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**California Acupuncture Board  
Research Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, December 14, 2016  
APPROVED meeting minutes**

**Location:**

**Elihu M. Harris State Office Building  
1515 Clay Street  
Meeting Room #2  
Oakland, Ca 94612**

**Committee Members Present**

Kitman Chan, Public Member  
Jeannie Kang, L.Ac., Licensed Member  
Dr. Amy Matecki, M.D., L.Ac., Licensed Member  
Jamie Zamora, Public Member

**Committee Member Absent**

Dr. Michael Corradino, DAOM, Chair

**Staff Present**

Ben Bodea, Executive Officer  
Kristine Brothers, Enforcement Coordinator  
Marc Johnson, Policy Coordinator

**Research Committee Members**

*Dr. Michael Corradino, DAOM, Chair, Licensed Member  
Kitman Chan, Public Member  
Jeannie Kang, L.Ac., Licensed Member  
Dr. Amy Matecki, M.D. L.Ac., Licensed  
Member Jamie Zamora, Public Member*

**RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING – 9:24 AM**

**Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum**

Jeannie Kang (Kang), acting as Committee chair, called the meeting to order at 9:24am. Policy Coordinator Marc Johnson (Johnson) called the roll. Michael Corradino – absent; Kitman Chan – present; Jeannie Kang – present; Amy Matecki – present; Jamie Zamora – present. 4-0 Quorum established.

**Agenda Item #2 – Regulation of the Sale of Acupuncture Needles – Discussion  
(Corradino)**

Kang turned the meeting over to Executive Officer Ben Bodea (EO Bodea) who gave a short overview of the memo to the Board regarding the sale of Acupuncture Needles. The sale and distribution of needles in California is solely licensed by the California Pharmacy Board.



Public comment was taken on the item. One commenter informed the committee that all Acupuncture colleges in California were made aware of the license requirements for needle sales, and another commenter mentioned the Pharmacy Board did reach out to each school.

**Agenda Item #3 – Regulation of the Practice of “Dry Needling” or Unlicensed Individuals Applying a Needle to the Human Body – Discussion (Corradino)**

Jamie Zamora (Zamora) motioned to table this item to a future Committee Meeting. Kitman Chan (Chan) seconded the motion.

Public comment was taken on this item. A commenter described his participation in a recent court case involving dry needling.

**Agenda Item # 4 – Future Research Committee Agenda Items**

No items were placed on a future agenda.

**Agenda Item #5 – Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda**

*(The Committee may not discuss or take any action on any item raised during this public comment section, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting (Government Code Sections 11125, 11125.7(a))*

Public comment was taken on items not on the agenda. Several comments were made regarding the Board's position taken on the national NCCAOM exam versus the existing California Acupuncture Licensing Exam (CALE). The commenters felt the Board should reconsider its position of switching to the NCCAOM in 2019 and keep the CALE instead. Another commenter would like the herbal supplement in the CALE and NCCAOM exams to be discussed in committee.

**Adjournment at 9:55 am.**

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