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Alaska Board of Chiropractic Examiners

# Annual Report

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**Identification of the Board**

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Duty Station</b>	<b>Date Appointed</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Dr. Brian Larson, D.C. Board President	Soldotna, AK	Mar 1, 2017	Mar 1, 2025
Dr. John Lloyd, D.C. Vice-President	Anchorage, AK	Mar 1, 2020	Mar 1, 2024
Dr. Walter Campbell, D.C. Chiropractic Physician	Palmer, AK	Mar 1, 2022	Mar 1, 2026
Dr. Timothy Kanady, D.C. Chiropractic Physician	Anchorage, AK	Mar 1, 2021	Mar 1, 2025
Ronald Gherman Public Member	Soldotna, AK	May 30, 2023	Mar 1, 2024

**Identification of Staff**

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**Narrative Statement**

The Board of Chiropractic Examiners consists of five members appointed by the Governor of Alaska. The board has four licensed chiropractors and one seat for a public member. Dr. Brian Larson is the Board President, Dr. John Lloyd is the Board Vice-President, Dr. Tim Kanady and Dr. Walter Campbell are the remaining Board Members. Ronald Gherman is the public member. Reid Bowman is the licensing examiner.

Our regulatory board acts as a governmental body under the Alaska Statutes. The purpose of the board is to protect the public and promote ethical and responsible practice. Our mission is to foster high professional standards relative to the chiropractic profession in Alaska. Our goal is to protect the public without creating unnecessary barriers to qualified practitioners.

The board is responsible for establishing minimum educational and competency standards, and regulation of chiropractic practice within the state. The board is involved with, and proposes changes to, regulations as needed. The board provides regulatory oversight thru a utilization review committee that reviews appropriateness of care.

The board met two times in 2023 via Zoom, and two times in person for the purpose of discussing regular board business. The board also met several times via Zoom for individual board concerns or to determine the strategy to deal with professional misconduct.

We will continue to manage the operations of the board and look forward to a great year in 2024.

The board participated in meetings with the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards (FCLB), the Association of Chiropractic Board Administrators (ABCA), and the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE). Attendance at these national meetings has the benefit of increasing awareness in the current issues concerning the practice of Chiropractic nationally and internationally and to participate in programs involving licensing requirements, professional standards, public protection, regulation and discipline.

The board, with the participation of chiropractors in Alaska, helps to address a continual source of substance addiction. Many Alaskans are dealing with pain from injury, illness, and lifestyle. Estimates show as high as 70% of new addicts come from prescription narcotic treatment from primary health care providers. Research demonstrates that chiropractic treatment is highly effective for both short and long-term care of low back pain, and accomplishes results without the use of opioid medication.

Chiropractic physicians are able to relieve many physical burdens, freeing other healthcare practitioners to address the psychological needs and improve the individual's ability to cope. Chiropractic physician's placement on research panels, boards and commissions focusing on opioid addiction is critical to help decrease addiction. Additionally, with the ever-increasing demand for professional health care, chiropractic physicians are uniquely qualified to meet that demand.

**Narrative Statement (continued)**

There is a great need to upgrade statutes and regulations to recognize the training, and the developments of the chiropractic profession to better meet the needs of Alaskans, and a general desire by chiropractic physicians to step up to those roles. Efficiency in the statutory and regulatory process will be needed. Involvement with national organizations such as the NBCE and FCLB will be needed. Chiropractic physicians having a place on councils, boards, and commissions for opioid addiction will be needed. This board will continue to strive to protect and benefit the public while remaining vigilant of new trends in chiropractic practice, and be proactive in need for regulation while staying current with technology, trends and issues as they develop.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Budget Recommendations for FY 2024**

Budget Recommendations section anticipates the board's fiscal priorities for the upcoming year. Please complete all parts of this section with details about anticipated meetings, conferences, memberships, supplies, equipment, to other board requests. Meeting expenses that are being funded through third-party reimbursement or direct booking must be identified separately from expenses paid through license fees (receipt-supported services or RSS). Be sure to explain any items listed as "other" so they may be tracked appropriately.

Board Meeting Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
February 2024	Juneau	5	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Airfare:			\$ 1,500.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel:			\$ 750.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Ground:			\$ 100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: Meals and Incidentals			\$ 150.00
<b>Total Estimated Cost:</b>			\$ 2,500.00

Board Meeting Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
May 2024	Anchorage	5	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Airfare:			\$ 300.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel:			\$ 400.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Ground:			\$ 100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: Meals and Incidentals			\$ 100.00
<b>Total Estimated Cost:</b>			\$ 900.00

Board Meeting Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
<input type="checkbox"/> Airfare:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Ground:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
<b>Total Estimated Cost:</b>			\$ 0.00

**Budget Recommendations for FY 2024 (continued)**

**Out-of-State Meetings and Additional In-State Travel** (Rank in order of importance)

#1 Rank in Importance or  Not Applicable

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
October 6-7, 2023	Rapid City, South Dakota	1	0

**Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:**

FCLB District 1 meeting.

Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare:	\$400.00			\$400.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:	\$300.00			\$300.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground:	\$100.00			\$100.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conference:	\$100.00			\$100.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	\$180.00			\$180.00
Describe "Other" (break out all sections): Meals and Incidentals				
<b>Net Total:</b>	\$ 1,080.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,080.00



**Budget Recommendations for FY 2024 (continued)**

**Out-of-State Meetings and Additional In-State Travel**

#2 Rank in Importance

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
May 1-4, 2024	Phoenix, AZ	1	0

**Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:**

2024 FCLB and NBCE annual meeting.

Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
☐ Airfare:	\$600.00			\$600.00
☐ Hotel:	\$300.00			\$300.00
☐ Ground:	\$100.00			\$100.00
☐ Conference:	\$100.00			\$100.00
☐ Other	\$100.00			\$100.00
Describe "Other" (break out all sections):				
<b>Net Total:</b>	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,200.00

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**Budget Recommendations for FY 2024 (continued)**

**Non-Travel Budget Requests**

- Not Applicable       Resources       Examinations  
 Membership       Training       Other

Product or Service	Provider	Cost Per Event
Membership	Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards (FCLB)	

**Description of item and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:**

**Non-Travel Budget Requests**

- Not Applicable       Resources       Examinations  
 Membership       Training       Other

Product or Service	Provider	Cost Per Event
Membership	National Board of Chiropractic Examiners	

**Description of item and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:**

**Non-Travel Budget Requests**

- Not Applicable       Resources       Examinations  
 Membership       Training       Other

Product or Service	Provider	Cost Per Event

**Description of item and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:**

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**Budget Recommendations for FY 2024 (continued)**

**Other Items with a Fiscal Impact**

**Not Applicable**

**Cost Per Event:**

**Number of Events:**

Product or Service	Provider	Cost Per Event

**Description of item and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:**

**Other Items with a Fiscal Impact**

**Not Applicable**

**Cost Per Event:**

**Number of Events:**

Product or Service	Provider	Cost Per Event

**Description of item and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:**

**Summary of FY 2024 Fiscal Requests**

Board Meetings and Teleconferences:	\$3,400.00
Travel for Exams:	\$0.00
Out-of-State and Additional In-State Travel:	\$2,280.00
Dues, Memberships, Resources, Training:	\$0.00
Total Potential Third-Party Offsets:	- \$ 0.00
Other:	\$0.00
Total Requested:	\$5,680.00

**Legislative Recommendations - Proposed Legislation for FY 2024**

**No Recommendations**

The Board has no recommendations for proposed legislation at this time.

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**Recommendations**

The Board has the following recommendations for proposed legislation:

The following statutory changes are proposed by the Alaska Board of Chiropractic Examiners:

Substance Abuse Assistance to Professionals AS 08.01.050(d) currently reads:

d) At the request of one of the following boards, the department may contract with public agencies and private professional organizations to provide assistance and treatment to persons licensed by the board who abuse alcohol, other drugs, or other substances:

- (1) Board of Social Work Examiners;
- (2) Board of Dental Examiners;
- (3) Board of Dispensing Opticians;
- (4) State Medical Board;
- (5) Board of Nursing;
- (6) Board of Examiners in Optometry;
- (7) Board of Pharmacy;
- (8) State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board;
- (9) Board of Professional Counselors;
- (10) Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners;
- (11) Board of Veterinary Examiners; and
- (12) Board of Marital and Family Therapy.

We respectfully request to Add (13) Board of Chiropractic Examiners;

AS 08.20.230. Practice of chiropractic. The practice of chiropractic

(1) Addresses ramification of health and disease [add] of the "whole" person, with a special emphasis of biomechanical analysis, interpretation and treatment of the structural and functional integrity of skeletal joint structures, and the physiological efficiency of the nervous system as these matters relate to [delete] subluxation complex [add](joint dysfunction;) and

(2) Involves the diagnosis, analysis, or formulation of a chiropractic diagnostic impression regarding the chiropractic conditions of the patient to determine the appropriate method of chiropractic treatment [add] or referral.

**Legislative Recommendations (continued)**

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- (2) Involves the diagnosis, analysis, or formulation of a chiropractic diagnostic impression regarding the chiropractic conditions of the patient to determine the appropriate method of chiropractic treatment [add] or referral.
- (A) Physiologic therapeutics and physiotherapies;
- (B) Counselling on dietary regimen, sanitary procedures,
- (C) Use and interpretation of all diagnostic imaging;
- (D) Use and interpretation of all clinical labs;
- (E) Use of hypodermic and solid needles for drawing labs, administering prescription medications and nutritional substances or contrast agents, dry needling, acupuncture, electromyography, and similar techniques and procedures;
- (F) All diagnostic and therapeutic techniques and procedures (excepting those prohibited under AS 08.20.100(c) as directly referring to AS 14.30.125, treating the “whole” patient.

Further define “Chiropractic Examination” (AS 08.20.900(8)) to read:

“Chiropractic Examination” means an examination of a patient conducted by a person licensed under this chapter, or by a chiropractic clinical assistant or chiropractic intern under the supervision of a person licensed under this chapter, for the [delete] (express) purpose of ascertaining whether symptoms of [delete](subluxation complex) [add] (joint dysfunction) exist and consisting of an analysis of the patient’s health history, current health status, results of diagnostic procedures, including x-ray and other diagnostic imaging devices, and postural, thermal, physical, neuro-physical, and spinal examinations that focuses on the discovery of (A) The existence and etiology of relationships of skeletal joint structures; and (B) Interference with normal nerve transmission and expression;(C)[add] “Chiropractic Examination” diagnoses conditions and diseases of the “whole” person, and guides treatment or referral.

Professional Designation AS 08.20.155 Add (b) . “A person obtaining a chiropractic specialty designation, in addition to chiropractic core methodologies, may practice all ancillary methodologies except invasive surgery, or procedures deeper than superficial tissues or requiring general regional anesthesia. This privilege includes, with appropriate training and education, administration and prescription of non-opioid legend drugs specified in AS 08.20.155(b) for treatment of conditions related to the practitioner's specialty. Prescription drugs shall be limited to non-narcotic analgesics, antibiotics, antifungals, antivirals, antihistamines, anti-inflammatories, hormones/bioidentical hormones, amide anesthetics, epinephrine, and substances defined as nutrition in regulation.”

**Regulation Recommendations - Proposed Regulations for FY 2024**

**No Recommendations**

The Board has no recommendations for proposed regulations at this time.

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**Recommendations**

The Board has the following recommendations for proposed regulations:

Chapter 12 Alaska Administrative Code Add New Sections to 12 AAC 16: A chiropractic specialist practicing ancillary therapies directly related to their specialty must demonstrate the following: (A) At least 5 years continuous practice in Alaska as a chiropractic physician; (B) Must have completed one or more of the recognized Diplomate programs (or equivalent training, i.e., Master's Degree) and be recognized by the certifying agency as a member in good standing; (C) Must have completed a minimum of ninety clinical and didactic contact course hours in pharmacology, pharmacognosy, medication administration and toxicology certified by an examination from an institution of higher education approved by the board; (D) Must complete continuing education on a biennial basis related to the areas of specialty-related Ancillary Methodology, as well as obtain continuing education required to maintain their Diplomate status with their certifying agency; A chiropractic physician administering nutritional substances via injection must have completed: (A) A minimum of two (2) years practice in Alaska as a chiropractic physician; (B) A minimum of ninety clinical and didactic contact course hours in pharmacology, pharmacognosy, medication administration and toxicology certified by an examination from an institution of higher education approved by the board; (C) And must complete continuing education on a biennial basis related to the administration of nutritional substances as approved by the board.

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## Goals and Objectives

### Part I

#### FY 2023's goals and objectives and how they were met:

Goal 1: Carry out assigned duties of the board:

• Objective 1: Conduct a minimum of three board meetings this year with different regional locations in the state to allow for public attendance and meeting transparency. This was completed. The board had four regular board meetings. There was also a need for meetings held in response to disciplinary matters and investigative/administrative needs.

Objective 2: Continue timely processing of applications and licensing of chiropractic physicians.

With the implementation of open book jurisprudence testing online, the need to schedule and have applicants wait for set examination times has been curtailed. This represents a significant savings in time and resources. This was accomplished by the board, and applications were processed much quicker than in the past based on this new system.

• Objective 3: Continue to monitor investigative reports, monitor disciplinary actions, and provide professional direction to division investigative staff regarding disciplinary actions, probation matters, criminal history record information, and chiropractic practice.

Given the significant increase last year in both the number and severity of disciplinary matters in the state, this will be a significant activity of the board. To this point, the board has never revoked a license. This may well play a part in the increase of number and severity. The purpose of sentencing for criminal offenses is to first, stop the crime being committed; secondly, to assist in rehabilitating the offender, and third, to prevent others from committing the same offense. The laxity in board sentences may well play into current increases. Therefore, the board will focus efforts on developing and instituting a matrix of disciplinary measures patterned after the Boards of Medicine and Nursing, and as currently being prepared by the Board of Dentistry. This will standardize disciplinary action of the board and bring consistency among the professions of the state. The current "norms" sit significantly below those established guidelines. The board needed to place extra time and attention into the increase in investigative reports.

• Objective 4: Utilize the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) Special Purposes Examination for Chiropractic (SPEC) and Ethics & Boundaries examination (E&B) in memorandum of agreements.

This is in the final steps of completion to be a live service available nationally. This can be a very valuable tool in assessing preparation to return to professional service as a part of rehabilitation of offenses. This was accomplished by the board this year

• Objective 5: Continue to review and process continuing education credit approval in a timely manner.

With COVID-19 restrictions and mandates being lifted, we returned to 32-hours of regular in-person and online continuing education. Careful consideration will be given to the current appropriateness of Ethics & Boundaries training. The board accomplished this objective this year. The board also entertained several hardship waiver's for doctors that dealt with special circumstances

• Objective 6: Continue to administer the jurisprudence examination as part of licensure.

Jurisprudence examination is still an integral part of licensing but appears to be one of the most violated areas of chiropractic practice. This goal was accomplished

Goal 2: Provide information regarding board activities to the profession and the public:

• Objective 1: Inform licensees of any pending regulation changes in the customary manner.

All communication with licensees is made through the board website, and in cases required, each will be notified through direct email or mail. This was accomplished

• Objective 2: Provide a public comment period during each meeting.

Care will be given to make sure public comment period is scheduled on each meeting agenda. All additional meetings will be properly public noticed. This goal was achieved

• Objective 3: Address concerns presented by licensees and the public at each meeting.

See above. Additionally, any correspondence received by licensees or public members will be immediately addressed by the board or designee, and outcomes returned to those individuals. This was accomplished.

• Objective 4: Provide copies of agendas and/or minutes of the meetings to all who request them.

Such was accomplished by the licensing examiner and was posted in advance on the board website. This practice will continue.

• Objective 5: Continue to work with other licensing boards, at both the district and national level

Specific request has been made to meet with District FCLB/NBCE in October 2023 in Rapid City, SD and with the National Boards in the Spring of 2024.

• Objective 6: Continue to address the reporting requirements for domestic violence and sexual assault; Board members will continue to be educated on the requirements of Alaska law considering this requirement. Bringing the information to the forefront of attention of practitioners is a priority.

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• Objective 7: Seek and support efforts to educate the governor, state legislators, and the public regarding the benefit of chiropractic care as a health care option, and the particular opportunities to efficiently recover from work injuries (Workers Comp), and deal with pain without opioid prescriptions; ;

A large part of this is forwarded in the Legislative Proposal from this last year and carried forward for sponsorship for this coming 33rd Legislature. This will also remain a priority for the ACS. This was accomplished

• Objective 8: Raise awareness regarding public health, emergency training, hazardous material, and OSHA requirements.

This was accomplished

• Objective 9: Ensure current information is available on the board website through regular updates by staff and regular monitoring by board members.

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**Goals and Objectives (continued)**

**Part I (continued)**

**FY 2023's goals and objectives and how they were met:**

Goal 3: Continue affiliation with the Alaska Chiropractic Society (ACS) to work cooperatively in the best interest of the public and the profession

• Objective 1: Encourage regular Alaska Chiropractic Society (ACS) participation at board meetings. The board will continue to appraise ACS of the scheduling of board meetings and movements of the board. Time will continue to be budgeted into meeting agendas for updates on ACS activities and needs, and we will continue to receive calls as necessary for clarifications.

Time will continue to be budgeted into meeting agendas for updates on ACS activities and needs, and we will continue to receive calls as necessary for clarifications. This is a very strong and positive relationship that should be cultured to continue and strengthen. This was accomplished.

• Objective 2: Support the Alaska Chiropractic Society in its efforts to provide information to the profession and the public. The board has been quick to respond with interpretation of laws and regulations and to give whatever support is possible to the ACS. This will continue.

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• Objective 3: Support the Alaska Chiropractic Society in pursuit of statutory changes or additions that expand the scope of chiropractic practice to provide better portal-of-entry service for the public and for those who wish to utilize their chiropractic physician efficiently as their primary care physician.

The prepared Legislative Proposal will continue to be worked on and sponsorship sought for the 33rd Legislative session. Much of the previously stated goal lies herein, specifically to resolve the conflict of interests between needs of patients and desires of licensees, and to be able to provide update regulation to accomplish this while resolving the conflict with outdated statute.

Goal 4: Assess and evaluate regulations:

• Objective 1: Continue to assess and evaluate continuing education requirements for quality, relevance, and application of scientific chiropractic research and practice.

Thanks to Dr. Risch, a former board member, who religiously reviews every application for credits for continuing education and gives his input to the board for guidance. We will evaluate the use of such assignments and either continue or terminate such as recommended by the Department of Law. This objective was met.

• Objective 2: Continue to assess and evaluate radiological safety, professional ethics and boundaries, public health, and emergency training.

A full 25% of continuing education is focused on these topics. In addition, we have a very active Office of Radiologic Safety operating as a regulator for the State of Alaska, assuring radiation units comply with current rules and practice.

• Objective 3: Proactively make recommendations through regulation and recommend changes to statute to anticipate changes in the health industry.

This board is very active in this aspect as is demonstrated by the current Legislative Proposal seeking support for the 33rd Alaska Legislature.

Goal 5: Assess and evaluate the review process available through the Utilization Review Committee (URC):

• Objective 1: Direct appropriate inquiries to the committee for review and recommendations. At the forefront of board efforts is the refilling of this committee.

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• Objective 2: Keep the committee roster fully staffed with three chiropractic physicians and one public member at all times.

• Objective 3: Maintain a list of alternate committee members to fill vacancies or recusals as needed.

Goal 6: Continue affiliation and improve interaction with the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing board (FCLB), The National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE), the Association of Chiropractic Board Administrators (ACBA), and the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) as well as the Council on Licensure, Enforcement, and Regulation (CLEAR) and the Federation of Association of Regulatory Boards (FARB):

• Objective 1: Provide attendance of one to two board members and the examiner to the district and annual meetings of the FCLB and NBCE, to provide input and obtain information at both national and state levels regarding the practice of chiropractic in Alaska.

This was accomplished this year.

• Objective 2: Continue working with the FCLB on maintaining a listing of Alaskan chiropractic physicians on the National Database (CIN-BAD).

This continues as outlined. This was accomplished this year

• Objective 3: Promote attendance of board members, past and present, to the semi-annual NBCE Part IV Examinations and Part IV Examination Review Committee meetings of the NBCE to provide input and obtain information on the Exams required for chiropractic licensure in Alaska and other states.

Goal 7: The board will endeavor, through the legislative process, to add the Board of Chiropractic Examiners to relevant centralized and non-centralized statutes that enhance the profession and its administrative efficiency:

• Objective 1: The board will pursue inclusion in AS 08.01.050(d) for the purpose of providing licensed chiropractic physicians the resources needed to address abuse of alcohol, drugs or other substances that are granted to all other professional boards. This element is foremost on the Legislative Proposal authored by Drs. Larson and former board member Dr. Morris, board members working as a subcommittee appointed by the board. Efforts of board members and ACS will work diligently to find a sponsor and co-sponsors for this action in the 33rd Alaska Legislature. This was accomplished.

• Objective 2: The board will pursue authority under AS 08.20 to create an additional scope of practice status for chiropractic physicians who pursue additional training and certifications to utilize non-narcotic drugs, ancillary therapies and procedures beyond chiropractic core methodology (and labeled by statute as Ancillary Methodology) and commonly used by other Alaskan health care professionals and specialists. T

This also is a portion of the legislative proposal set forth by the board. The board with assistance of the ACS will continue to seek sponsorship with the 33rd Alaska Legislature. This has not been accomplished and the board is anticipating an update in 2024.



**Goals and Objectives (continued)**

**Part II**

**FY 2024's goals and objectives, and proposed methods to achieve them.**

**Describe any strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats and required resources:**

Goal 1: Carry out assigned duties of the board:

- Objective 1: Conduct a minimum of three board meetings this year with different regional locations in the state to allow for public attendance and meeting transparency.

Objective 2: Continue timely processing of applications and licensing of chiropractic physicians.

- Objective 3: Continue to monitor investigative reports, monitor disciplinary actions, and provide professional direction to division investigative staff regarding disciplinary actions, probation matters, criminal history record information, and chiropractic practice.

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- Objective 9: Ensure current information is available on the board website through regular updates by staff and regular monitoring by board members.

**Goals and Objectives (continued)**

**Part II (continued)**

**FY 2024's goals and objectives, and proposed methods to achieve them.**

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- Objective 2: Keep the committee roster fully staffed with three chiropractic physicians and one public member at all times.
- Objective 3: Maintain a list of alternate committee members to fill vacancies or recusals as needed.

Goal 6: Continue affiliation and improve interaction with the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing board (FCLB), The National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE), the Association of Chiropractic Board Administrators (ACBA), and the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) as well as the Council on Licensure, Enforcement, and Regulation (CLEAR) and the Federation of Association of Regulatory Boards (FARB):

- Objective 1: Provide attendance of one to two board members and the examiner to the district and annual meetings of the FCLB and NBCE, to provide input and obtain information at both national and state levels regarding the practice of chiropractic in Alaska.
- Objective 2: Continue working with the FCLB on maintaining a listing of Alaskan chiropractic physicians on the National Database (CIN-BAD).
- Objective 3: Promote attendance of board members, past and present, to the semi-annual NBCE Part IV Examinations and Part IV Examination Review Committee meetings of the NBCE to provide input and obtain information on the Exams required for chiropractic licensure in Alaska and other states.

Goal 7: The board will endeavor, through the legislative process, to add the Board of Chiropractic Examiners to relevant centralized and non-centralized statutes that enhance the profession and its administrative efficiency:

- Objective 1: The board will pursue inclusion in AS 08.01.050(d) for the purpose of providing licensed chiropractic physicians the resources needed to address abuse of alcohol, drugs or other substances that are granted to all other professional boards.
- Objective 2: The board will pursue authority under AS 08.20 to create an additional scope of practice status for chiropractic physicians who pursue additional training and certifications to utilize non-narcotic drugs, ancillary therapies and procedures beyond chiropractic core methodology (and labeled by statute as Ancillary Methodology) and commonly used by other Alaskan health care professionals and specialists.

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**Sunset Audit Recommendations**

**Date of Last Legislative Audit:** 06/22/2021

**Board Sunset Date:** 06/30/2027

**Audit Recommendation:**

The governor should make board appointments in compliance with statutory requirements.

**Action Taken:**

The public member serving at the time of the prior audit was removed from the board in April 2021. An applicant that met the statutory requirements for the public member position was appointed to the board May 30, 2023.

**Next Steps:**

N/A

**Completed:**  No  Yes

**If yes, date completed:** 05/30/2023

**Audit Recommendation:**

DCBPL's director should allocate sufficient resources to ensure cases are addressed in a timely manner.

**Action Taken:**

DCBPL management restructured resources in the Investigations section and reduced caseload days to a level deemed acceptable to resolve the issue by the Legislative Auditor.

**Next Steps:**

**Completed:**  No  Yes

**If yes, date completed:**

**Audit Recommendation:**

**Action Taken:**

**Next Steps:**

**Completed:**  No  Yes

**If yes, date completed:**