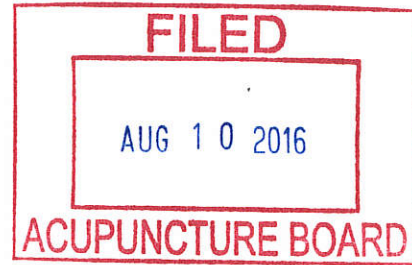


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8 **BEFORE THE**  
9 **ACUPUNCTURE BOARD**  
10 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**  
11 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

11 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 1A-2015-8

12 **SEUNG MAN YU**

**A C C U S A T I O N**

13 **1750 Halford Avenue, Suite 111**  
14 **Santa Clara, CA 95051**

15 **Acupuncture License No. AC 15888**

16 Respondent.

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18 Complainant alleges:

19 **PARTIES**

20 1. Benjamin Bodea (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in his official capacity  
21 as the Acting Executive Officer of the Acupuncture Board.

22 2. On or about March 28, 2014, the Acupuncture Board issued Acupuncture License  
23 Number AC 15888 to Seung Man Yu (Respondent). The Acupuncture License was in full force  
24 and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on December 31,  
25 2017, unless renewed.

26 **JURISDICTION**

27 3. This Accusation is brought before the Acupuncture Board (Board), under the  
28 authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code

1 unless otherwise indicated.

2 4. Section 4928.1 of the Code states:

3 “Protection of the public shall be the highest priority for the Acupuncture Board in  
4 exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the  
5 public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the public shall  
6 be paramount.”

7 5. Section 4955 of the Code states:

8 “The board may deny, suspend, or revoke, or impose probationary conditions upon, the  
9 license of any acupuncturist if he or she is guilty of unprofessional conduct.

10 “Unprofessional conduct shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

11 “(a) Using or possessing any controlled substance as defined in Division 10  
12 (commencing with Section 11000) of the Health and Safety Code, or dangerous drug  
13 or alcoholic beverage to an extent or in a manner dangerous to himself or herself, or  
14 to any other person, or to the public, and to an extent that the use impairs his or her  
15 ability to engage in the practice of acupuncture with safety to the public.

16 “(b) Conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions,  
17 or duties of an acupuncturist, the record of conviction being conclusive evidence  
18 thereof.

19 “(d) Aiding or abetting in, or violating or conspiring in, directly or indirectly,  
20 the violation of the terms of this chapter or any regulation adopted by the board  
21 pursuant to this chapter.

22 6. Section 4956 of the Code states:

23 “A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere made to a  
24 charge which is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of an acupuncturist  
25 is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this chapter.

26 “The board may order a license suspended or revoked, or may deny a license, or may  
27 impose probationary conditions upon a license, when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the  
28 judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or when an order granting probation is made

1 suspending the imposition of sentence irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of  
2 Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing the person to withdraw his or her pleas of guilty and to  
3 enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation,  
4 complaint, information, or indictment.”

5 **COST RECOVERY**

6 7. Section 4959 of the Code states:

7 “(a) The board may request the administrative law judge, under his or her proposed  
8 decision in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before the board, to direct any  
9 licensee found guilty of unprofessional conduct to pay to the board a sum not to  
10 exceed actual and reasonable costs of the investigation and prosecution of the case.

11 “(b) The costs to be assessed shall be fixed by the administrative law judge and shall  
12 not in any event be increased by the board. When the board does not adopt a  
13 proposed decision and remands the case to an administrative law judge, the  
14 administrative law judge shall not increase the amount of any costs assessed in the  
15 proposed decision.

16 “(c) When the payment directed in the board's order for payment of costs is not made  
17 by the licensee, the board may enforce the order for payment in the superior court in  
18 the county where the administrative hearing was held. This right of enforcement shall  
19 be in addition to any other rights the board may have as to any licensee directed to pay  
20 costs.

21 “(d) In any judicial action for the recovery of costs, proof of the board's decision shall  
22 be conclusive proof of the validity of the order of payment and the terms for payment.

23 “(e) All costs recovered under this section shall be considered a reimbursement for  
24 costs incurred and shall be deposited in the Acupuncture Fund.”

25 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

26 **(Unprofessional Conduct )**

27 8. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct under Code  
28 section 4955, section 4955(a) (Dangerous Use of Alcohol), section 4955(b) (Substantially Related

1 Conviction), section 4955(d) (Violation of Board Rules/Regulations) and section 4956 (Criminal  
2 Conviction) based on the following circumstances:

3 9. On or about January 2, 2015 at approximately 8:27 p.m., a CHP officer observed  
4 Respondent's vehicle traveling westbound on East Hills Road in San Jose approaching an  
5 intersection. As Respondent's vehicle approached the intersection, it nearly collided with the CHP  
6 vehicle.

7 10. Respondent then made an illegal left turn from the intersection and crashed head on  
8 into another vehicle that had been stopped at the stoplight.

9 11. Both vehicles sustained moderate damage and the driver of the other vehicle  
10 complained of pain to his stomach resultant from the collision.

11 12. CHP officers investigated Respondent for driving under the influence of alcohol  
12 and/or drugs. Respondent displayed objective signs of intoxication: his gait was unsteady, his  
13 speech was slurred, his eyes were red and watery, and he had the odor of an alcoholic beverage on  
14 his breath. In addition, his performance of several field sobriety tests indicated that he was under  
15 the influence of alcohol.

16 13. Respondent admitted to drinking "two beers and two Jack Daniels" prior to driving  
17 that night.

18 14. Respondent submitted to a preliminary alcohol screening test which resulted in a  
19 .20% blood alcohol content. Respondent refused to submit to further lawfully-mandated chemical  
20 testing.

21 15. Respondent was transported to the Alcohol Investigation Bureau to complete the DUI  
22 investigation. At this location, Respondent became both physically and verbally abusive toward  
23 officers. Respondent urinated on the ground. Respondent attempted to spit on two officers.  
24 Respondent refused to follow directions, kicked the walls and slammed his hands on the table. He  
25 told one officer to take his handcuffs off and stated, "I fight you one time."

26 16. Respondent was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and transported to  
27 the local jail. While en route to the jail, Respondent attempted to kick out the door and window of  
28 the patrol vehicle. Respondent had to be placed in restraints to be safely booked into jail.

1 17. Respondent was charged in the Santa Clara County Superior Court, Case Number  
2 C1501715, with two misdemeanor counts: 1) Vehicle Coder section 23152(a) – Driving Under  
3 the Influence of Alcohol; 2) Vehicle Coder section 23152(b) – Driving with a Blood Alcohol  
4 Level of 0.08% or More. Both counts included an allegation that Respondent refused to complete  
5 a chemical test as required by law, pursuant to Vehicle Coder section 23577(a).

6 18. On or about April 23, 2015, Respondent was convicted of Vehicle Code section  
7 23152(b), and was ordered to serve the following: three years probation; fifty days jail; nine-  
8 month Drinking and Driving Program.

9 19. Respondent's April 23, 2015 criminal conviction for driving with a blood alcohol  
10 content greater than 0.08%, is substantially related to the qualifications, functions and duties of an  
11 acupuncturist and constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to the Code sections enumerated  
12 above.

13 **PRAYER**

14 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,  
15 and that following the hearing, the Board issue a decision:

- 16 1. Revoking or suspending Acupuncture License Number AC 15888, issued to Seung  
17 Man Yu;
- 18 2. Ordering Seung Man Yu to pay the Board the reasonable costs of the investigation  
19 and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4959;
- 20 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

21 **AUG 10 2016**

22 DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

  
23 Benjamin Bodea  
24 Acting Executive Officer  
25 Acupuncture Board  
26 State of California  
27 Complainant

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