

**BEFORE THE
ACUPUNCTURE BOARD
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

HELEN LI JUN ZHAO, L.AC
5697 Rudy Drive
San Jose, CA 95124

Licensed Acupuncturist No. 16001

Respondent.

Case No. 1A-2019-226

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DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby adopted by the Acupuncture Board, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective on 7/10/2026.

It is so ORDERED 6/10/2026.

Original Signature on file
FOR THE ACUPUNCTURE BOARD
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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**STIPULATED SURRENDER OF
LICENSE AND ORDER**

16 **Acupuncture License No. 16001,**

17 Respondent.

18 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-
19 entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

20 **PARTIES**

21 1. Benjamin Bodea (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the Acupuncture Board
22 (Board). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this matter by
23 Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by C. Hay-Mie Cho, Deputy Attorney
24 General.

25 2. HELEN LI JUN ZHAO, L.Ac (Respondent) is representing herself in this proceeding
26 and has chosen not to exercise her right to be represented by counsel.

27 3. On or about April 7, 2014, the Board issued Acupuncture License No. 16001 to
28 Respondent. That license was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought

1 in Accusation No. 1A-2019-226 and will expire on August 31, 2027, unless renewed.

2 **JURISDICTION**

3 4. Accusation No. 1A-2019-226 was filed before the Board and is currently pending
4 against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly
5 served on Respondent on April 13, 2026. Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense
6 contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 1A-2019-226 is attached as Exhibit A and
7 incorporated by reference.

8 **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

9 5. Respondent has carefully read and understands the charges and allegations in
10 Accusation No. 1A-2019-226. Respondent also has carefully read and understands the effects of
11 this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order.

12 6. Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right to a
13 hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel, at
14 her own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to
15 present evidence and to testify on her own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to
16 compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration
17 and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California
18 Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

19 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and
20 every right set forth above.

21 **CULPABILITY**

22 8. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation
23 No. 1A-2019-226, agrees that cause exists for discipline and hereby surrenders her Licensed
24 Acupuncturist No. 16001 for the Board's formal acceptance.

25 9. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation, she enables the Board to
26 issue an order accepting the surrender of her Acupuncture License without further process.

27 **CONTINGENCY**

28 10. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board. Respondent understands

1 and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board may communicate directly
2 with the Board regarding this stipulation and surrender, without notice to or participation by
3 Respondent. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that she may not
4 withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers
5 and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the
6 Stipulated Surrender and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this
7 paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not
8 be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

9 11. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile
10 copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order, including PDF and facsimile signatures
11 thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

12 12. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that
13 the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Order:

14 **ORDER**

15 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Acupuncture License No. 16001, issued to Respondent
16 HELEN LI JUN ZHAO, L.Ac, is surrendered and accepted by the Board.

17 1. The surrender of Respondent's Acupuncture License and the acceptance of the
18 surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent.
19 This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's
20 license history with the Board.

21 2. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as an Acupuncturist in California as of
22 the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.

23 3. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board her pocket license and, if one was
24 issued, her wall certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.

25 4. If Respondent ever files an application for licensure or a petition for reinstatement in
26 the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a petition for reinstatement. Respondent must
27 comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked or
28 surrendered license in effect at the time the petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations

1 contained in Accusation No. 1A-2019-226 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by
2 Respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the petition.

3 5. Respondent shall pay the agency its costs of investigation and enforcement in the
4 amount of \$4,900.00 prior to the submission of an application for a new or reinstated license.

5 6. If Respondent should ever apply or reapply for a new license or certification, or
6 petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other health care licensing agency in the State of
7 California, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation, No. 1A-2019-226 shall be
8 deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of
9 Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or restrict licensure.

10 ACCEPTANCE

11 I have carefully read the Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. I understand the
12 stipulation and the effect it will have on my Licensed Acupuncturist. I enter into this Stipulated
13 Surrender of License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound
14 by the Decision and Order of the Acupuncture Board.

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16 DATED: 5/10/2026

Helen Zhao
HELEN LI JUN ZHAO, L.A.C.
Respondent

ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted
for consideration by the Acupuncture Board of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

DATED: May 26, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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