



[Alaska Board of Chiropractic Examiners: Dry Needling Language
Revision/ Project 12 AAC16.340 Action](#) Approved Minutes
Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing
12/30/2024 11:00 AMAKST

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Members:

Dr. Brian Larson – Board President
Dr. John Lloyd – Board Vice-President
Dr. Tim Kanady – Member
Dr. Walter Campbell – Member
Ronald Gherman -Public Member

Guests:

Reid Bowman – Program Coordinator II
Shane Bannarbie – Program Coordinator

The meeting was called to order by Board President Dr. Brian Larson at 11:01 a.m.
All members were present.

2. Review/Approve Agenda

RESOLVED to approve agenda as is.
Motion moved by Dr. Campbell, seconded by Dr. Kannady; motion passed unanimously.

3. Ethics Reporting

Members were polled by roll call, to declare any conflict or ethics issues. No conflicts announced.

4. Public Comment

No members of the public attended the meeting

5. Board Business:

CHI Regs Project 12 AAC 16.340 (DOL File#2024200336) - Ready for board action

Dr. Larson introduced the regulation project 12 AAC 16.340 for adoption by the board. He went on to ask members if they had any concerns or comments. Reid Bowman reminded the board they must view the public comments. The board reviewed the public comment section. Dr. Lloyd requested clarification on if someone wants to teach a class, can they be approved through the Alaska Chiropractic Society (ACS). Dr. Larson commented that If

ACS wishes to sponsor that class, it can be done that way, or if somebody wants to get a specific class, they can simply apply, and the board can approve that class.

RESLOVED to adopt Project 12 AAC 16.340 (DOL File#2024200336)

I, Dr. Walter Campbell, move to adopt the proposed regulation for 12 AAC 16.340 (1) as proposed in public notice; seconded by Dr. Tim Kanady. Motion passed unanimously.

Dry Needling Language

Dr. Larson presented the dry needling language he drafted based on his discussion with Harriet Milks, Department of Law (LAW). He noted the language was a recommendation from LAW. Dr. Larson stated that LAW suggested amending 12 AAC 16.990 (a) by adding a new paragraph (paragraph 9) that defines dry needling and how the board defines “surgery”. After discussion/comments from other members on venipuncture meaning and removal of term “except as used for diagnostic purposes”, and the draft language was edited to state the following:

Amend 12 AAC 16.990(a) by adding new paragraph:

(9) “dry needling” means a physiologic therapeutic procedure using solid or filiform needles inserted beneath the layers of the skin and into muscle tissue or myofascial trigger points for the purpose of treating a chiropractic condition.

(b) (2) “surgery”

(A) means the use of a scalpel, sharp cutting instrument, laser, electrical current, or other device to [INCISE] cut into or remove living tissue;

(B) does not include venipuncture, removal of foreign objects from external tissue, or dry needling.

RESOLVED to begin regulation project to incorporate amendment to 12 AAC 16.990(a) by adding LAW’s recommended language as proposed and edited by the board; this language approved to go to public comment if no substantial changes by LAW.

Dr. Campbell moved to open a regulation project to amend 12 AAC 16.990(a) as proposed and edited by the board in the document provided in today’s meeting; and approve current language to go to public comment if no substantial changes by LAW. Motion seconded by Dr. Tim Kanady. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Maria Tijerina-Burleson Exemption Request

Dr. Walter Campbell recused himself from the vote to exempt Dr. Tijernia-Burleson

RESLOVED to approve the exemption request for Dr. Tijernia-Burleson

Dr. Tim Kanady moved to grant the exemption for Dr. Tijernia-Burleson to complete the continuing education requirements for license renewal; all hours must be completed by February 10, 2025. Seconded by John Lloyd. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Tasks

- Dr. Larson sign certification to adopt Project 12 AAC 16.340 (DOL File#2024200336)
- Complete Regulation project opening questionnaire

7. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

