



July 8, 2016

Dr. LeOndra Clark-Harvey, Chief Consultant
Assembly Business and Professions Committee
1020 N Street, Room 383
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Acupuncture Board adoption of NCCAOM licensing exam with a California-specific supplemental exam

Dear Dr. Clark-Harvey,

This letter is to inform you of recent action taken by the California Acupuncture Board (Board) at our most recent public meeting, held on June 10, 2016 in Los Angeles. The motion put forward by Vice-President Jamie Zamora and seconded by Dr. Michael Corradino, and passed by the Board with a vote of 6-0-0 in favor, is as follows:

"I motion that the Acupuncture Board direct our EO to draft a letter informing the Assembly Business and Professions Committee, that the Board recommends the introduction of legislation mandating for Acupuncture licensure in California, that applicants now be required to take the NCCAOM exam with a California supplemental exam, to be implemented not before January 1, 2019."

This motion is consistent with the California Office of Professional Examination Service's (OPES) recommendation of option four (page 53 of the conclusion) of the "Review of the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Examinations (January 2016)", as presented to the Board at the February 26, 2016 public meeting. A copy of the review is enclosed.

After presentations from OPES and NCCAOM, receiving input from the stakeholders present at both Board meetings, and careful deliberation, the Board decided option four to be the best fit, as the addition of a California supplemental examination to the NCCAOM examination(s) would ensure that the laws, regulations, and ethics unique to California practitioners were examined.

The Board stands ready to work collaboratively with the Legislature, OPES and NCCAOM to implement the necessary changes to ensure public protection and maintain California's high standards for Acupuncture licensure and practice.

Sincerely,


Hildegard Aguinardo, President
California Acupuncture Board

CC: Bill Gage, Chief Consultant, Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee
California Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES)
California Bureau of Private Post-Secondary Education (BPPE)
National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM)

Enclosure