

BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

MINUTES

DATE: April 18, 2024

TIME: 9:00 AM CST

LOCATION: Poplar Conference Room
665 Mainstream Dr, 1st Floor
Nashville TN 37243

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cole Hosenfeld, D.C., President
Curtis Damien D.C., Vice-President
Jason Hulme, D.C. Secretary
Dale Blackwelder, D.C., Board Member
Kara Birdwell, D.C., Board Member
Stephanie Lazenby, CTA/CXT, Board Member
Robert Ailey, Citizen Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Noranda French, Unit Director 2
Mary V. Bennett, Board Manager
Sabrina Craig-Boyd, Board Administrator 2
Anahi Ramos Juarez, Board Administrator 1
Michael Varnell, Office of General Counsel
Justin Throneberry, Office of Investigations
Emily Godwin, Health Licensure & Regulation

GUESTS PRESENT: April Mallory, TN Medical Foundation

Call to Order

With a quorum present, Dr. Damien called the meeting to order at 9:15am. A roll call was initiated by Sabrina Craig-Boyd. Dr. Hosenfeld ran late to the meeting and joined us at 9:50am.

Board Meeting Minutes October 19, 2023 and January 18, 2024

Dr. Birdwell suggested a correction needed on the October 19, 2023 minutes. Stephanie Lazenby made motion to accept the minutes from October 19, 2023, with correction, and minutes for January 18, 2024 meeting. Dr. Blackwelder seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Office of General Counsel

Michael Varnell, Associate Counsel presented the board with the Office of General Counsel report.

Conflict of Interest

If you have a personal or financial interest in the outcome of any issue or matter before this board which may suggest a bias on your part, you are asked to state that interest on the record so that a determination can be made as to whether there exists a need for recusal. You are reminded that it is the duty of this board to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Tennessee and that the administration of this solemn responsibility is dependent upon avoiding even the appearance of impropriety.

Litigation Matters:

There are no cases set for final hearing at this meeting.

Appeals

There are no pending appeals from Board disciplinary action.

Civil Suits

None

Pending Complaints

The total number of Chiropractors being monitored for discipline is 15.
The total number of remmand is 6 with terms. \$8,486.67 fines and fees.
The total number on probation is 4 with terms. \$0.00 fines and fees.
The total number on suspension is 3. \$11,049.33 fines and fees.

The total number that has had their license revoked or surrendered is 2. \$6,334.75 fines and fees.

Legislation

None at this time.

Consent Orders:

Crystal Cleek CTA 1710

II. Stipulations of Fact

1. Respondent has been at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Board as a chiropractic therapy assistant in the State of Tennessee, having been granted license number 1710 on November 8, 2021, which currently has an expiration date of August 31, 2024.
2. In or around April of 2023, Respondent failed to submit proof of completion of the annual continuing education requirements to the Board's administrative staff for the calendar year of 2022.

III. Stipulated Grounds for Discipline

The Stipulations of Fact are sufficient to establish that Respondent has violated TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-4-101, *et seq.*, for which disciplinary action by the Board is authorized:

3. The facts stipulated in paragraphs one (1) and two (2) constitute a violation of TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-4-112(c)(2):
 - (A) When requested, licensees shall provide the board satisfactory proof of the licensee's attendance at a chiropractic education program or programs conducted by either the American Chiropractic Association, the International Chiropractors Association, the Tennessee Chiropractic Association, or any other educational program approved or conducted by the board which consists of the minimum number of hours established hereunder for the period beginning the preceding January 1.

IV. Stipulated Disposition

6. Respondent's license to practice as a chiropractic therapy assistant in Tennessee, pursuant to the authority vested in the Board under TENN. CODE ANN. §§ 63-4-114, shall be and is hereby **REPRIMANDED**, beginning the effective date of this Order.
8. Respondent is assessed one (1) Type A Civil Penalty in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00), for a total of three hundred dollars (\$300.00), in accordance with TENN. COMP. R. & REGS. 0260-05-.14(4) and shall be paid in full within thirty (30) days from the effective date of this Order.

Dr. Blackwelder made a motion to accept the consent order as presented. Dr. Birdwell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Kelli J Friedman CXT793

II. Stipulations of Fact

1. Respondent has been at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Board as a chiropractic x-ray technologist in the State of Tennessee, having been granted license number 793 on December 3, 2018, which currently has an expiration date of December 31, 2025.
2. Respondent's x-ray technologist certification expired on December 31, 2021. Respondent submitted her reinstatement application on or about October 2, 2023. Respondent practiced as a chiropractic x-ray technologist for twenty-one (21) months with an expired certification.

III. Stipulated Grounds for Discipline

The Stipulations of Fact are sufficient to establish that Respondent has violated TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-4-101, *et seq.*, for which disciplinary action by the Board is authorized:

3. The facts stipulated in paragraph two (2) constitute a violation of TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-4-114(a)(4):

Immoral, unethical, unprofessional or dishonorable conduct[.]

4. The facts stipulated in paragraph two (2) constitute a violation of TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-4-119:

(a)

(1) The board shall adopt rules and regulations that shall establish minimum educational standards and criteria for persons operating X-ray equipment for diagnostic purposes in chiropractic physicians' offices.

(2) These regulations may include, but are not limited to, provisions for grandfathering, waiver, reciprocity, renewal, continuing education, fees, examination and hardship cases.

(b) No person shall perform X-ray procedures in a chiropractic physician's office who does not meet these standards and who has not received a certificate of proficiency from the board.

IV. Stipulated Disposition

6. Respondent's license to practice as a chiropractic x-ray technologist in Tennessee, pursuant to the authority vested in the Board under TENN. CODE ANN. §§ 63-4-114, shall be and is hereby **REPRIMANDED**, beginning the effective date of this Order.
8. Respondent is assessed twenty (20) civil penalties in the amount of ten dollars each for a total of **two hundred dollars (\$200.00)** and shall be paid in full within thirty (30) days from

Dr. Blackwelder made a motion to accept the consent order as presented. Ms. Lazenby seconded the motion. The motion carried.

William Moroney DC2712

II. Stipulations of Fact

1. Respondent has been at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Board as a chiropractor in the State of Tennessee, having been granted license number 2712, on January 29, 2014, which currently has an expiration date of June 30, 2024.
2. In or around May of 2023, Respondent failed to submit proof of completion of the annual continuing education requirements to the Board's administrative staff for the calendar year of 2022.
3. In response to this matter, Respondent provided proof that he took a total of 19.5 hours of continuing education courses during the 2022 calendar year.
4. Respondent has 4.5 hours of continuing education outstanding for the 2022 calendar year.

III. Stipulated Grounds for Discipline

The Stipulations of Fact are sufficient to establish that Respondent has violated TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-4-101, *et seq.*, for which disciplinary action by the Board is authorized:

5. The facts stipulated in paragraphs one (1) and two (2) constitute a violation of TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-4-112(c)(2):
 - (A) When requested, licensees shall provide the board satisfactory proof of the licensee's attendance at a chiropractic education program or programs conducted by either the American Chiropractic Association, the International Chiropractors Association, the Tennessee Chiropractic Association, or any other educational program approved or conducted by the board which consists of the minimum number of hours established hereunder for the period beginning the preceding January 1.

IV. Stipulated Disposition

8. Respondent's license to practice as a Chiropractor in Tennessee, pursuant to the authority vested in the Board under TENN. CODE ANN. §§ 63-4-114, shall be and is hereby **REPRIMANDED**, beginning the effective date of this Order.
10. Respondent is assessed one (1) Type A Civil Penalty in the amount of six hundred dollars (\$600.00), for a total of six hundred dollars (\$600.00), in accordance with TENN. COMP. R. & REGS. 0260-02-.15(4) and shall be paid in full within thirty (30) days from the effective date of this Order.

Dr. Blackwelder made a motion to accept the consent order as presented. Dr. Birdwell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dean Grillo DC3357

II. Stipulations of Fact

1. Respondent has been at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Board as a chiropractor in the State of Tennessee, having been granted license number 3357 on 01/22/2021, which currently has an expiration date of 04/30/2024.
2. The Board requires completion of twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education during each calendar year. In or around January of 2023, Respondent failed to submit proof, upon request, of completion of the annual continuing education requirements to the Board's administrative staff for the calendar year of 2022.

III. Stipulated Grounds for Discipline

4. The facts stipulated in paragraph two (2) constitute a violation of Tenn. Code Ann. Section 63-4-112(c)(2)(A):

(A) When requested, licensees shall provide the board satisfactory proof of the licensee's attendance at a chiropractic education program or programs conducted by either the American Chiropractic Association, the International Chiropractors Association, the Tennessee Chiropractic Association, or any other educational program approved or conducted by the board which consists of the minimum number of hours established hereunder for the period beginning the preceding January 1. Prior approval of such a course may be obtained by submitting the following information to the board's administrative office at least thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled date of the course[.]

IV. Stipulated Disposition

8. **NOW THEREFORE**, Respondent, for the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, agrees to the following:

Respondent's license to practice as a Chiropractor in Tennessee, pursuant to the authority vested in the Board under TENN. CODE ANN. §§ 63-4-114 and 115, shall be and is hereby **REPRIMANDED**, beginning the effective date of this Order.

10. Respondent is assessed one (1) Type A Civil Penalty in the amount of six hundred dollars (\$600.00), for a total of six hundred dollars (\$600.00), in accordance with TENN. COMP

R. & REGS. 0260-02-.15(4) and shall be paid in full within twelve (12) months from the effective date of this Order.

Dr. Blackwelder made a motion to accept the consent order as presented. Ms. Lazeby seconded the motion. The motion carried. Ms. Ellen Goose readdressed the Board with an error in this consent order. Dr. Hulme made a motion to rescind the previous approval for this consent order to correct errors. Dr. Damien seconded the motion. The motion carried.

II. Stipulations of Fact

1. Respondent has been at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Board as a chiropractor in the State of Tennessee, having been granted license number 1746 on 10/25/2000, which currently has an expiration date of 05/31/2024.
2. The Board requires completion of twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education during each calendar year. In or around January of 2023, Respondent failed to submit proof, upon request, of completion of the annual continuing education requirements to the Board's administrative staff for the calendar year of 2022.

III. Stipulated Grounds for Discipline

4. The facts stipulated in paragraph two (2) constitute a violation of Tenn. Code Ann. Section 63-4-112(c)(2)(A):
 - (A) When requested, licensees shall provide the board satisfactory proof of the licensee's attendance at a chiropractic education program or programs conducted by either the American Chiropractic Association, the International Chiropractors Association, the Tennessee Chiropractic Association, or any other educational program approved or conducted by the board which consists of the minimum number of hours established hereunder for the period beginning the preceding January 1. Prior approval of such a course may be obtained by submitting the following information to the board's administrative office at least thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled date of the course[.]

IV. Stipulated Disposition

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Respondent’s license to practice as a Chiropractor in Tennessee, pursuant to the authority vested in the Board under TENN. CODE ANN. §§ 63-4-114 and 115, shall be and is hereby **REPRIMANDED**, beginning the effective date of this Order.

10. Respondent is assessed one (1) Type A Civil Penalty in the amount of six hundred dollars (\$600.00), for a total of six hundred dollars (\$600.00), in accordance with TENN. COMP. R. & REGS. 0260-02-.15(4) and shall be paid in full within twelve (12) months from the effective date of this Order.

Dr. Blackwelder made a motion to accept the consent order as presented. Dr. Birdwell seconded the motion. The motion carried. Ms. Ellen Goose readdressed the Board with an error in this consent order. Dr. Hulme made a motion to rescind the previous approval for this consent order to correct errors. Dr. Damien seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Office of Investigations

Justin Throneberry with the Office of Investigations presented the Board Statistical Complaint Report.

Chiropractors

License Type: 1108 - Chiropractic Physician

Complaint Activity	Dec	2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
New Complaints Opened			1	0	3	0									4
Total Closed Complaints			6	1	13	0									20
7 - Closed BIV,EMS,HCF,AW			6	0	2	0									8
9 - Complaint Closed			0	1	8	0									9
93 - Closed - Ltr of Concern			0	0	3	0									3
Currently Open Complaints	24		19	18	8	8									

ANALYSIS OF NEWLY OPENED COMPLAINTS

By Allegation	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
26-Unprofessional Conduct	1	0	3	0									4
Total:	1	0	3	0									4

Chiropractic Therapy Assistants

Office of Health Licensure and Regulation

Emily Godwin with the Office of Health Licensure and Regulation presented the mid-year fiscal report.



**Tennessee Board of Chiropractors
Actual Revenue and Expenditures
for Fiscal Periods July 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023**

	<i>FY2024 YTD Actual</i>	FY2023	FY2022
Total Direct Expenditures	\$ 82,021.22	\$ 149,724.31	\$ 130,556.90
Total Allocated Expenditures	\$ 44,248.66	\$ 108,569.51	\$ 74,857.70
Total Expenditures	\$ 126,269.88	\$ 258,293.82	\$ 205,414.60
Board Fee Revenue	\$ 146,759.21	\$ 315,963.83	\$ 303,396.44
Current Year Net	\$ 20,489.33	\$ 57,670.01	\$ 97,981.84
Total Technology Improvements	\$ 1,033.99	\$ 4,790.88	\$ 5,258.74
Cumulative Carryover	<u>\$ 718,497.46</u>	<u>\$ 699,042.12</u>	<u>\$ 646,162.98</u>

Tennessee Board of Chiropractors
Actual Revenue and Expenditures
for Fiscal Periods July 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

Acct. Code	Description	<i>FY2024</i>		
		<i>YTD Actual</i>	FY2023	FY2022
701	Salaries & Wages	\$ 45,363.61	\$ 91,260.34	\$ 78,691.33
702	Employee Benefits	\$ 20,505.29	\$ 37,401.50	\$ 33,499.51
Payroll Expenditures (701-702)		\$ 65,868.90	\$ 128,661.84	\$ 112,190.84
703	Travel	\$ 4,542.85	\$ 7,470.53	\$ 4,763.24
704	Printing & Duplicating	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
705	Utilities & Fuel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
706	Communications	\$ 630.85	\$ 2,852.85	\$ 3,087.28
707	Maintenance & Repairs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
708	Prof. Svc. & Dues	\$ 2,463.81	\$ 7,185.97	\$ 6,008.52
709	Supplies & Materials	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
710	Rentals & Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
711	Motor Vehicle Ops.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
712	Awards & Indemnities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
713	Grants & Subsidies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
714	Unclassified	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
715	Stores for Resale	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
716	Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
717	Land	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
718	Buildings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
721	Training of State Employees	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -
722	Computer Related Items	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 290.36
725	State Prof. Svcs.	\$ 8,014.81	\$ 3,553.12	\$ 4,216.66
Total Other Expenditures (703-725)		\$ 16,152.32	\$ 21,062.47	\$ 18,366.06
Total Direct Expenditures		\$ 82,021.22	\$ 149,724.31	\$ 130,556.90
Allocated Expenditures				
	Administration	\$ 10,150.97	\$ 20,757.11	\$ 18,411.51
	Investigations	\$ 20,333.43	\$ 63,388.87	\$ 36,447.85
	Legal	\$ 13,178.74	\$ 24,127.32	\$ 19,545.26
	Cash Office	\$ 585.52	\$ 296.21	\$ 453.09
Total Allocated Expenditures		\$ 44,248.66	\$ 108,569.51	\$ 74,857.70

Total Expenditures	\$	126,269.88	\$	258,293.82	\$	205,414.60
Board Fee Revenue	\$	146,759.21	\$	315,963.83	\$	303,396.44
Current Year Net	\$	20,489.33	\$	57,670.01	\$	97,981.84
Technology Improvements						
LARS Improvements	\$	1,033.85	\$	4,789.21	\$	5,154.47
Visual Investigator	\$	0.14	\$	1.67	\$	104.26
Total Technology Improvements	\$	1,033.99	\$	4,790.88	\$	5,258.74
Cumulative Carryover	\$	718,497.46	\$	699,042.12	\$	646,162.98

Applicant Interviews

Jana Watkins requested the board accept her late application for CXT licensure. Dr. Hulme made a motion to accept the late application. Dr. Blackwelder seconded the motion. Dr. Hosenfeld recused. The motion carried.

Kimberly Sullican requested the board accept her late application for CTA licensure. Dr. Blackwelder made a motion to accept the late application. Mr. Ailey seconded the motion. Dr. Hosenfeld recused. The motion carried.

Rebecca Williams requested the board allow 50hour CTA course and test to count toward CEU requirement to reinstate expired CTA license. Dr. Blackwelder made a motion to accept the hours and allow reinstatement of expired CTA license. Dr. Birdwell seconded the motion. Dr. Damien recused. The motion carried.

Matthew Barnes DC appeared before the board to request reinstatement of his surrendered DC license. Ms. April Mallory with the TMF was present to answer questions regarding an evaluation review. After much discussion, Dr. Damien made a motion to table the request until the August 8, 2024 board meeting. Mr. Ailey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ratification List

Board of Chiropractic Examiners
Ratification List
January 4, 2024 through April 3, 2024

Newly License Chiropractic Physicians

Carpenter, Tyler
Chandler, Katie
Cobb, Kyle
Codinach, Natasha
Comes, Aspen

Reinstated Chiropractic Physicians

Davis, Kristie
Humphrey, Ryan
Muse, Joseph

DeVere, Aileen
Earick, Robert
Ferran-Aguayo, Gabriela
Foster, Jamie
Gaudette, Adam
Giantinoto, Frank
Gunter, Riley
Hartwell, Jeffrey
Haston, Preston
Hedrick, Carl
Jordan, Latrice
McFarlane, Bryan
Montague, Mariah
Nanthavong, Ian
Pait, Victoria
Palloto, Anthony
Parus, Marissa
Reynolds, Jake
Todd, Hanna
Waterbury, Robin
Wilder, Zachary
Wright, Danielle

Temp/Externship
Burton, Jarod

Closed Files
Allende, Gabriel
Bentley, Sarah
Watkins, Jana

Newly Licenses Chiropractic Therapy Asst.

Bautista, Alexus	Thomas, Charlena
Brost, Celina	Washburn, Tina
Burchnell, Rebekah	Whitlock, Aubrey
Dewey, Susanna	Evans, Madison
Drake, Amelia	
Epps, Jennifer	
Frazier, Claire	
Hoover, Morgan	
Hull, Taylor	
Lewis, Cheryl	
Roys, Karissa	
Smith, Tari	
Spring, Shelby	
Tester, Julie	

Newly Licenses Chiropractic X-Ray Tech.

Bullock, Abigail
Connor, Rachel
Dawson, Casie
Foster, Rachel
Garcia-Lopez, Silvia
Gray, Shannon
Johnson, Kelly
Ortega-Romero, Ana

Closed Files
Arena, Jordan
Olivas, Mariel
Tatum, Benjamin

Redden, Alexis
 Smith, Stephen
 Stuart, Arla
 Thurman, Kaitlyn

Dr. Birdwell made a motion to accept the list of newly licensed chiropractic physicians, reinstated chiropractic physicians, temp/externships, closed DC files, newly licensed chiropractic therapy assistants, closed CTA files, and newly licensed chiropractic x-ray technologists. Dr. Blackwelder seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Administrative Report

Sabrina Craig-Boyd presented the board with the administrative report for January 4, 2024 through April 3, 2024.

**BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
 ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

April 18, 2024

This is an administrative report from Sabrina Craig-Boyd, Board Administrator. The information contained in this report will keep the Board aware of all essential activities pertaining to licensure for Chiropractic Examiners.

STATISTICAL DATA

As of April 3, 2024, the Board of Chiropractic Examiners has **1523** active Chiropractic Physicians, **423** Chiropractic Therapy Assistants, and **134** Chiropractic X-Ray Technologists.

**LICENSURE STATUS TOTALS FROM THE MONTHS OF
 January 4, 2024 through April 3, 2024**

CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN	
Total applications received – 385	
New licenses issued – 27	Renewal Total – 180
Reinstatements –3	Online Renewals – 148
Temp Licenses/Externships- 1	Paper Renewals – 32
Licenses Retired – 9	% Using Online System 82%
Failed to Renew/Expired Licensees –6	
New Acupuncturist- 0	
CHIROPRACTIC THERAPY ASSISTANT	
Total applications received – 128	
New licenses issued – 18	Renewal Total – 33
Reinstatements –0	Online Renewals – 23

Licenses Retired – 9	Paper Renewals – 10
Failed to Renew/Expired Licensees –8	% Using Online System 70%
CHIROPRACTIC X-RAY TECHNOLOGIST	
Total applications received – 45	
New licenses issued – 12	Renewal Total – 10
Reinstatements – 0	Online Renewals – 6
Licenses Retired – 3	Paper Renewals – 4
Failed to Renew/Expired Licensees – 2	% Using Online System 60%

Audit Update

CEU Audit has closed on April 15. Agreed citations for non-compliance will be mailed within the next two weeks.

Upcoming Board Meeting Dates

August 8, 2024
October 17, 2024

INTERNET

The Board’s internet website is an excellent location to find valuable board information for licensees and applicants. Please visit the site at <https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/chiro-board.html> . Should you have any suggestions or comments, please feel free to contact the Board at 615.741.3807 or unit2hrb.health@tn.gov.

Agreed Citation

Ryan Humphrey DC 3003- was issued an agreed citation for lapsed license. Dr. Humphrey paid the fine of \$1500.00 and agreed to the terms of the citation.

Neil Kjos DC1430- was issued an agreed citation for lapsed license. Dr. Kjos paid the fine of \$1500.00 and agreed to the terms of the citation.

Joseph Muse DC2765- was issued an agreed citation for lapsed license. Dr. Muse paid the fine of \$500.00 and agreed to the terms of the citation.

Dr. Birdwell made a motion to accept all agreed citations presented. Dr. Blackwelder seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Correspondence

Zachary Haper- request the board to not impose disciplinary action for CEU violation for the 2023 audit period. Dr. Harper failed to complete the live hour requirement. Dr. Blackwelder made a motion to deny his request. Dr. Hulme seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Lance Wittwer-request the board to allow him to complete his 2024 CEU requirements online due to recent medical issue. Dr. Hulme made a motion to accept his request and allow him to complete all (24)hrs for 2024 through distance learning. Dr. Blackwelder seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ashley Munsterman-seeking approval from the board for their 100 Hour Chiropractic Acupuncture Certificate Program. The board requested additional information to clarify the request.

Jeffrey Hartwell-request the board to consider allowing “nose ballooning” and allow DC’s to draw blood and collect urine. Dr. Blackwell made a motion to advise Dr. Hartwell to consult with his own legal counsel and refer to the statute and current policy in place. Dr. Hulme seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Caroline Co-request the board’s official stance regarding the practice and educational requirements for soft tissue mobilization techniques, specifically instrument-assisted soft tissue mobilization within the scope of practice as licensed chiropractors. Dr. Hulme address the question as follows, *The Tennessee Board of Chiropractic Examiners acknowledges Instrument- “Assisted Soft Tissue Mobilization (IASTM) as an acceptable chiropractic technique within the scope of practice, without requiring specific certification. Chiropractors should be cautious when using trademarked IASTM tools and should not expect the Board to endorse any specific products or offer advice on intellectual property matters. It is recommended that practitioners consult their attorneys to ensure they comply with intellectual property laws and avoid infringements.”*

Marty Kotler-question regarding licensees advising on hypercholesterolemia or elevated glucose levels in the form of supplements and nutritional consultation without implying that they are treating these conditions. Board advisory attorney confirms this action falls within the scope of practice for licensed chiropractors in TN.

Rulemaking, Rule Amendments, and Policies

Dr. Blackwelder made a motion to allow Dr. Hosenfeld to consult with Board Advisory Attorney, Michael Varnell to discuss rule making hearing. Dr. Damien seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Old and New Business

CLEAR September 16-19, 2024 in Baltimore MD. Dr. Damien made a motion to allow up to 3 persons to attend the CLEAR conference including 1 board member, 1 administrative staff, and 1 member of OGC to attend conference. Dr. Blackwelder seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Part IV Development Dr. Damien nominated Dr. Hulme to be the FCLB Delegate for all of 2024. Dr. Blackwelder seconded the motion. The motion carried.

July Board Meeting Moved to August 8, 2024. Due to construction in both board meeting rooms during the month of July, the previously scheduled July board meeting has been re-scheduled for August 8, 2024. Dr. Blackwelder made a motion to accept the new meeting date. Dr. Damien seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Election of Officers

Dr. Damien nominated Cole Hosenfeld as President, Jason Hulme as Vice President, and Dale Blackwelder, as secretary. Dr Birdwell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CTA/CXT Policy-Dr. Blackwelder made a motion to accept the corrected new license requirement policy for CTA and CXT's. Dr. Damien seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Acupuncture-Dr. Blackwelder made a motion to allow Dr. Hulme to consult with Office of General Counsel attorney Michael Varnell, regarding the current policy on acupuncture. Mr. Ailey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Adjourn

With no further items to discuss, Dr. Blackwelder made motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:50pm. Dr. Hulme seconded the motion. The motion carried.

THESE MINUTES WERE RATIFIED AT THE AUGUST 8, 2024 BOARD MEETING.