

## NC Board of Chiropractic Examiners Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: 4/3/2020

Location: NCBOCE Board Office

Present in Person: Drs. Ayres, Sharp, Siragusa

Present Telephonically: Drs. Outten, Mitchell, Chavis; LuLu Cabellaro, Kim Swintosky (joined 2:28PM), John Riggleman, Lisa Hicks-Jones, Jack Nichols

Absent: Dr. Hammer

Dr. Sharp Meeting was called to Order at 2:00PM  
Members were welcomed  
A quorum was present  
A reminder of the ethics rules and conflicts was given. None were identified.

Dr. Sharp reviewed with the board the events of the day which included the termination of Tom Sullivan from employment and the hiring of Dr. Joe Siragusa as the part-time Interim Executive Director for 90 days with the potential for (2) thirty day extensions. It was reported that Tom Sullivan was disappointed but professional and he is committed to assisting with a smooth transition.

Dr. Siragusa was introduced and brief review of his credentials was given.

Dr. Sharp then reviewed the several previous emails that had been sent out related to the Covid 19 virus. He also reported that the Governor's office had confirmed that DCs were considered essential businesses under the Governor's Stay at Home proclamation.

Dr. Sharp commented on the pending re-appointments of Drs. Ayres and Hammer. No action is anticipated during the virus emergency.

Mr. Sullivan and staff have been working remotely during the virus crisis.

John Riggleman John reviewed upcoming events:  
4/25 Jurisprudence Exam  
5/3 XT Exam  
8/1 Jurisprudence  
10/31 Jurisprudence

Jack Nichols Jack reviewed the options for the board members which included creating an Emergency Rule (good for 60 days) or a Temporary Rule (good for 180 days).

There is also a possibility of waiving reciprocity requirements due to the Governor's proclamation.

**ACTION:** Dr. Sharp directed Dr. Siragusa to meet with John and Jack to devise a recommendation for the board.

Dr. Outten Dr. Outten raised the possibility of changing the CE requirements for DCs for 2020. After discussion, there was no motion or vote to make any changes at this time.

Lisa Hicks-Jones Lisa reviews the number of investigations and complaints. There are 8 active investigations. Jack and Lisa are using Zoom to conduct hearings during the virus crisis.

NEXT MEETING 4/17/2020 Noon  
The next meeting will be via Zoom or similar technology.

Dr. Sharp Adjourned the meeting at 2:53PM

Respectfully Submitted by:

Joseph S. Siragusa  
Executive Director- Interim