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BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC LICENSURE

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Joan F. Cohen Commissioner

### Maine Board of Chiropractic Licensure

Minutes of February 19, 2025, Board Meeting

Virtual Meeting Public Notification and Hearing/Viewing Instructions Provided at the Opening of the Meeting by Board Chair Paul Morin.

# CALL TO ORDER

Chair Paul Morin called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

- Dr. Paul Morin, D.C., Chiropractor Member, Chairperson
- Dr. Joseph Kerwin, D.C., Chiropractor Member, Vice Chair and Complaint Officer
- Dr. John Mark Laney, D.C., Chiropractor Member
- Dr. Luc Dionne, D.C., Chiropractor Member
- Dr. Richard Bruns, D.C., Chiropractor Member

## STAFF PRESENT

Geraldine L. Betts, Administrator Nicole Sawyer, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel Meagan McLaughlin, Comprehensive Health Planner II Clark Phinney, Comprehensive Health Planner II Dominic Cotone, Comprehensive Health Planner I Celia Robinson, Comprehensive Health Planner I

## MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

*November 20, 2024* Bruns moved to accept minutes of November 20, 2024, as presented, seconded by Kerwin. Unanimously voted,

# **COMPLAINT PRESENTATION(S) AND BOARD ACTION**

## 2024-CHI-20247

Morin moved to schedule 2024-CHI-20247 for an adjudicatory hearing and to offer a Consent Agreement to include the following: 1) Admission to violation of Board Rule Chapter 7, Section 2-A; 2) Warning; 3) Probation of licensure for a period of two (2) years to include: Obtain, at licensee's own expense, an evaluation from a pre-approved licensed health care practitioner with training and experience in substance misuse diagnosis and treatment, and if ongoing treatment or monitoring is recommended, licensee agrees to submit the treatment and monitoring terms to the Board; agrees to ensure that quarterly reports of compliance will be submitted to the Board, agrees to random drug and alcohol screening with results submitted to the Board; agrees to follow all terms of the proposed treatment and monitoring requirements until its completion. The Board may take further action against the licensee in the event of a positive drug screening, or if any additional complaints are filed against the licensee. Seconded by Bruns. Dionne, and Laney in favor, Complaint Officer Kerwin abstained.

### 2024-CHI-20328

Morin moved to schedule 2024-CHI-20247 for an adjudicatory hearing and to offer a Consent Agreement to include the following: 1) Admission to violation of Board Rule Chapter 7, Section 2-A; 2) Warning; 3) Probation of licensure for a period of two (2) years to include: Obtain, at licensee's own expense, an evaluation from a pre-approved licensed health care practitioner with training and experience in substance misuse diagnosis and treatment, and if ongoing treatment or monitoring is recommended, licensee agrees to submit the treatment and monitoring terms to the Board; agrees to ensure that quarterly reports of compliance will be submitted to the Board, agrees to random drug and alcohol screening with results submitted to the Board; agrees to follow all terms of the proposed treatment and monitoring requirements until its completion. The Board may take further action against the licensee in the event of a positive drug screening, or if any additional complaints are filed against the licensee. Seconded by Bruns. Dionne, and Laney in favor, Complaint Officer Kerwin abstained.

## 2024-CHI-20313

The Board reviewed additional information pertaining to the dismissal of this case and found no violation, dismissal remains.

## 2024-CHI-20325

Dionne moved to dismiss 2024-CHI-20325 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's Laws and Rules, seconded by Bruns. Laney and Morin in favor, Complaint Officer Kerwin abstained.

## APPLICATION REVIEW AND BOARD ACTION

#### Chelsey L. Johnson

Morin moved to approve and issue Temporary Chiropractic Assistant licensure to Chelsey l. Johnson, license No. TA3060, seconded by Kerwin. Unanimously voted.



#### Blake J. Rosso

Dionne moved to issue a Letter of Guidance and issue license to Blake J. Rosso, license No. CR2178. Letter of Guidance to reiterate adhering to Board Statute and Rule, particularly Chapter 7, Section 2-B. Letter of Guidance to remain on file for a period of two (2) years, seconded by Kerwin. Unanimously voted.

#### Thaddeus J. Skrzynecki III

Dionne moved to table the application review of Thaddeus J. Skrzynecki III until additional information is received. Seconded by Bruns. Unanimously voted.

### William D. Smith

Morin move to issue licensure to William D. Smith, license No. CRA3062, contingent upon required registration from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection as a biomedical waste generator, seconded by Bruns. Unanimously voted.

# PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

(Board Chair Statement) "Under this item, the Board will offer an opportunity to members of the public in attendance to comment on any public matter under the jurisdiction of the Board. While the Board cannot take action on any issues presented, nor can it respond to or debate decisions made today, including matters relating to complaints cases. The board will listen to comments and may ask staff to place the issue on a subsequent agenda. At the discretion of the Board, a time limit on comments may be set."

No public comments.

## **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to discuss, Kerwin moved to adjourn at 10:27a.m., seconded by Bruns. Unanimously voted.

Prepared By: Meagan McLaughlin, Comprehensive Health Planner II Board approved: June 25, 2025

