



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

STATE CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS BOARD

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MAR 7, 2024, AT 9:00 AM AKST

1. Zoom Information

Board Meeting is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: Chiropractic Examiners Board Meeting

Time: Mar 7, 2024, 09:00 AM

Alaska Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87244586412?pwd=c1NYMGljeIV4YnpyWk11NDRpTzVIZz09> Meeting ID: 872 4458 6412

Passcode: 405573

2. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Board President Dr. Brian Larson at 9:03 a.m.

Members Present:

Dr. Brian Larson – Board President

Dr. John Lloyd – Board Vice-President

Dr. Tim Kanady – Member

Dr. Walter Campbell –Member

Ronald Gherman – Public Member

Guests Present:

Reid Bowman – Program Coordinator

Shane Bannarbie – Program Coordinator

Stefanie Davis- Regulations Specialist

3. Review/ Approve Agenda

 [CHI March 7, 2024, Board Meeting Agenda.doc](#)

After a brief review, the board moved to approve the agenda as drafted.

Motion:

RESLOVED to approve agenda as is.

Moved by Dr. Timothy Kanady, Seconded by Dr. John Lloyd, motion passed.

Minutes generated by [OnBoard](#).

4. Regulation Discussion

 [Dr. Larson's Email Update: Regulation Project for Specific Provision for Licensed Chiropractors to Administer Lifesaving Medications.pdf](#)

Dr. Larson summarized his thoughts to the board regarding his reasoning for proposing provisions for licensed chiropractors to utilize lifesaving drugs (with appropriate training and education). He also welcomed discussion from member on how the Good Samaritan Law may apply to chiropractic physicians when providing such lifesaving drugs; chiropractors would be held to a higher standard because of public perception. Prior to the meeting Dr. Larson contacted NCMIC Insurance (NCMIC) to gather information on insurance coverage ramifications if a suit is filed against a chiropractor for providing lifesaving drugs under the Good Samaritan Law. The NCMIC recommended the board seek out what provisions exist in Alaska law that would allow the provision of such drugs but stated that the NCMIC could ensure chiropractors if provision of lifesaving drugs was legal in the state.

Dr. Larson further explained the board would need to decide if a proposal should go before LAW for opinion and feedback on the ability of the board to successfully propose a change to regulation that allows chiropractors the ability to provide lifesaving drugs to the public. All members agreed with the proposal and decided to move a proposal to LAW for review and opinion.

Regulations Specialist, Stefanie Davis provided guidance to the board by explaining the current definition in statute for “prescription drug” and its required caution labeling that states federal law prohibits dispensing without a prescription and must be dispensed by practitioners. Dr. Campbell questioned the group if anyone knew what agencies are allowed to dispense these life saving drugs and what protections allow them to do so? He further explained that the board could ask such agencies under what protections are they administering these types of drugs. Dr. Campbell considered adding their regulatory language into this proposal to receive the same allowance for chiropractors to provide lifesaving drugs. Dr. Larson responded the Department of Health is an example, and he believes the Good Samaritan Law protects such agencies but does not extend to chiropractors. Dr. Larson volunteered to contact the Department of Health to specifically ask what statute they are referencing to justify giving lifesaving drugs to the public and would they be willing to adopt a letter from their commissioner. Specifically, the letter should include what lifesaving drugs are being provided to the public while also petitioning for chiropractic physicians to be allowed to provide the same lifesaving drugs.

Dr. Campbell stated that based on Department of Health's response, the board can determine its course of action to begin a regulatory change or accept whatever protections are extended from the Department of Health. Reid Bowman provided statutory reference AS.09.65.090, of the Good Samaritan Law as additional guidance for the board. The discussion concluded with Dr. Larson volunteering to gather further information from Department of Law, inquiring if a justification exists for a regulation change, citing AS.09.65.090. A motion was not taken.

5. **HB 314 and SB 225 Discussion**

 [HB314 Support Letter Template.docx](#)

Reid Bowman explained the bill to the board in summary. He stated the Corporations Licensing section annually contributes about eight-million dollars back to the general fund each year, from corporate licensing fees. This bill shifts the cost of the investigation and the hearings from licensees to the Corporations section given its surplus funding. The result would be decreased licensing fees for applicants. Additionally, Mr. Bowman mentioned this is a governor sponsored bill.

Dr. Larson expressed concern if there would be a net change to licensing boards or other economic or staffing effects of the bill. Dr. Campbell mentioned the bill is sponsored by the governor and believed the issues has been vetted thoroughly considering its already a bill but had concerns of where the money to reduce fees would be coming from. Mr. Bowman provided additional information to explain that the Corporations section is running at an eight-million-dollar surplus each year that gets transferred back to general funds. It would be the Corporations surplus of funds that contribute to offsetting the professional licensing costs. Mr. Bowman also clarified that there is not anticipated cost around additional staffing or other cost effects of the bill. Members had no additional questions and moved to approve board support.

Motion:

RESLOVED to support HB 314 and SB 225.

Moved by Dr. John Lloyd, seconded by Dr. Ron Gherman motion passed.

6. **CE Course Approval: CE- 19832-ACS Clinical Excellence Program**

 [CHI-CE-Alaska Chiropractic Society-19832 -ACS Clinical Excellence Program.pdf](#)

After brief discussion the board moved to approve CE- 19832-ACS Clinical Excellence Program

Motion:

RESLOVED to approve CE course 19832-ACS Clinical Excellence Program

Moved by Dr. Tim Kanady, seconded by Dr. Ron Gherman motion passed.

7. Adjourn

Motion:

RESLOVED to adjourn at 09:56 AM

Moved by Dr. Ron Gherman, seconded by Dr. Tim Kanady motion passed.

Tasks:

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