



**ACUPUNCTURE BOARD**

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**Dr. Amy Matecki**, M.D., L.Ac.,  
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Licensed Member  
**Ruben Osorio**,  
Public Member  
**Vacant**, Licensed Member

**California Acupuncture Board  
Public Board Meeting  
Approved Meeting Minutes  
Friday, April 13, 2018**

**TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS:**

Department of Consumer Affairs  
Emerald Room, Suite 184  
1747 North Market Blvd  
Sacramento, CA 95834

The Gas Company Tower  
555 West 5th Street, Suite 3310  
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Sutter Health  
Alta Bates Summit Medical Center - Herrick Campus  
First Floor Administrative Conference Room Entrance #1311  
2001 Dwight Way  
Berkeley, CA 94704

**Board Members Present in Berkeley, CA**

Dr. Amy Matecki, M.D., L.Ac., President, Licensed Member  
Kitman Chan, Vice President, Public Member

**Board Members Present in Los Angeles, CA**

John Harabedian, Public Member  
Ruben Osorio, Public Member  
Jeannie Kang, L.Ac., Licensed Member

**Board Member Absent**

Francisco Hsieh, Public Member

**Staff Present in Berkeley, CA**

Jay Herdt, Education Coordinator

**Staff Present in Los Angeles, CA**

Marc Johnson, Policy Coordinator

**Staff Present in Sacramento, CA**

Benjamin Bodea, Executive Officer  
Salwa Bojack, Legal Counsel  
Cricket Borges, Enforcement Analyst  
Tammy Graver, Office Technician

## Guest Lists on File

### FULL BOARD MEETING

#### **1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of Quorum (Matecki)**

Board President Amy Matecki (Matecki) called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Policy Coordinator Marc Johnson (Johnson) called the roll.

Members present in Los Angeles, CA: 3 – Harabedian, Kang, Osorio. Members present in Berkeley, CA: 2 – Chan, Matecki. Member absent: 1—Hsieh. 5-1 Quorum established.

#### **2. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda (Matecki)**

There were no public comments made.

#### **3. Discussion and Possible Board Action – Proposed Board Response to the Background Paper for the California Acupuncture Board (Ben Bodea)**

Executive Officer Benjamin Bodea (EO Bodea) opened on the item, which is the Board's official response to questions raised by the Legislative Joint Committees as a result of the Board's 2018 Sunset Review. It contains the actual Board response and an addendum to address enforcement related questions asked by members of the Committees at the Sunset Hearing on February 26. Bodea noted that the Board needed to approve these responses since these responses, as submitted to the Legislature, are considered official Board positions.

EO Bodea began review of the Board response page by page. A global change was made removing spaces after each section symbol. On page five, 'Board staff' was added and a semicolon was removed. On page seven, 'Board staff' was added in two locations. On page eight, Board Member Jeannie Kang (Kang) was concerned about the use of the words "national standards". She pointed out there were no national standards in Acupuncture, but each state had different standards. Legal Counsel Salwa Bojack (Bojack) suggested clarifying language which noted each state sets their own standards; Board agreed.

Member Kang had concerns with Response 8.2, specifically the reference to the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) exam costs and number of modules required. She wondered if it could be discussed further in the Response, pointing out the extensive discussions and the vote the Board took on the issue in 2016. EO Bodea proposed including a reference to one module for the NCCAOM exam, and the words 'and remain unresolved' to refer to other issues. Board agrees. Minor changes were made to spacing and the abbreviation of 'OAL' in Issue #11.

EO Bodea then referred to the Addendum to Responses to the Background Paper, which was added to the Board response as a result of questions raised by the Legislative Joint Committee members. Member Kang asked the wording in the graphs be centered in the addendum. Board Member John Harabedian raised a concern about what immediate actions that could be taken against a licensee who have committed a more egregious violation. He wanted to highlight the importance of interim suspension orders as a tool to further public protection in the response

and suggested wording to be added. Board agrees. EO Bodea concluded review of the document.

Public comment was taken. A public comment in Los Angeles wanted further discussion on minimum competence for professional licensees. A public comment in Sacramento was made wanting the Board to have school approval authority again.

**MOTION:** Board Member Kang motioned to approve the proposed Board Response to the Background Paper for the Board and its addendum with the changes made here today, and to allow the Executive Officer to make technical, non-substantive changes prior to submission to the Committee. Board Member Ruben Osorio seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Matecki – Yes; Chan – Yes; Hsieh – Absent; Harabedian – Yes; Kang – Yes; Osorio – Yes.

#### **5-0-1 MOTION PASSES.**

#### **4. Future Agenda Items (Matecki)**

Member Kang requested NCCAOM and Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM) be invited back for a Board presentation to the new members.

A public comment was made asking for the Board to review the issue of clinical training for licensure and another look at doctorate degrees and scope of practice. A second comment was made asking for review of the knowledge and skill needed for the profession.

Member Kang announced she was not seeking re-appointment to the Board and this would be her last meeting. She thanked the Board and staff for all their hard work over the years. President Matecki and Vice President Chan thanked Member Kang for her hard work and contributions to the Board.

#### **5. Adjournment (Matecki)**

Meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.