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A meeting of the Chiropractic Physicians' Board was held on Monday, February 27, 2023 by zoom conference.

The following Board members were present at roll call:

Nicole Canada, DC, President James T. Overland Sr., DC Christian L. Augustin, Esq., Consumer Member Reza R. Ayazi, Esq., Consumer Member

Also, present were Board Counsel, Louis Ling, Esq. and Executive Director, Julie Strandberg. Xavier Martinez, Vice President and Dr. Benjamin Lurie were unable to attend.

President, Dr. Canada determined a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Dr. Morgan Rovetti was present.

### Agenda Item 1 Public Interest Comments - No action.

Dr. Jason Jaeger commented that AB199 and AB153 contain nomenclature errors with respect to using chiropractor rather than chiropractic physician.

Mr. Paul Klein, lobbyist for the NCA was in attendance and explained that AB199 seeks to allow chiropractic physicians to treat and clear an athlete for play following a concussion and is available for questions.

### Agenda Item 2 Approval of agenda – For possible action.

Mr. Augustin moved to approve the agenda. Dr. Overland seconded, and the motion passed with all in favor.

# <u>Agenda Item 3</u> Discussion and possible action regarding all bills relating to or of interest to the Board, including but not limited to, AB153 and AB199.

Dr. Overland provided the history of the NCA's attempts to request that chiropractic physicians be included in the existing language that allows MD's, DO's, Physical Therapists and Athletic Trainers to return athletes to play following a head injury or concussion. Dr. Overland

also shared that there are approximately eleven states that regulate and allow chiropractic physicians to return players to the field. There was discussion with respect to what requirements a chiropractic physician would need to qualify to be allowed to return players to the field. Mr. Ling clarified that the qualifications required by a chiropractic physician to be allowed to return players to the field is not included in AB199, but may require discussion following the passing of this bill. Dr. Jaeger stated that some form of training should occur from a public safety standpoint. Dr. Roger Russell stated that chiropractic physicians should not be required to obtain more education than other providers, however concussion protocol changed effective 2017, so it is very important that there be some training to confirm that the DC is competent in treating the head injury or concussion.

Mr. Ayazi made a motion to support AB199. Dr. Overland seconded, and the motion passed with all in favor.

Mr. Ling stated that he brought AB153 before the board to ensure that the definitions of naprapathy do not overlap with the practice of chiropractic. Mr. Ling recommended that the bill not be opposed by the Board, but seek clarification with respect to what is meant by the manipulation of connective tissue and treatment. Dr. Overland stated that he and Mr. Musgrove were on a conference call with the lobbyist and the President of the New Mexico Naprapathy school, which is the only accredited Naprapathy school. New Mexico is also the only state who licenses Naprapathy. Dr. Overland stated that AB153 establishes the Naprapathy advisory board under the Osteopathic Board, however to date the Osteopathic Board has not given approval.

Mr. Ayazi made a motion to remain neutral with concerns. Dr. Rovetti seconded, and the motion passed with all in favor.

## Agenda Item 4 Public Interest Comments – No action.

Dr. Dave Rovetti stated that AB153 be revised to include that Naprapths are not allowed to perform a chiropractic adjustment, but a thrust manipulation to the spine or any other joint in the body. Dr. Rovetti referenced the boards meeting regarding executive order 2023-004. Dr. Rovetti iterated that the Governor asked that if not more than fifteen states regulate a certain license that it be eliminated, however there is no mention about eliminating the chiropractic assistant program and be believes it should be eliminated.

Mr. Klein thanked the board for its thoughtful discussion.

### Agenda Item 5 Adjournment – For possible action.

Dr. Overland moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Augustin seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

April 6, 2023

James T. Overland Sr., DC

Secretary-Treasurer