



# Arkansas Department of Health

## Arkansas State Board of Acupuncture & Related Techniques

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#### Board Meeting Minutes

#### September 17, 2024

#### 2:30 pm CST

Jana Brady L.Ac., President / Professional Member  
Michael Buffington M.D. / Ex-Officio  
Michael Sims / Public Member  
Wendy Johnson (Poole) / Public Member

#### Members Present

Jana Brady  
Wendy Johnson  
Michael Sims  
Dr. Michael Buffington

#### Other Attendees

Russell Burns (ADH)  
Aaron Lowrey (AG)

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Board President Jana Brady at 2:33 pm CS, and Russell Burns conducted the Roll Call of attendees.

**Review/Approval of June 10, 2024 Minutes:** A motion was made and unanimously approved to accept the minutes from the previous board meeting. Jana Brady reported that the discussion of mental health professionals in Fort Smith advertising acupuncture had been the result of a Google Search mistake.

Motion: Jana Brady

2<sup>nd</sup>: Wendy Johnson

**Financial Report:** Russell Burns presented the May-August 2024 Financial Reports. A motion was made and unanimously approved to accept the reports.

Motion: Jana Brady

2<sup>nd</sup>: Michael Sims

#### **Licensure Report & Application Vote:**

1. 38 Active Licenses – The licensure report showing no change since last month was presented to the board by Russell Burns (Board Director).
2. Russell Burns reported that Anne Setnor had withdrawn her licensure application on 9/3/24, and she had been informed and acknowledged that her temporary license was rescinded as of 9/3/24.
3. Jana Brady conducted that vote on Amanda Melo's licensure application. A motion to approve the licensure application was made and unanimously approved.

1<sup>st</sup> Motion: Jana Brady

2<sup>nd</sup>: Michael Sims

**Proposed Changes to Board Rules:** Russell Burns covered proposed changes to the Board Rules that resulted from the CAR Project updating language in the rules and clarified the language concerning the testing requirements for licensure. Jana Brady noted one additional change needed to be made in TITLE III, F., (b), (2) that would clarify the language concerning the testing requirements for licensure. Russell Burns was to make this additional change suggestion before submitting it to the Governor's Office for approval to move forward with the suggested changes during rules promulgation.

**Election of Board Officers:** A motion was made and unanimously approved to elect Jana Brady as President of the Board.

Motion: Wendy Johnson

2<sup>nd</sup>: Michael Poole

Another motion was made and unanimously approved to elect Wendy Johnson as Secretary of the Board.

Motion: Michael Sims

2<sup>nd</sup>: Jana Brady

**Board Expenses:** Russell discussed that ADH is looking at having some boards and commissions begin covering some of the expenses that ADH is currently covering.

**Additional Business:** N/A

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, December 19, 2024 at noon.

**Adjournment:** Jana Brady adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m. CST.