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State Board for Acupuncture
Meeting Minutes
Thursday March 13, 2025
10:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.

1411 Broadway, New York
89 Washington Avenue, Albany
via WebEx

Board Members in Attendance:

James Shinol, Chair
Danett Bean
Yap Kokwai

Russell Kordas
James Shinol

Board Staff Members in Attendance:

Christina Amato
Eric Andrus
Kellie Murphy

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm.

Murphy briefed the Board on license statistics and staffing changes within the Board Office. Murphy shared the legislative session has begun and noted the current proposed legislation to allow Estheticians to microneedle.

Murphy also shared the status of the Social Worker examination and how this has led to a larger conversation regarding the evaluation of professional examinations for implicit bias. There has been expressed interest in adding another examination part for Acupuncture but no formal request for consideration has been submitted.

The dry needling and Acupuncture assistant statement are under legal review which is a required step prior to being posted to the website. The Board confirmed the continued need for such statements and shared the issues which these statements will address continue to be an issue of confusion in the field. Once statements are available the Board discussed possible ways to disseminate the information including reaching out to OT and PT programs and possible utilizing the ASNY newsletter.

A proposed curriculum was shared with the board that focused on preparing estheticians to provide microneedling services. After review, the board agreed that the proposed curriculum would not fall within the abilities and scope of an Esthetician.

The board shared that often practices in Acupuncture are re-named and can include services such as rollers, stamps, pens, 7-star needles, micro channeling, and derma rolling.

There is also a practice called Iontophoresis which is a transdermal drug delivery method using low-intensity electric current, can be combined with acupuncture for pain management and other conditions, potentially enhancing the effectiveness of each treatment. This is not uniquely practiced by Acupuncturists.

Discussions also surrounded the restrictions of Acupuncturists in business practices and how collaborations between professions may be better if professional business practices were not so restrictive. Murphy shared this would most likely need to be a legislative action to change Education Law.

The meeting board voted and went into executive session at 11:00 a.m. with the meeting convening at 11:45 a.m. The Board will reconvene on September 18, 2025