BEFORE THE ACUPUNCTURE BOARD DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

SUNG HEAN LEE, L.Ac.

1554 Navarro Avenue

Pasadena, California 91103

Acupuncturist License No. AC 16123,

Respondent.

Case No. 1A-2018-180 OAH No. 2021010151

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 <u>April 2, 2021</u>.

It is so ORDERED March 23, 2021.

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

| 1 | XAVIER BECERRA Attorney General of California | | |
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| 9 | BEFORE THE ACUPUNCTURE BOARD | | |
| 10 | DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA | | |
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| 12 | In the Matter of the Accusation Against: | Case No. 1A-2018-180 | |
| 13 | SUNG HEAN LEE, L.Ac. | OAH No. 2021010151 | |
| 14 | 1554 Navarro Avenue | STIPULATED SURRENDER OF LICENSE AND ORDER | |
| 15 | Pasadena, California 91103 | | |
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| 17 | Acupuncturist License No. AC 16123, | | |
| 18 | Respondent. | | |
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| 20 | IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above- | | |
| 21 | entitled proceedings that the following matters are | e true: | |
| 22 | PARTIES | | |
| 23 | 1. Benjamin Bodea ("Complainant") is the Executive Officer of the Acupuncture Board | | |
| 24 | ("Board"). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this matter | | |
| 25 | by Xavier Becerra, Attorney General of the State of California, by Claudia Morehead, Deputy | | |
| 26 | Attorney General. | | |
| 27 | 2. Sung Hean Lee, L.Ac. ("Respondent") is represented in this proceeding by attorney | | |
| 28 | Jehan N. Jayakumar, whose address is: Carlson & Jayakumar, LLP, 2424 S. E. Bristol Street, | | |
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| 1 | Suite 300, Newport Beach, California 92660. | | |
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| 2 | 3. On or about May 30, 2014, the Board issued Acupuncturist License No. AC 16123 to | | |
| 3 | Respondent. That license was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought | | |
| 4 | in Accusation No. 1A-2018-180 and will expire on June 30, 2021, unless renewed. | | |
| 5 | JURISDICTION | | |
| 6 | 4. Accusation No. 1A-2018-180 was filed before the Board and is currently pending | | |
| 7 | against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly | | |
| 8 | served on Respondent on February 20, 2020. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense | | |
| 9 | contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 1A-2018-180 is attached as Exhibit A and | | |
| 10 | incorporated by reference. | | |
| 11 | ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS | | |
| 12 | 5. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the | | |
| 13 | charges and allegations in Accusation No. 1A-2018-180. Respondent also has carefully read, | | |
| 14 | fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Surrender of License | | |
| 15 | and Order. | | |
| 16 | 6. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a | | |
| 17 | hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to confront and cross-examine | | |
| 18 | the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right | | |
| 19 | to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of | | |
| 20 | documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other | | |
| 21 | rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws. | | |
| 22 | 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and | | |
| 23 | every right set forth above. | | |
| 24 | <u>CULPABILITY</u> | | |
| 25 | 8. Respondent understands that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 1A-2018- | | |
| 26 | 180, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon his Acupuncturist | | |
| 27 | License. | | |
| 28 | 9. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of | | |
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| | Stipulated Surrender of License (Case No. 14-2018-180) | | |

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further proceedings, Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a prima 1 facie case with respect to the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 1A-2018-180, 2 a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and that those charges and 3 allegations constitute cause for discipline. Respondent hereby gives up his right to contest that 4 5 cause for discipline exists based on those charges and allegations. 10. Respondent agrees that if he ever petitions for reinstatement of his Acupuncturist 6 License No. AC 16123, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 1A-2018-7 180 shall be deemed true, correct, and fully admitted by Respondent for purposes of that 8

9 reinstatement proceeding or any other licensing proceeding involving Respondent in the State of
10 California.

11 11. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation, he enables the Board to issue
12 an order accepting the surrender of his Acupuncturist License without further process.

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CONTINGENCY

12. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board. Respondent understands 14 and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board may communicate directly 15 with the Board regarding this stipulation and surrender, without notice to or participation by 16 Respondent or his counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he 17 may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board 18 considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, 19 the Stipulated Surrender and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this 20 21 paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter. 22

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

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

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| 1 | <u>ORDER</u> | | |
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| 2 | IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Acupuncturist License No. AC 16123, issued to | | |
| 3 | Respondent Sung Hean Lee, L.Ac., is surrendered and accepted by the Board. | | |
| 4 | 1. The surrender of Respondent's Acupuncturist License and the acceptance of the | | |
| 5 | surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent. | | |
| 6 | This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's | | |
| 7 | license history with the Board. | | |
| 8 | 2. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as an Acupuncturist in California as of | | |
| 9 | the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order. | | |
| 10 | 3. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board his wall certificate and, if one | | |
| 11 | was issued, his pocket license on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order. | | |
| 12 | 4. If Respondent ever files an application for licensure or a petition for reinstatement in | | |
| 13 | the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a petition for reinstatement. Respondent must | | |
| 14 | comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked or | | |
| 15 | surrendered license in effect at the time the petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations | | |
| 16 | contained in Accusation No. 1A-2018-180 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by | | |
| 17 | Respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the petition. | | |
| 18 | 5. Respondent shall pay the agency its costs of investigation and enforcement in the | | |
| 19 | amount of \$18,178.75 prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license. | | |
| 20 | 6. If Respondent should ever apply or reapply for a new license or certification, or | | |
| 21 | petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other health care licensing agency in the State of | | |
| 22 | California, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 1A-2018-180 shall be | | |
| 23 | deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of | | |
| 24 | Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or restrict licensure. | | |
| 25 | ACCEPTANCE | | |
| 26 | I have carefully read the above Stipulated Surrender of License and Order and have fully | | |
| 27 | discussed it with my attorney, Jehan N. Jayakumar. I understand the stipulation and the effect it | | |
| 28 | will have on my Acupuncturist License. I enter into this Stipulated Surrender of License and | | |
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| | Stipulated Surrender of License (Case No. 14-2018-180) | | |

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| 1 | Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order | | |
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| 2 | of the Acupuncture Board. | | |
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| 5 | DATED: March 1, 2021 Original Signature on File | | |
| 6 | SUNG HEAN LEE, L.Ac. Respondent | | |
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| 8 | I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Sung Hean Lee, L.Ac. the terms and | | |
| 9 | conditions and other matters contained in this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. I | | |
| 10 | approve its form and content. | | |
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| 13 | DATED: <u>March 1, 2021</u> JEHAN N. JAYAKUMAR | | |
| 14 | Attorney for Respondent | | |
| 15 | ENDORSEMENT | | |
| 16 17 | The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted | | |
| 17 | for consideration by the Acupuncture Board of the Department of Consumer Affairs. | | |
| 18 | DATED: <u>March 11, 2021</u> Respectfully submitted, | | |
| 20 | XAVIER BECERRA | | |
| 20 | Attorney General of California ROBERT MCKIM BELL | | |
| 22 | Supervising Deputy Attorney General | | |
| 23 | Original Signature on File | | |
| 24 | CLAUDIA MOREHEAD Deputy Attorney General | | |
| 25 | Attorneys for Complainant | | |
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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 1A-2018-180