3 - Inv. Cycle Time - Includes intake, investigation, and case outcome for complaints not reffered to the AG

Inv. Cycle Time of Non-AG Cases (Target: 200 Days)	FY 2025/26	Fiscal Year 2026/27				
	Prior Year	Q1 Jul - Sep	Q2 Oct - Dec	Q3 Jan - Mar	Q4 Apr - Jun	YTD
Desk Investigations Closed	305	59				59
Field Investigations Closed	29	1				1
All Investigations Closed	209	60				60
Avg. Days to Close All Investigations	684	396				396

Timeframes for Investigations Closed w/o AG Action	FY 2025/26	Fiscal Year 2026/27				
	Prior Year	Q1 Jul - Sep	Q2 Oct - Dec	Q3 Jan - Mar	Q4 Apr - Jun	YTD
Up to 90 Days	70	30				30
91 - 180 Days	37	11				11
181 Days - 1 Year (364)	23	9				9
1 to 2 Years (365-730)	21	2				2
2 to 3 Years (731- 1092)	2	0				0
Over 3 Years (1093 +)	56	8				8

Non-AG Discipline	FY 2025/26	Fiscal Year 2026/27				
	Prior Year	Q1 Jul - Sep	Q2 Oct - Dec	Q3 Jan - Mar	Q4 Apr - Jun	YTD
Final Citations*	39	19				19
Avg. Days to Complete Citations**	644	8				8
License Denials	0	0				0

* A citation is final 30 days after issuance or after the appeal process has resolved.

** A complete citation is when respondent has addressed fines and abatement order.

PM 4 Cycle Time-Initial Discipline

Average number of days to close cases submitted to the AG for formal disciplinary action.

AG Cases Target: 540 Days	FY 2025/26	Fiscal Year 2026/27				
	Prior Year	Q1 Jul - Sep	Q2 Oct - Dec	Q3 Jan - Mar	Q4 Apr - Jun	YTD
Total Final Orders	1	4				4
Avg. Days to Complete	598	1906				1906

AG Actions	FY 2025/26	Fiscal Year 2026/27				
	Prior Year	Q1 Jul - Sep	Q2 Oct - Dec	Q3 Jan - Mar	Q4 Apr - Jun	YTD
AG Cases Initiated	12	0				0
AG Cases Pending	2	9				See current Q
SOIs Filed	0	0				0
Accusations Filed	9	1				1
Revoked	0	1				1
Voluntary Surrender	1	3				3
Probation	0	0				0
Public Reprimand	0	0				0
Closed w/out Disciplinary Action	0	0				0

These numbers represents AG cases closed in the specified timeframes.

AG Case Closure Time Frames	FY 2025/26	Fiscal Year 2026/27				
	Prior Year	Q1 Jul - Sep	Q2 Oct - Dec	Q3 Jan - Mar	Q4 Apr - Jun	YTD
Up to 90 Days	0	0				0
91 - 180 Days	0	0				0
181 Days - 1 Year (364)	0	1				1
1 to 2 Years (365-730)	0	0				0
2 to 3 Years (731- 1092)	0	0				0
Over 3 Years (1093 +)	1	3				3

Other Legal Actions	FY 2025/26	Fiscal Year 2026/27				
	Prior Year	Q1 Jul - Sep	Q2 Oct - Dec	Q3 Jan - Mar	Q4 Apr - Jun	YTD
PC 23 Ordered	0	0				0
Interim Suspension	0	0				0

Probationers	FY 2025/26	Fiscal Year 2026/27				
	Prior Year	Q1 Jul - Sep	Q2 Oct - Dec	Q3 Jan - Mar	Q4 Apr - Jun	YTD
Total licensees on Probation	0	0				See current Q
Accusation/Petitions to Revoke Filed	0	0				0
Subsequent Discipline Final Orders	1	0				0



Legislative Report

2026 LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

COMPILED BY THE OFFICE OF THE ASSEMBLY CHIEF CLERK AND THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

Revised 3-27-26

JANUARY							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
					1	2	3
Wk. 1	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Wk. 2	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Wk. 3	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Wk. 4	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

FEBRUARY							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Wk. 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Wk. 2	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Wk. 3	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Wk. 4	22	23	24	25	26	27	28

MARCH							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Wk. 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Wk. 2	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Wk. 3	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Wk. 4	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Spring Recess	29	30	31				

APRIL							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Spring Recess				1	2	3	4
Wk. 1	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Wk. 2	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Wk. 3	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Wk. 4	26	27	28	29	30		

MAY							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Wk. 4						1	2
Wk. 1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Wk. 2	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Wk. 3	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
No hrgs.	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Wk. 4	31						

DEADLINES

Jan. 1 Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).

Jan. 5 Legislature reconvenes (J.R. 51(a)(4)).

Jan. 10 Budget must be submitted by Governor (Art. IV, Sec. 12(a)).

Jan. 16 Last day for **policy committees** to hear and report to fiscal committees **fiscal bills** introduced in their house in the odd-numbered year (J.R. 61(b)(1)).

Jan. 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observed.

Jan. 23 Last day for any committee to hear and report to the **Floor** bills introduced in that house in the odd-numbered year. (J.R. 61(b)(2)).

Last day to submit **bill requests** to the Office of Legislative Counsel.

Jan. 31 Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house in the odd-numbered year (Art. IV, Sec. 10(c), J.R. 61(b)(3)).

Feb. 16 Presidents' Day observed.

Feb. 20 Last day for bills to be **introduced** (J.R. 61(b)(4), J.R. 54(a)).

Mar. 26 **Spring Recess** begins upon adjournment (J.R. 51(b)(1)).

Mar. 30 Farmworkers Day observed.

Apr. 6 Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess (J.R. 51(b)(1)).

Apr. 24 Last day for **policy committees** to hear and report to fiscal committees **fiscal bills** introduced in their house (J.R. 61(b)(5)).

May 1 Last day for **policy committees** to hear and report to the Floor **nonfiscal bills** introduced in their house (J.R. 61(b)(6)).

May 8 Last day for **policy committees** to meet prior to June 1 (J.R. 61(b)(7)).

May 15 Last day for **fiscal committees** to hear and report to the **Floor** bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61 (b)(8)).

Last day for **fiscal committees** to meet prior to June 1 (J.R. 61 (b)(9)).

May 25 Memorial Day observed.

May 26-29 **Floor Session only**. No committee may meet for any purpose except for Rules Committee, bills referred pursuant to Assembly Rule 77.2, and Conference Committees (J.R. 61(b)(10)).

May 29 Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house (J.R. 61(b)(11)).

* Holiday schedule subject to final approval by Rules Committee.

OVER

2026 LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

COMPILED BY THE OFFICE OF THE ASSEMBLY CHIEF CLERK AND THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

Revised 3-27-26

JUNE							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Wk. 4		1	2	3	4	5	6
Wk. 1	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Wk. 2	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Wk. 3	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Wk. 4	28	29	30				

June 1 Committee meetings may resume (J.R. 61(b)(12)).

June 15 Budget Bill must be passed by midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 12(c)(3)).

June 25 Last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the Nov. 3 General Election ballot (Elections Code Sec. 9040).

JULY							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Wk. 4				1	2	3	4
Summer Recess	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Summer Recess	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Summer Recess	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Summer Recess	26	27	28	29	30	31	

July 2 Last day for **policy committees** to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(b)(13)).

Summer Recess begins upon adjournment, provided Budget Bill has been passed (J.R. 51(b)(2)).

July 3 Independence Day observed.

AUGUST							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Summer Recess							1
Wk. 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Wk. 2	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
No Hrgs.	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
No Hrgs.	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
No Hrgs.	30	31					

Aug. 3 Legislature reconvenes from **Summer Recess** (J.R. 51(b)(2)).

Aug. 14 Last day for **fiscal committees** to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(b)(14)).

Aug. 17-31 Floor Session only. No committee may meet for any purpose except Rules Committee, bills referred pursuant to Assembly Rule 77.2, and Conference Committees (J.R. 61(b)(15)).

Aug. 21 Last day to **amend** bills on the Floor (J.R. 61(b)(16)).

Aug. 31 Last day for each house to pass bills (Art. IV, Sec 10(c), J.R. 61(b)(17)).

Final Recess begins upon adjournment (J.R. 51(b)(3)).

IMPORTANT DATES OCCURRING DURING INTERIM RECESS

2026

Sept. 30 Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature before Sept. 1 and in the Governor's possession on or after Sept. 1 (Art. IV, Sec. 10(b)(2)).

Oct. 2 Bills enacted on or before this date take effect January 1, 2027. (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).

Nov. 3 General Election.

Nov. 30 Adjournment *sine die* at midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 3(a)).

Dec. 7 2027-28 Regular Session convenes for Organizational Session at 12 noon. (Art. IV, Sec. 3(a)).

2027

Jan. 1 Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).

*Holiday schedule subject to final approval by Rules Committee.

CALIFORNIA ACUPUNCTURE BOARD
1625 N. Market Blvd., Suite N-219
Sacramento, CA 95834
P 916.515.5200 F 916.928.2204
www.acupuncture.ca.gov

DATE	November 6, 2026
TO	Acupuncture Board Members
FROM	Kristine Brothers, Policy Coordinator
SUBJECT	2026 Legislation of Interest as of October 6, 2026

Bills Introduced in 2026 of Interest to the Board

Assembly Bill 1558 (Arambula) **Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act**

Status: This bill is dead.

Summary of Bill:

This bill would have established a volunteer health practitioner registration system overseen in this state by the Emergency Medical Services Authority that would facilitate registered out-of-state volunteer health practitioners practicing in California without a California license. Specified boards could have restricted the services that may be provided by such volunteers. Boards would have been authorized to impose administrative sanctions both on California licensees volunteering in other states and out-of-state volunteers practicing in this state.

~~~

Assembly Bill 1775 (Ward) **Veterans**

Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State on 9/26/26. Chapter 467. Statutes of 2026.

Summary of Bill:

This bill restores benefits and status to veterans who were discharged from the armed services solely as a result of Executive Order No. 14183 issued on January 27, 2025. For the Department of Consumer Affairs, this would primarily affect licensure expediting.

Board Impact:

New law from AB 1775 adds these veterans to the category of honorably discharged military who are already eligible for expedited licensure under BPC section 115.4.

Board Implementation Plan:

- DCA's Office of Information Services (OIS) will update the Board's Application for License in Connect to allow applicants to document their eligibility under this new law, and the Board to track the data.
- Staff will make updates to its paper Application for License form and incorporate the form changes in regulation through the rulemaking process.
- Staff will update the Laws and Regulations booklet to include the amended laws.

~~~

Assembly Bill 1767 (Berman) **DCA: public members of boards: conflicts of interest**

Status: This bill is dead.

Summary of Bill:

This bill clarified existing conflict of interest law prohibiting close family members of licensees from being a public member of a board by specifying that parents and children are close family members. It also required each board within the Department to adopt regulations that would provide guidance on how to determine whether the existence of a relationship other than a parent-child relationship prohibits an individual from serving as a public member of a board.

~~~

Assembly Bill 1811 (Rogers) **Health professionals.**

Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State on 9/27/26. Chapter 549. Statutes of 2026.

Summary of Bill:

This bill requires healing arts boards within the Department to collect or request workforce data from licensees or registrants at the time of online license or registration issuance in addition to the current biennial requirement at the time of renewal. This bill also requires these boards to request additional information from licensees or registrants, including hours worked in inpatient or outpatient care, whether the individual accepts Medicaid, and whether they offer a formal fee sliding scale. Additionally, this bill requires healing arts boards to report workforce data to the Department of Health Care Access and Information monthly.

Board Implementation Plan:

- DCA's OIS will update the Board's electronic applications for license and renewal in Connect to add the additional questions for collection.
- Staff will update the Laws and Regulations booklet to include the amended laws.

~~~

Assembly Bill 1949 (Lee) **Medi-Cal: acupuncture treatments.**

Status: Vetoed by Governor on 9/30/26.

Summary of Bill:

AB 1949 would have required the Medi-Cal program to cover up to 24 acupuncture visits per beneficiary per calendar year and would state that additional visits per calendar year may be authorized.

~~~

Assembly Bill 1979 (Bonta) **Health care services: artificial intelligence.**

Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State on 9/30/26. Chapter 854. Statutes of 2026.

Summary of Bill:

The bill expands the definition of a health care provider under The Confidentiality of Medical Information Act (CMIA)to include businesses that offer healthcare chatbots and imposes related compliance requirements. It also requires health facilities and medical practices to ensure that licensed professionals maintain independent judgment when using clinical decision support tools and prohibits the use of AI systems to perform clinical functions that legally require a licensed provider. Violations are enforceable by the Medical Board of California or the
~~~

Osteopathic Medical Board, and licensing boards may seek injunctions when unlicensed practice is involved. The bill clarifies that AI may still be used for nonclinical tasks, such as documentation or automated patient notifications.

Board Implementation Plan:

- Add new section of law, BPC section 22758.5, to the Board's Laws and Regulations booklet.
- Update Enforcement Violation Code Index in the Board's IT system(s).
- Provide notice to Enforcement staff and update all pertinent Enforcement procedures.

~~~

Assembly Bill 2497 (Johnson) **Physical therapists.**

Status: This bill is dead.

Summary of Bill:

Among other changes to the Physical Therapy Practice Act, this bill would have replaced the existing authority to perform tissue penetration for electromyographical testing with the authority, when authorized by a physician and certified by the Physical Therapy Board of California, with the general authority to use electrode needles to perform tissue penetration for the purpose of evaluating and interpreting performance of the neuromusculoskeletal system.

~~~

Assembly Bill 2551 (Elhawary)

Previously titled: **Health care coverage.**

Now titled: **"Equity in Higher Education Act: time, place, and manner policies: student code of conduct violations: open forum."**

Status: Vetoed by Governor on 9/27/26. This bill was amended to no longer amend workforce data collection thus no longer affecting the Board.

~~~

Senate Bill 944 (Wiener) **Medi-Cal: acupuncture**

Status: Vetoed by Governor on 9/30/26. In Senate. Consideration of Governor's veto pending.

Summary of Bill:

The bill would have made acupuncture a Medi-Cal benefit, covered as long as it followed certain usage rules and the federal government helped pay for it. If federal funding wasn't available, the plan would have allowed the state to cover acupuncture instead, but only if money was specifically budgeted for it and the same usage rules were followed.

~~~

Senate Bill 1159 (Cabaldon) **Artificial intelligence: transparency and governance**

Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State on 9/30/26. Chapter 863. Statutes of 2026.

Summary of Bill:

SB 1159 clarifies that terms such as person, interested person, and member of the public in major transparency and governance laws apply only to natural persons rather than artificial intelligence systems or automated agents. It also prohibits using AI to falsely represent human engagement with government while still allowing individuals, including those using assistive

technologies, to rely on AI for personal participation as long as their activity remains consistent with normal human involvement.

Board Implementation Plan:

- Update staff duties and procedures for those who process Public Records Act requests, rulemakings for the Board, and public meetings.

~~~

Senate Bill 1391 (Wahab) **Department of Consumer Affairs: retired category licenses.**

Status: This bill is dead.

Summary of Bill:

SB 1391 would have required a board that offers a retired category of licensure to disclose that information on its internet website.

~~~

Senate Bill 1445 (Committee on BPED) **Healing arts.**

Status: Chaptered by Secretary of State on 9/14/26. Chapter 237. Statutes of 2026.

Summary of Bill:

This bill updates existing law by clarifying key terms and easing eligibility requirements for military-related applicants seeking expedited professional licensure in California. It removes the prior requirement that an applicant must have recently practiced under their out-of-state license, while adding clearer definitions of "good standing" and "military orders." It also strengthens the affidavit requirement by mandating that applicants attest they have read, understand, and will comply with the standards and scope of practice applicable to California licensees.

Board Implementation Plan:

- Add amendments to section of law, BPC section 115.10, to the Board's Laws and Regulations booklet.
- Provide notice to Licensing staff and update all pertinent Licensing procedures.



Regulatory Update

CALIFORNIA ACUPUNCTURE BOARD
1625 N. Market Blvd., Suite N-219
Sacramento, CA 95834
P 916.515.5200 F 916.928.2204
www.acupuncture.ca.gov

DATE	October 7, 2026
TO	Acupuncture Board Members
FROM	Kristine Brothers, Policy Coordinator
SUBJECT	Regulatory Update

The following list displays the status of the Board's current regulatory packages:

1. **Division 13.7, Article 6.1 and 6.2, Title 16 CCR sections 1399.469 – SB 1441 and SB 1448: Implement Uniform Standards Related to Substance Abusing Licensees and Update of Disciplinary Guidelines, Disclosure of Probation Status to Patients**

CONCEPT PHASE			PRODUCTION PHASE			
Added to Rulemaking Calendar	R&D	Language taken to Committee	Board Approval	Staff & Legal Counsel Draft Package	Reg Unit & DCA Budget Review	Agency Review
11/28/2018	2012	N/A	11/6/25	11/2023	10/6/2026	

INITIAL FILING PHASE			
Notice Published by OAL	45-Day Comment Period Ended	Board Approval of Responses and Modified Text	15-Day Notice of Modified Text

FINAL FILING PHASE				
DCA Review	BCSH Agency Review	OAL Review	Filed w/Secretary of State	Effective Date

This package reflects updates to the Board's Disciplinary Guidelines, which include incorporating relevant portions of the Uniform Standards Regarding Substance-Abusing Healing Arts Licensees. It brings Board regulations in line with SB 1441 (Ridley-Thomas, Chapter 548, Statutes of 2008) which required the development of the Uniform Standards. The package also will implement SB 1448 (Hill, Chapter 570, Statutes of 2018), which requires licensees on probation pursuant to a probationary order made on or after July 1, 2019, to disclose their probation status to a patient or their guardian or health care surrogate prior to the patients first visit.

The Board updated Guidelines at its November 2025 meeting. Staff have been editing the ISOR and other rulemaking documents to conform with the updates and incorporate more rationale throughout after the Regulation Unit's (RU) initial review. All updated rulemaking documents were submitted to the RU on October 6, 2026.

2. 16 CCR 1399.425, 13999.427, 1399.434, 1399.435, 1399.437, and 1399.439
Align Curriculum Standards and Approval Related Regulations with Statute:

CONCEPT PHASE			PRODUCTION PHASE			
Added to Rulemaking Calendar	R&D	Language taken to Committee	Board Approval	Staff & Legal Counsel Draft Package	Reg Unit & DCA Budget Review	Agency Review
2/11/2019	2/11/2019	6/13/2019	3/26/2021			

INITIAL FILING PHASE			
Notice Published by OAL	45-Day Comment Period Ended	Board Approval of Responses and Modified Text	15-Day Notice of Modified Text

FINAL FILING PHASE				
DCA Review	BCSH Agency Review	OAL Review	Filed w/Secretary of State	Effective Date

This package will make additional changes to regulations to ensure compliance with SB 1246 (Lieu, Chapter 397, Statutes of 2014) and updates to conform to the transition to computer-based testing for the exam. The law changed the Board's authority from approving schools and colleges of acupuncture to approving educational and training programs in acupuncture. It is the third package from the Board in connection with SB 1246.

Some of the amendments approved in 2021 were submitted through a Section 100 change and were effective March 27, 2024. Last year staff identified the remaining amendments required revisions. Staff is working on incorporating all of the edits discussed with licensing staff, which includes additional amendments, consistency between tutorial and training program requirements, reformatting, and reorganization of multiple regulations.

3. 16 CCR 1399.452.1:
Standards of Practice for Telehealth Services

CONCEPT PHASE			PRODUCTION PHASE			
Added to Rulemaking Calendar	R&D	Language taken to Committee	Board Approval	Staff & Legal Counsel Draft Package	Reg Unit & DCA Budget Review	Agency Review
1/1/2021	12/2020	12/17/2020	3/26/21 / 10/26/23	3/26/2021	6/4/2024	6/23/25

INITIAL FILING PHASE			
Notice Published by OAL	45-Day Comment Period Ended	Board Approval of Responses and Modified Text	15-Day Notice of Modified Text
7/4/25	8/18/25	11/6/25	12/5/25

FINAL FILING PHASE				
DCA Review	BCSH Agency Review	OAL Review	Filed w/Secretary of State	Effective Date
5/19/26	6/25/26	8/6/26	8/6/26	10/1/26

This rulemaking establishes standards to follow when delivering acupuncture services via telehealth. OAL approved the new regulation on August 6, 2026, and the regulations took effect October 1, 2026.

4. 16 CCR 1399.451:
Hand Hygiene Requirements

CONCEPT PHASE			PRODUCTION PHASE			
Added to Rulemaking Calendar	R&D	Language taken to Committee	Board Approval	Staff & Legal Counsel Draft Package	Reg Unit & DCA Budget Review	Agency Review
1/1/2023	2013 / 11/2023	1/2014	6/13/2025	10/1/2025	3/9/26	7/24/26

INITIAL FILING PHASE			
Notice Published by OAL	45-Day Comment Period Ended	Board Approval of Responses and Modified Text	15-Day Notice of Modified Text
8/14/26	9/28/26	n/a	n/a

FINAL FILING PHASE				
DCA Review	BCSH Agency Review	OAL Review	Filed w/Secretary of State	Effective Date
10/6/26				

This package was initially approved by the Board in February 2014 to update existing regulations and bring them up to then-current public health and health industry standards. Package was set aside for higher priority regulations and in October 2018 the Board restated its interest in proceeding with regulations. The Board approved revised proposed language on June 13, 2025.

The proposed language was out for public comment from August 14, 2026, to September 28, 2026. One public comment in support was received, and the final rulemaking package was submitted to RU for review on October 6, 2026.