



[Alaska Board of Chiropractic Examiners January 12 meeting](#) Minutes
Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing
Jan 12, 2024 at 9:00 AM AKST
@ Zoom

1. Zoom information

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Topic: Alaska Board of Chiropractic Examiners January 12 meeting

Time: Jan 12, 2024, 09:00 AM Alaska

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2. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Board President Dr. Brian Larson at 9:07 a.m. All members were present.

Members:

Dr. Brian Larson – Board President - Present

Dr. John Lloyd – Board Vice-President - Present

Dr. Tim Kanady – Member - Present

Dr. Walter Campbell –Member - Present

Public Member – Ronald Gherman - Present

Guests:

Reid Bowman – Program Coordinator

Shane Bannarbie – Program Coordinator

Debbie Ryan- Alaska Chiropractic Society (ACS)

Stefanie Davis- Regulations Specialist

Josh Hardy- Investigator

3. Review/Approve Agenda

Chair Larson requested to edit agenda by moving the tabled application for licensing review from 10:55am to immediately after the regulation discussion at 09:20am.

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Motion:

RESOLVED to edit agenda by moving Dr. W. Jettleson licensing application discussion to 09:20am.

Motion moved by Ronald Gherman, seconded by Timothy Kanady; motion passed unanimously.

4. Ethics Reporting

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

5. Board Business

A. Regulations Discussion CE Regs

Regulations process update by Stefanie Davis: regulation language was sent to Department of LAW on December 4th, and the file was opened on the same day. They are currently about 60 days out for preliminary review. Staff should hear back in about three weeks. Ms. Davis will follow up with LAW if we haven't heard back within three weeks. Dr. Larson requested to host an impromptu online public meeting to review the Department of LAW feedback.

B. Defining Nutrition and Surgery

The board added an item number 10 under definitions, which defines emergency lifesaving drugs. Because there is not a concurrent regulation that had the terminology "lifesaving drugs", Regulation Specialist Ms. Davis stated that unless the term "Life-Saving Drug" was already defined elsewhere in regulation or statute, it could not be included in the proposed regulation for nutrition. The board can only define a term that is used in statute and regulations. Ms. Davis advised that she does not know if it would be necessary to define it unless the board is adding it into regulation elsewhere. Therefore, Chair Larson proposed the definition of "Nutrition" have the subparagraph (10) regarding administration of "Lifesaving Drugs" be deleted and the balance of the proposed regulation defining "Nutrition" be allowed to continue forward as a regulation proposal.

Discussion regarding plaintiff suite against chiropractic physicians for administering Prescription Drugs (Narcan, Epinephrine/EpiPens) being explicitly forbidden under statute versus immunity under Good Samaritan laws was held by the board. Dr. Campbell suggested Dr. Larson contact NCMIC (malpractice insurance) whether there have been any plaintiff suits against

chiropractic physicians for administering prescription drugs that are publicly viewed as “life-saving” and distributed for “Good Samaritan” administration. Dr. Larson volunteered to contact Dr. Bill Moreau, the president of the American Chiropractic Board of Sports Physicians (Dr. Larson’s specialty board) regarding the same inquiry. Dr. Larson volunteered for this task. Chair Larson inclined to reach out to LAW for direction on the regulation proposal as suggested by Ms. Davis as the best route to take. Dr. Campbell suggested asking LAW a blanket question on good Samaritan laws on providing care. Chair Larson volunteered to contact Dr. Bill Moreau, former medical director for the U.S. Olympic Committee to gather information on how often a chiropractor has been sued for providing “Good Samaritan” care. After further discussion, Dr. Campbell volunteered to draft language to ask a general question to LAW on the regulation proposal. Chair Larson summarized the conversation then addressed the definition of nutrition and the administration of life saving drugs to question if it is appropriate for the board to simply delete that language from the proposal and keep the regulation project moving forward. Ms. Davis confirmed that would be acceptable to delete the nutrition and lifesaving drugs language. Additionally, the proposal will receive an edit to change “biannual” to “biennial”.

Motion:

RESOLVED to delete proposed regulation 12 AAC 16.990(a)(10) and move the balance of the project forward.

Moved by John Lloyd, seconded by Timothy Kanady; motion passed unanimously.

C. Adding ACS as a preferred CE provider

Dr. Lloyd questioned what's the purpose of this agenda item? He asked is it that if there's a continuing education requirement, a chiropractor can go through the ACS and the ACS will be able to approve? Ms. Ryan explained that if ACS sponsors the education, it must be approved by ACS to her understanding. Chair Larson added that adding ACS would be helping take some of the paperwork burden from ACS, and just include them in the other national and international associations that the board already pre-approved. If ACS certifies a training, the board will recognize it.

 [Add ACS as CE Provider.pdf](#)

Motion:

RESOLVED to move forward with regulation project to add Alaska Chiropractic Society as a preferred CE provider per 12, AAC 16.30, Subsection A (1)

Moved by John Lloyd, seconded by Timothy Kanady; motion passed unanimously.

D. Dry Needling Qualifications and Continuing Competency

The board reviewed the regulation project proposal drafted by Chair Larson. Discussion was held. Dr Kanady stated the proposal seems very inclusive though he does not have anything else to compare it to, it seems like a reasonable first attempt. Dr. Lloyd stated he thought it was overboard to ask somebody doing dry needling to have oxygen available and an AED. He stated he thought the AED is obviously a good idea for every doctor's office to have, but this is a remarkably safe procedure for people that are trained in it. Dr. Lloyd was not convinced the board needs to require chiropractors have an AED and oxygen on hand when performing dry needling.

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[!\[\]\(dfbd6b3763a6d1d9afaa974f64e2e4b5_img.jpg\) Dry Needling by Chiropractic Physicians in Alaska_ A Position Statement of the Current Alaska State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.pdf](#)

Motion:

RESOLVED to delete the requirements of AED and oxygen for administering dry needling and send the rest of project forward as a regulation project.

Moved by John Lloyd, seconded by Walter Campbell; motion passed unanimously.

Attendance

Chair Larson stepped away from the meeting to attend to a personal matter. Vice Chair Tim Kanady took over responsibilities of board chair in his absence. All other board members and guests remained.

6. W. J. Application Review

The application was discussed to determine acceptability of the applicant's neatness of completed application. Questions were raised regarding missing address information and legibility.

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Motion:

RESOLVED to contact the applicant and ask the applicant to redo sections of the application to fix legibility and incomplete address and date information.

Moved by Walter Campbell, seconded by John Lloyd; motion passed unanimously.

7. Investigative report

Investigator Josh Hardy presented the investigative report no action taken.

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8. Correspondence

Notices from the FCLB: The board discussed the FCLB report briefly, no action was taken.

 [FCLB News Alert_Dion S. Gordon.pdf](#)

9. Break

The board took a 15-minute break at 10:30

Attendance

Meeting called to order at 10:45, roll call taken, all members present except Dr. Larson.

10. CE CHI-Business Plus Bootcamp-19173

The board discussed approval for the CE CHI-Business Plus Bootcamp 19172 continuing education course for the 2023-2024 licensing period.

Motion:

RESOLVED to deny application due to class one and class eight not being related to education, but rather business principles. If the classes are removed and the CE course resubmitted, it will be approved.

Moved by Dr. Lloyd, seconded by Ron Gherman; motion passed unanimously

CE Discussion Continued

The board continued on to discuss CE approval process concerns. The primary concern was brought up by Dr. Campbell, who questioned, are colleges getting an administrative short-cut over other CE entities or doctors seeking to teach a CE class? Reid Bowman clarified that colleges do not have an administrative short cut to the CE process or requirements. Dr. Campbell further expressed concern that the board may be holding graduate level colleges and institutions to a higher level of standard than trade organizations with the current CE approval process. Dr. Campbell suggested a process where institutions such as ACA, ICA, and ACS and all colleges get a fast track system for their application approval, but allows the board to review a synopsis of their application. This would allow the board to grant the same level of grace to both colleges and CE institutions (ACA, ICA, and ACS). Board members agreed with Dr. Campbell's assertion that the process should be equitable for all CE applicants and also streamlined. Dr. Lloyd summarized the discussion by stating it appears what the board is saying through discussion is that PACE is existing as a CE vetting resource, and the current application system is also existing; but now the board needs a new CE resource that is a simplified version for accredited organizations, including colleges. Board members agreed with the

summary of the CE discussion concept and sought a motion to reflect the will of the board.

Motion:

RESOLVED that it is the will of the board to form a workgroup to propose a regulatory change that keeps the CE pay standard as-is, keeps the original standard application as-is, but create a new pass through application intended to be light and effective for respected institution backed (ACS ICA, ACA or colleges) applicants.

Moved by Dr. Lloyd, seconded by Dr. Campbell; vote taken , motion passed unanimously

11. ACS Report

Ms. Ryan presented on current events. Ms. Ryan also mentioned the 80th percentile rule was eliminated by the governor, but ACS is still in collaboration with a local coalition seeking to maintain reliable medical access. The 80th percentile elimination may reduce access to medical care in her opinion. Ms. Ryan opined that higher cost would affect healthcare providers.

Ms. Ryan noted that ACS added two member benefits to members at no charge. The newest benefit is a 12-unit CA program. Ms. Ryan also reminded the board the healthcare transparency law is currently in effect. Ms. Ryan also announced she is hoping to have convention registration and vendor exhibitor registration open on the first of February.

12. Division update

Melissa Dumas provided the Division update.

A. FY23 Year end financial report

Ms. Dumas provided the financial update for CHI board spending. Ms. Dumas also reminded members of the board website resources for viewing annual reports, FAQs and statistics. No action taken.

13. Lunch

14. Clarification on AS 08.01. 050 (d) - Substance Abuse Treatment

Staff explained to the board that AS 08.01. 050 (d) does not make a board responsible for providing alcohol or drug treatment to a licensee. It would only allow a board to assign people to treatment instead of a license disciplinary action. It was also explained that any action would require a statute change. Staff will request information to be presented at the next board meeting on the topic and how the medical board views AS 08.050 (d).

15. Break

Board took a break from discussion at 12:50pm.

Attendance

The board resumed the meeting at 1:05pm. Roll call taken quorum established, all members present except for Dr. Larson.

16. FY23 Annual report review

The board reviewed, discussed, and chose to adopt and continue all FY23 goals and objectives into FY24 plan. The plan will be posted to onboard system for board approval. Reid Bowman discussed updates to the FY24 plan outline, highlighting three changes to the FY24 plan template: accomplishments of the board (July 1, 2023, to June 30,2024); activities of the board; and needs of the board.

Dr. Lloyd volunteered to update the FY24 plan report.

 [2023 CHI annual report draft - board packet.pdf](#)

17. Public Comment

No one called in for public comments.

18. Administrative Business

A. Set Next Board meeting Dates/Board Travel

Next board meeting dates: May 3, 2024, via zoom and October 3, 2024, at ACS convention in Captain Cook Hotel

B. NBCE part IV exams

Proctoring part IV NBCE Exams, the organization is looking for proctor volunteers. Reid Bowman presented the request to the board to inform them of the opportunity. No nominations were made. Board members interested will reach out prior to volunteer deadline.

 [May 2024 State Board Nominations for Part IV Exam.pdf](#)

19. Task List

- Dr. Larson will reach out to the NCMIC to collect information on current chiropractors that have been sued for providing Narcan.
- Dr. Campbell will phrase a question to law regarding the Good Samaritan law, and any protections or liabilities to Chiropractors.
- Staff will change “biannual” to “biennial” on the CE draft regulation proposal in the language for addition of part (D) Alaska Chiropractic Society purpose statement; and
- Remove requirement for AED and Oxygen language from draft.
- Ms. Ryan and Dr. Campbell will review CE licensing questions regarding national vs. private organizations fast track for highly respected educational institutions.
- Dr. Lloyd will review edit and updated FY24 annual report.

20. Adjourn

Motion:

Resolved to adjourn meeting at 01:55 p.m.

Moved by Ronald Gherman, seconded by Walter Campbell; motion passed unanimously.