



NORTH DAKOTA BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

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Minutes of the Special Meeting of the North Dakota State Board of Chiropractic Examiners held May 8, 2024 via Zoom.

Call to Order: Dr. Sheri Ten Broek called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM CST.

Roll Call: Those present included Dr. Ten Broek, Dr. Yohe, Ms. Mellum, Dr. Froehling, Dr. Rokke, Dr. Askew, and Ms. Botz. Also present were Executive Director Lisa Blanchard and AAG Austin Lafferty. Public: There were public attendees present.

Reading of the Mission Statement: Dr. Ten Broek

As this was a special meeting, no additions to the agenda were permitted.

Agenda:

Case:

Dr. Crystal Long (#2024-01). President Ten Broek requested Mr. Lafferty provide the Board with their options based upon the new information received with this case. Mr. Lafferty provided an overview and timeline of this current case. He indicated that the Board's investigation is currently closed based upon the motion to offer a settlement agreement at the April 19, 2024 board meeting. He also advised that this complaint and the new complaint (#2024-05) on the agenda should stay separate for investigation purposes, but the Board may issue a single board order for both cases as both involve the same incident, if appropriate. The Board discussed their options and asked Mr. Lafferty some additional questions for clarification, including advice on the motions needed to proceed.

A motion was made by Dr. Yohe, second by Dr. Froehling, to revoke the Board's settlement offer from the April 19, 2024 board meeting. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting in the affirmative. Motion passes (7-0).

A motion was made by Dr. Rokke, second by Dr. Askew, to reopen the investigation for complaint #2024-01. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting in the affirmative. Motion passes (7-0).

A motion was made by Dr. Froehling, second by Dr. Yohe, to send a request for response and further information from Dr. Long based upon the new information received with this complaint. Specifically, the Board requests that Dr. Long answer the following questions:

- 1) Provide a clear explanation as to the nature of any dual relationship between herself and the gentleman described in the complaint.
- 2) Provide a timeline outlining the duration of any dual relationship between herself and the gentleman described in the complaint, to include both the start and end dates of the relationship.
- 3) Indicate when (if at all) she realized any dual relationship between herself and the gentleman described in the complaint, was inappropriate or otherwise unprofessional.

- 4) Indicate whether she engaged in any physical intimacy with the gentleman described in the complaint while he was her patient.

A roll call vote was taken with all members voting in the affirmative. Motion passes (7-0).

New Complaints:

Dr. Crystal Long (#2024-05). A discussion was held regarding the new complaint. A motion was made by Dr. Yohe, second by Ms. Mellum, to request an initial response to the new complaint. In addition to the standard response, the Board would ask the same 4 questions as they are asking in the follow-up inquiry in #2024-01 (see questions above). A roll call vote was taken with all members voting in the affirmative. Motion passes (7-0).

Per Diem. A motion was made by Dr. Froehling, second by Dr. Askew, to pay a full per diem payment (\$250) for this meeting. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting in the affirmative. Motion passes (7-0).

Adjourn: A motion was made by Dr. Rokke, second by Dr. Askew, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The meeting ended at approximately 12:38 PM CST.

These minutes were prepared by Lisa Blanchard, Executive Director, for signature by Ms. Christa Mellum, Secretary.

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Christa Mellum, Secretary

Date