Alaska Board of Chiropractic Examiners October 10, 2025, Meeting
Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing
Friday, October 10, 2025, at 9:00 AM AKDT

Meeting called to order at 09:00am

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
The meeting was called to order by Board President Dr. John Lloyd, at 09:00am All members were present except Dr. Tim Kanady and guest acknowledged.

Members:
Dr. John Lloyd – Board Chair
Dr. Tim Kanady – Vice Chair
Dr. Walter Campbell –Member
Dr. Edward Barrington- Member
Ronald Gherman- Public Member

Guests:
Reid Bowman – Program Coordinator II
Shane Bannarbie – Program Coordinator
Sara Chambers- Board Advisor
Debbie Ryan- Alaska Chiropractic Society (ACS)
Josh Hardy- Investigator
Melissa Dumas- Admin Operations Manager

2. Virtual Meeting Code of Conduct Agreement

3. Review/Approve Agenda

MOTION to move Debbie Ryans presentation and Dr. Walter Campbell discussion to earlier in the meeting agenda. MOVED by Dr. Edward Barrington, seconded by Ron Gherman, motion passed unanimously.

4. Ethics Reporting
Members were polled by rollcall to declare any conflict or ethical disclosures.
No conflicts announced.

5. Introduction of New Board Member Dr. Edward Barrington
Dr. Edward Barrington provided a brief introduction to the members, as the new board member. Dr. Barrington and expressed he is pleased to be back on the CHI board.

Dr. Barrington did disclose that he is the Legislative Chairman for the Chiropractic Society. Reid Bowman provided guidance that association affiliations should be declared during the ethics disclosure process. Dr. Barrington responded he would make his declaration known moving forward.

6. Public Comment Period
Dr. Aaron Shoemaker provided public comments to the board. Dr. Shoemaker stated he would like to acknowledge his past conduct and sincerely apologizing for any unprofessional behavior during the COVID period. He opined the period was disruptive and disorienting for all of us, and he did not handle those

challenges as well as he should have. He went on to express that he has worked hard to rebuild himself and cited practice record of practicing in Columbia and Texas, he was issued a license to practice in Texas about a year after his license was revoked in Alaska. Dr. Shoemaker added that there's never been a valid complaint of sexual misconduct against him in Alaska, Columbia, or in Texas. Dr. Shoemaker presented to the board that he has spent time reflecting on his practice in Alaska and working to rebuild himself and his career, where is expressed he demonstrated professionalism, discipline, and growth. Dr. Shoemaker went on to express that he believes the process never allowed him to fully tell his side of the story or to clarify what actually happened. He clarified, he is not asking for special treatment, only fairness, and the opportunity for the facts to be fully understood. Dr. Shoemaker respectfully asked that this board consider his record since that time of his incident, the years of clean practice, the patience he's helped, and work he's done to rebuild his life and career.

Dr. Barrington advised Dr. Shoemaker that he should apply for his license and go through that process for the board to address his consideration

7. Melissa Dumas: Division Update_FY25 Fiscal Update

Melissa Dumas provided the third quarter fiscal report, and explained the Division is working on closing out the fourth quarter financials. Ms. Dumas instructed the board on where to find information relevant to the board on the Divisions webpage. Dr. Lloyd asked if chiropractic had any licenses that needed legal action and if the expenditures of such are reflected in the current report. Ms. Dumas explained that the amount would be reflected in the expenditures section as "services" or "inter agency legal". Dr. Lloyd asked how costly it is to deal with a case that requires legal action, Ms. Dumas explained that these cases may be costly depending on how long it takes to resolve it.

8. Debbie Ryan: Alaska Chiropractic Society (ACS) Report

Ms. Debbie Ryan provided the ACS update to the board, highlighting progress of the ACS convention. Ms. Ryan explained the speakers have been secured, and a new hybrid attendance option, that allows attendees to buy full in person packets or partial in person and partial online packages to attend the convention. The convention will continue to be hosted at the Hotel Captain Cook over the course of four days. Tickets should be available in December or at the latest January. Ms. Ryan also provided the following updates: the ACS was able to secure an executive proclamation from the governor for October to be Chiropractic Health Month and ACS did lose the Coalition for Reliable Medical Access at the 80th percentile rule case, (all of the providers, Alaska State Medical Associations, the PT Association, and others in the group elected to ask the state to forego). Ms. Ryan explained ACS is considering action through statute change and considers it an opportunity for chiropractors to work with other professions to get laws passed. Ms. Ryan added the ACS has new member benefits, such as software to communicate with the Satisfy compliance dashboard which should help chiropractors with compliance issues. She explained the software will have an artificial intelligence component that helps you track your completion progress. It helps with drafting policies and training manuals among other features. The next Radiology club will be October 23, 2025, sponsored by Northern Lights Imaging. Dr. Robert Brenteson will present on navigating diagnostic modalities. Ms. Ryan, finalized by inquiring about the peer review element of the board. Dr. Campbell responded that the board had a hard time getting people to utilize it and agreed that the process was somewhat confusing. Dr. Campbell requested that peer review be an agenda for the next board meeting. The board agreed it should be added to the board webpage to provide clarity of its function and use to the public.

The board MOTION to move Josh Hardy investigations briefing to the current timeslot in the meeting agenda. MOVED by Dr. John Lloyd, SECOND by Ron Gherman, motion passed unanimously.

9. Josh Hardy: Investigative Report and Annual Board Member Training

Mr. Hardy presented the investigative report to the board for the period of March 14th, 2025, through September 25th of 2025. The report included cases, complaints, and intake matters that were handled since the last board report and matters that were opened by the paralegals in Anchorage and Juneau regarding continuing education audits and license action rules from those matters. Investigator Hardy explained there are one or two providers with multiple cases within the report, but for the most part, these are individual providers reported. Further details of the report are not permitted to be shared publicly. Investigator Hardy provided an overview of the investigative process and the board member review process which took place in executive session due to information confidentiality, as part of annual training.

MOTION to enter executive session.
In accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310C. I, John, Lloyd, MOVE to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters which by law, municipality, charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential. SECOND, by Dr. Walter Campbell, motion passed unanimously.

Call to Order/Roll Call
The meeting was called to order by Board President Dr. John Lloyd, 11:35am.
All members were present, and guests acknowledged.

Dr. Campbell briefed the board on the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards (FCLB) and said that they want to hold their next regional district meeting in Anchorage, Alaska. He suggested board members may be able to reach out and help identify a venue for the event.

MOTION to move the agenda topics for Sara Chambers: Medical Spa Workgroup FAQ Draft Review and Lazer and Adjunctive Modalities State Medical Board Position Letter to CHI Board on the use of Lasers to Treat or Operate on Human Conditions to the current spot in the agenda.
MOVED by Dr. Walter Campbell, SECOND by Ron Gherman, motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Campbell provided commentary on the Medical Board Position Letter to CHI Board on the use of Lasers to Treat or Operate on Human Conditions, sharing that if the use of lasers does not enter the surgical component or in other words, if there's no tissue debridement or anything like that, it absolutely falls within chiropractic scope. Dr. Lloyed commented the Medical Board misstated him when it wrote: Dr. Lloyd advised the Medical Board chiropractors are providing laser tattoo removal. Dr. Lloyd clarified that his statement was that chiropractors can do laser treatments not advising that chiropractors can do laser tattoo removals. The board agreed with the position of Dr. Campbell.

Sara Chambers joined the conversation to urge the board to lean on what's in their scope as stated in statute and regulation. Dr. Campbell summarized by saying he wants to be able to freely do the task that the governor appointed the board to do, which is interpret the statutes, help devise the regs underneath them and then adjudicate if something falls within or without scope. The members of the board had no objections or comments to the statements.

The board discussed the current Administrative Orde (AO)360 that request boards develop a plan to reduce regulations by 15% in calendar year 2026 and a total reduction of 25% by the end of calendar year 2027. AO360 requires boards to review their regulations, count the number of requirements, determine which are discretionary, and make recommendations on which regulation can be truncated without affecting public safety and increases application and information processes.

Dr. Campbell introduced a MOTION to form an AO 360 regulations work group consisting of Dr. Barrington, Dr. Campbell, and Dr. Larson (if he's amenable to work on the dry needling project), to work on the definition of surgery as it pertains to use of lasers, and response to the A360 regulation mandate.

MOVED by Dr. Campbell, SECON by Dr. John Lloyd, motion passed unanimously.

Sara Chambers spoke to the board on current Medical Spa frequently asked questions document presented to the board for review and response. Ms. Chambers provided an explanation of what a medical spa is, explaining that for the purposes of the Medical Spa Board, a medical spa is a clinic where medical procedures and services may be delivered, albeit in a more casual or consumer focused setting than a traditional clinic and potentially alongside nonmedical services. Ms. Chambers clarified medical directors are considered as anyone who has the legal authority to supervise or delegate medical or nursing activities. Ms. Chambers made it known that a chiropractor cannot be a medical director of a medical spa hydration clinic. The board discussed the med spa services and compared them to the allowable scope of chiropractic practice. Dr. Barrington summarized that there are some things in chiropractic statute that are tripping us up a bit, preventing chiropractors from administering certain services. He offered that as a board, we say that we encourage the effort of the med spa, but the board would like to be able to continue to offer input to the med spa for decision making. Dr. Lloyd provided the following statement on the matter. The board applauds the efforts of the med spa and thinks that it's an excellent idea. However, the board would like some time to look at its regulations in terms of the chiropractic scope of practice.

MOTION to continue looking at the Med Spa FAQ document for further evaluation, looking through it closely to determine how it matches with chiropractic regulations to ensure the Chiropractic Board has not been excluded for certain services. MOVED by Dr. Campbell, SECOND by Ron Gherman, motion passed unanimously

Break

Call to Order/Roll Call
The meeting was called to order by Board President Dr. John Lloyd, 01:40pm.
All members were present except Dr. Walter Campbel and guests acknowledged.

In the interest of time the board chose to form a motion to cancel the scheduled ethics training.

MOTION to cancel the boards in person ethics training and allow each member to take the online training at their convenience. MOVED by Dr. Edward Barrington, SECOND by Dr. Tim Kanady, motion passed unanimously.

10. Division Notices
Federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) Delegation
The board reviewed and agreed to approve the SCRA license delegation to the Division.

I, Dr. Edward Barrington MOTION that licenses applied for under the Federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act's (or "SCRA") licensure portability laws be reviewed, approved, and issued by the division, rather than by the board, in order to comply with federal law requiring expediency and due to the fact that the board's authority and requirement to approve and issue licenses is under Alaska Statute Title 8, rather than federal law. Once licensed is issued pursuant to the SCRA, these licensees will be subject to the requirements of Title 8 of Alaska Statutes and subject to the board's authority, same as all other Alaska professional licensees under the board's jurisdiction.

MOVED by Dr. Edward Barrington, SECOND by Dr. Tim Kanady, motion passed unanimously.

Industrial Hemp and Intoxicating Hemp Products FAQ for Professional Licensees
No board action taken

Administrative Order 360 Memo to Boards
The Board reviewed the AO360 deliverables and deadlines. Discussion on AO360 was held during the med spa discussion. No further action taken.

11. Business Board
New VA procedures
Dr. Lloyd presented to the board that there are significant changes with the VA affecting providers within the state as far as what is required of providers to get visits authorized for things that are outside of the scope of the traditional Medicare-Medicaid guidelines. Dr. Lloyd opined, as a board, the question is, do we want to be involved in that, and put a statement together to send to the governor, or is this something that the board wants to have the Alaska Chiropractic Society participate in and write a letter through?

Dr. Lloyd believes the board is going to get a lot of questions from colleagues in the state that may be asking what's happening with the VA and thinks the board should understand the new procedures and be able to have an explanation in the event practitioners have questions about the new procedures. Dr. Kanady, stated he will be able to update the board on what he has noticed with the VA after talking with his wife who works more closely with the VA. Dr. Barrington added that he has noticed it looks like the VA is trying to put a wedge in between chiropractors and their massage therapists, even though chiropractors bill for massage therapists services. Dr. Barrington opined the consensus is that chiropractors do not really want massage therapists to bill under their own license, so this may create an issue. Dr. Lloyd added the main issue that chiropractors are running into is needing to get massage services authorized, and the chiropractor services authorized. So, it's now two services that now need to be authorized, which may take up to two to four weeks. After further discussion the board decided to reach out to the ACS for support with addressing the VA issue and provide support where needed. It was decided Dr. Lloyd will reach out to ACS to establish communication of the board's needs.

12. Correspondence
The Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) Election Announcement
No action taken

Medical Director for Med Spa
Chiropractic Dr. Derek Larsen questioned if he could serve as a medical director of a medical spa in Juneau. The board decided to allow Dr. Lloyd to draft a response to Dr. Larsen's question, stating that he may not serve as a medical director of a medical spa. He could, however, provide services within the spa, if the services fell within the scope of practice. Once drafted the response will be reviewed and voted on by the full board in OnBoard.

Locum Tenens Extension Request: Marie Gravel #244357 (executive session)
MOTION to enter executive session.

In accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310C. I, Dr. Edward Barrington, MOVE to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. SECOND, by Dr. Tim Kanady, motion passed unanimously.

Call to Order/Roll Call
The meeting was called to order by Board President Dr. John Lloyd at 02:15pm.
All members were present except Dr. Walter Campbel and guests acknowledged.

Dr. Tim Kanady, I MOTION for the board to approve Dr. Marie Gravel's request for locum tenens extension. The extension will be for an additional 30 days. SECOND by Ron Gherman, motion passed unanimously.

13. Schedule Next Board Meeting
The next board meeting was scheduled for January 16, 2025.

14. Tasks

- Dr. Barrington and Dr. Campbell are working on a project for regulation of laser and dry needling, as a part of the AO360 regulation consolidation project, due in February, or at next board meeting.

- Dr. John Lloyd will draft a letter to the board liaison (Shane Bannarbie) providing the boards response to Dr. Larsen's question on if a chiropractor may serve as a medical spa director.

- At the next Med Spa meeting the Chiropractic Board's Med Spa member will provide an oral response rather than a written declaration of the board's response, expressing the board appreciates the efforts, but has concerns that we're working through.

15. Adjourn

Dr. Tim Kanady MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 02:21pm. SECOND by Dr. Edward Barrington, motion passed unanimously.