

**Board of Chiropractic Examiners**  
**General Session**

*January 11, 2018*

**Members Present**

Robert G Frieman, D.C., *President*  
Gregory Lewis, D.C., *Vice President*  
Michael Moskowitz, D.C., *Secretary*  
Michael Fedorczyk, D.C.  
Karen Munter, *Consumer Member*  
Kindra Ingram, D.C. - *Teleconferencing*

**Non-Members Present**

Laurie Sheffield-James, *Executive Director*  
Adrienne Congo, MS, *Deputy Director*  
Grant D. Gerber, *AAG, Board Counsel*  
David Ford, *Investigator*  
Serita Anderson, *Admin. Specialist*

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- I. **Call to Order - at 9:07 a.m. - Robert Frieman, D.C., President**
- II. **Roll Call - Member Absent - Ernestine Jones Jolivet**
- III. **Review/Approval of Agenda – (Motion - Michael Fedorczyk / 2nd Greg Lewis)- Agenda is Approved.**
- IV. **Review/Approval Minutes from December 14, 2017, - (Motion - Greg Lewis / 2nd Michael Moskowitz) - Minutes are Approved.**
- V. **Report(s):**
- A. **President** - The Board has submitted the Bill to Annapolis and it is working its way through the process. The Maryland Chiropractic Association (MCA) has made it clear that they have certain concerns about the Bill. Most of their concerns are that the language in the Bill is not crystal clear. So the Board is aiming to clean that up while maintaining our very tight timeline as to getting our position paper downtown to Maryland Department of Health (MDH) by Monday at 10:00. *Clarification - Grant Gerber* - Downtown is our internal department for submission. As we are part of MDH, they have an integral deadline to which they send all documents down to Annapolis. **President** - There is a few points in the Bill as we written it that the MCA feels very strongly about to which needs to be reconcile at some point. It looks better in Annapolis if we walk in our Board and the MCA agreeing on the legislation. If we can vote to make minor modifications and if not we will set up a special committee The Board has submitted the Bill to Annapolis and it is working its way through the

that will meet later today with MCA. The minor concerns will be discussed in new business on this agenda. **Notification - Laurie Sheffield-James** - Legislative Hearing scheduled next Thursday at 1:00 pm. in which Dr. Ingram volunteered to testify. The Legislative Hearings are scheduled at 1:00 p.m. which there are a number of Bills to be heard at that time to which can last for 1 or more hours. Is there anyone else who would be willing to attend (**Greg Lewis, volunteered**).

**B. Executive Director** - Laurie Sheffield-James - Provided different legislative positions available to the Board on any Bill: (1) If we support or oppose a Bill, the Board is required to go down to Annapolis and testify regarding either the support or opposition. (2) A letter of concern or a letter information then we can just submit that and that would go down in a packet. We are not required to testify. The Board has been provide with the "Witness Guideline" packet for presentation in Annapolis.

**VI. A. Michael Fedorczyk** - National Chiropractic Legislative Conference (NCLC) in Washington, D.C. to which Michael Fedorczyk requests to represent the Board. Chair appointed Michael Fedorczyk to attend and report back to the Board next meeting month.

**B. Chair** - Regarding the legislation that we sent to Annapolis with the changes that we are looking to make. The MCA concerns is that the Bill is not clear in the language to which they are willing to help us clean up. There is one section in the Bill that they have a significant concern regarding 5 significant items that the Board will review here today starting with **3-101 - 1st Motion** on floor - to change the language (**Motion unanimously**) - **Failed. 2nd Motion** - to leave the language the way it is and become more specific in the regulations - (**Motion - Michael Fedorczyk**) - **Passed**

**Note:** Board still has Executive Session to hold and time does not permit the Board to continue with the other 4 items in the current session and in the sake of time, the Chair appointed a Special Committee that will consult with itself and the MCA liaison (**Dr. Hirsch, DC**) with Grant Gerber via teleconferencing.

Appointed to the Special Committee is Michael Fedorczyk as Committee Chair, Greg Lewis as Committee Member and Grant Gerber. Grant Gerber to arrange the teleconference call with MCA inclusive of the Chair to see if we can agree on what exactly this language should look like and then the Board will facilitate an electronic vote on the committee's recommendation tomorrow (Friday, Jan. 12th) before the close of business (5 p.m.).

**VII. Ratification of New Licensees - (Motion - Michael Fedorczyk / 2nd Greg Lewis ) - Passed**

**VIII. Miscellaneous**

**A. Board 2018 Calendars & Hand Sanitizer - Chair thanked Ms. Congo**

**B. Meeting with Lieutenant Governor Rutherford - Laurie Sheffield-James - An** informative meeting was conducted on Monday with the Lt. Governor, MDH - Secretary Schrader and the newly appointed Secretary, Robert Neall. The Lt. Governor spoke on regulatory reform, cleaning up language, redundancy, or inaccurate is removed from regulations. In addition he spoke on the opioid addiction issue and encourage the practitioners who can prescribe to register a prescription drug monitor program . He introduced the new MDH Secretary, Robert Neall however prior Secretary Schrader may still interface with Board Executive Directors and Board Presidents/Chairs.

**Motion to close General Session - (Michael Fedorczyk / 2nd Greg Lewis) - Passed**

*General Session adjourned at 9:37 am.*

Respectfully Submitted:



Michael Moskowitz, DC  
Secretary/Treasurer