

# STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL REGULATION 35 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0035

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# Maine Board of Chiropractic Licensure Draft Minutes of May 3, 2023, Board Meeting

**Unofficial Minutes** – These draft minutes do not represent the opinion of the Department or the Administration. Minutes will become official after the Board of Chiropractic Licensure votes to accept the minutes at the next scheduled 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 Morin called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Paul Morin, Chiropractor, Chairperson
Joseph Kerwin, Chiropractor, Vice Chair and Complaint Officer (*Left meeting at 12:00 p.m.*)
John Mark Laney, Chiropractor
Luc Dionne, Chiropractor
Richard Bruns, Chiropractor

#### STAFF PRESENT

Geraldine L. Betts, Administrator Nicole Sawyer, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel Jessica Gowell, Comprehensive Health Planner II Dominic Cotone, Comprehensive Health Planner I

#### MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of the minutes of October 19, 2022 Kerwin moved to accept the minutes as presented; seconded by Dionne. Unanimously voted.

## COMPLAIN PROCESS PRESENTATION – Assistant Attorney General, Nicole Sawyer.

Assistant Attorney General, Nicole Sawyer provided the Board a PowerPoint presentation regarding an overview of the complaint process.

# COMPLAINT PRESENTATION(S) AND BOARD ACTION

2023-CHI-18838

Bruns moved to dismiss 2023-CHI-18838 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's Laws

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and Rules, seconded by Dionne. Unanimously voted. Complaint Officer abstained.

#### 2023-CHI-18843

Bruns moved to dismiss 2023-CHI-18843 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's Laws and Rules, seconded by Dionne. Unanimously voted. Complaint Officer abstained.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Robert Reed, Maine Chiropractic Association, Precepting/Internship Question
The Board discussed the correspondence and referred Robert Reed to the Boards Laws and Rules.

#### **CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUESTS**

Robert Winters, CR2658, request for partial exemption

Bruns moved to approve the request to allow the licensee to complete thirty-six (36) hours of continuing education for the period of January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2023, pursuant to Board Rule Chapter 6, Section 1(H), seconded by Kerwin. Unanimously voted.

Meghan Schoening, CR2175, request to complete the continuing education requirement under Category 2.

Kerwin moved to approve the licensee to complete the forty-eight (48) hours of continuing education for the period of January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2023, under Category 2 pursuant to Board Rule Chapter 6, Section 1(H), seconded by Laney. Unanimously voted.

# REQUEST FOR APPROVAL CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANT COURSE OF STUDY – BOARD RULES CHAPTER 5 § 2(C)

Jake Ladenheim, Attorney-at-Law on behalf of ChiroCredit.com

The Board discussed the correspondence and Paul Powers address the Board to explain the program.

Bruns moved to table action until the next board meeting to allow members to further review the information provided, seconded by Kerwin. Unanimously voted.

Robert Reed, Maine Chiropractic Association, Chiropractic Assistant Course managed by the Maine Chiropractic Assistants Association will fall under Maine Chiropractic Association. The information was provided to the Board for informational purposes.

#### **BOARD MEMBER REMOTE PARTICPATION POLICY – DRAFT**

Bruns moved to adopt the policy as written, seconded by Dionne. Unanimously voted.

An opportunity for the public to comment regarding the policy was provided and no comments were received.

#### APPLICATION REVIEW AND BOARD ACTION

Jason Garrett, CR2677 (Renewal)

Kerwin moved to preliminarily deny licensure to Jason Garrett, CR2677 with an offer of a Consent Agreement to include the following: 1) Admission to violation of 10 M.R.S. § 8003-

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G(2)(C), 2) Warning and 3) \$100.00 fine, seconded by Bruns. Kerwin, Bruns and Laney in favor, Morin and Dionne opposed. Motion carries.

# PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

No comment.

## **ADJOURN**

There being no further business Bruns moved to adjourn at 12:15 p.m., seconded by Dionne. Unanimously voted.

Prepared By: Jessica Gowell, Comprehensive Health Planner II Board approved:

