



November 10, 2022 Alaska Board of Chiropractic Examiners teleconference Minutes

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing
Nov 10, 2022 at 8:30 AM AKST

@ Zoom

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m. on November 10, 2022 by Board President Dr. Brian Larson.

Members present constituting a quorum:

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

Division staff present:

Reid Bowman – Program Coordinator

Members of the public present:

Debbie Ryan – Alaska Chiropractic Society

2. Review/Approve Agenda

The agenda was reviewed by members.

On a motion duly made by Dr. Tim Kanady, seconded by Dr. John Lloyd and approved unanimously through roll call, it was RESOLVED to ACCEPT the agenda as prepared.

3. Ethics Reporting

All members were queried about ethics concerns and questions. No personal ethics concerns or questions were reported.

4. Public Comment

Public comment was solicited at 8:50 a.m.

Debbie Ryan reported the success of the Alaska Chiropractic Society(ACS) convention in October of 2022, and stated the ACS would prepare a more detailed report at the next board meeting.

5. Board Business

The board concluded an executive session was necessary to discuss several of these cases due to confidential health information being considered.

On a motion duly made by Dr. Tim Kanady, seconded by Dr. John Lloyd and approved by unanimous roll call it was RESOLVED to ENTER into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c), and Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of discussing matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential.

The board entered into executive session at 8:42 a.m. and returned to the record at 9:11 a.m.

A. Review Dr. Willmon hardship exemption

 [Dr. Willmon hardship exemption original request.pdf](#)

 [EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION CHI.pdf](#)

 [Willmon Gwendolyn medical records 10.13.2022.pdf](#)

This request was considered in executive session, with the following action taken upon returning to the record:

On a motion duly made by Dr. Tim Kanady, seconded by Dr. John Lloyd and approved by unanimous roll call it was RESOLVED to GRANT the hardship exemption request for Dr. Willmon. Dr. Willmon will need to complete the CE requirements by June 30, 2023 and may complete them all online.

B. Review Dr. Rupp hardship exemption

 [CEU hardship exemption.pdf](#)

The board discussed the hardship exemption request by Dr. Rupp and considered the submission taking the following action:

On a motion duly made by Dr. Tim Kanady, seconded by Dr. John Lloyd and approved by unanimous roll call it was RESOLVED to APPROVE the hardship exemption for Dr. Steven Rupp with all credits acceptable to be taken online for the licensing period ending in 2022.

C. **Review Dr. Willis hardship exemption**

 [ApprovedCreditTranscript \(1\).pdf](#)

 [Hardship exemption request for Dr. Vickie Willis \(CHIC 162\).pdf](#)

This request was considered in executive session, with the following action taken upon returning to the record:

On a motion duly made by Dr. John Lloyd, seconded by Dr. Tim Kanady and approved through unanimous roll call it was RESOLVED to APPROVE the hardship exemption request for Dr. Willis, with no additional courses necessary.

D. **Prescription drug memo discussion / consideration for publishing**

 [2022 statement on prescription drugs and scope of practice - draft.pdf](#)

The board discussed the memo drafted by Dr. Larson to address the use of prescription drugs by chiropractors. Dr. Campbell asked if the AAG assigned to the board had been replaced as the board requested at the October 6, 2022 meeting. The board discussed the reference to needle acupuncture and its similarities to dry needling. Dr. Campbell stated the board had previously determined dry needling was within the chiropractic scope of practice as it was substantially different than needle acupuncture.

The board was informed by Progam Coordinator Bowman that Director Chambers suggested the memo once approved by the board go to the Department of Law for review prior to publishing. Dr. Campbell and Dr. Larson stated their dissatisfaction with the assigned AAG and the quality of their assigned counsel. Dr. Larson referenced the perceived attack on the board and animosity toward chiropractic statutes and regulations the AAG displayed at the October 2022 meeting, and stated a lack of confidence in the AAG's opinions and that is up to the board to make these determinations.

The board asked that Director Chambers review the memo and if she felt it still needed review by the Department of Law the board could be re-approached.

On a motion duly made by Dr. Walter Campbell, seconded by Dr. Tim Kanady and approved by unanimous roll call it was RESOLVED to ACCEPT the memo on prescription drugs as written.

The board discussed meeting dates for a disciplinary meeting in early December to consider a voluntary surrender of license, and settled on meeting on Thursday, December 8, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

6. **Adjourn**

The board adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Reid Bowman

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Reid Bowman, Program Coordinator

Approved:

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Dr. Brian Larson, D.C. , Board President

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