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2 1 State Board of Chiropractic 2 3 February 24, 2022 4 5 6 BOARD MEMBERS: 7 8 Joseph Gerard Halloran, D.C., Chair 9 Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of 10 Professional and Occupational Affairs - Absent 11 William D. Aukerman, D.C. 12 Kelsie Coats, Consumer Protection Member 13 John E. McCarrin, D.C. 14 Michael S. Swank, D.C. 15 16 17 BUREAU PERSONNEL: 18 19 Nicole L. VanOrder, Esquire, Board Counsel 20 Carolyn DeLaurentis, Deputy Chief Counsel, Prosecution 21 Division 22 Heather J. McCarthy, Esquire, Senior Prosecutor Colby B. Widdowson, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison Andrea L. Costello, Esquire, Board Prosecutor 23 24 25 Peter D. Kovach, Esquire, Board Prosecutor 26 Sarah E. McNeill, Board Administrator 27 Amanda Richards, Chief of Fiscal Management, Bureau of 28 Finance and Operations, Department of State 29 Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Executive Policy Specialist, 30 Department of State 31 Danie Bendesky, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, 32 Department of State 33 Deena Parmelee, Legal Office Administrator 1, 34 Department of State 35 36 37 ALSO PRESENT: 38 39 Katie Merritt, LSW, Director of Policy and Planning, 40 Pennsylvania Insurance Department 41 David Buono, Deputy Insurance Commissioner, Office of Market Regulation, Pennsylvania Insurance Department 42 43 Sandy Ykema, Esquire, J.D., Senior Health Insurance 44 Counsel, Pennsylvania Insurance Department 45 Edward Nielsen, MHS, Executive Vice President, 46 Pennsylvania Chiropractic Association Jen Smeltz, Republican Executive Director, Senate 47 Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure 48 49 Committee 50

State Board of Chiropractic February 24, 2022 6 ALSO PRESENT: (cont.) Justin Miller, D.C., Miller Sports Family Chiropractic LLC Christopher Cianci, D.C., Cianci Chiropractic and Total Body Rehab Ted Mowatt, CAE, Vice President, Wanner Associates, on behalf of the of the Chiropractor Fellowship of Pennsylvania Alison Benedetto, D.C., Pennsylvania Chiropractic Association Chris Young, D.C., Pennsylvania Chiropractic Association Andrew Heck, D.C., Pennsylvania Chiropractic Association Stuart Surkosky, D.C., Pennsylvania Chiropractic Association Mary Rutkowski, D.C., Pennsylvania Chiropractic Association Richard Lori A. Behe 

4 \* \* \* 1 2 State Board of Chiropractic February 24, 2022 3 \* \* \* 4 5 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at 6 9:00 a.m. the Board entered into executive session 7 with Nicole L. VanOrder, Esquire, Board Counsel, to have attorney-client consultations and for the purpose 8 of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations. 9 The Board 10 returned to open session at 10:30 a.m.] \* \* \* 11 12 Official Call to Order 13 [Joseph Gerard Halloran, D.C., Chair, called the 14 meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.] \* \* \* 15 Introduction of Board Members 16 17 [Chair Halloran requested an introduction of Board 18 members.] \* \* \* 19 20 Meeting Instructions 21 [Nicole L. VanOrder, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the 22 meeting was being recorded, and those who continue to 23 participate were giving their consent to be recorded. 24 Ms. VanOrder also noted the Board entered into 25 executive session prior to the start of the meeting to

have attorney-client consultations and for the purpose 1 2 of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations regarding 3 items 2 through 5 and 6 through 8 on the agenda.] \* \* \* 4 5 Introduction of Attendees 6 [Chair Halloran requested an introduction of 7 attendees.] \* \* \* 8 9 Adoption of the Agenda 10 CHAIR HALLORAN: 11 I now make a motion to approve the 12 agenda that has been published. 13 Can somebody second that? 14 DR. MCCARRIN: I'll second it. 15 16 CHAIR HALLORAN: 17 All in favor of approving the agenda, 18 say aye. That's unanimous. All Board 19 members have approved the agenda. 20 [The motion carried unanimously.] \* \* \* 21 22 Approval of minutes of the December 28, 2021 meeting 23 CHAIR HALLORAN: 24 I would like to see if anyone wants to 25 change or review the minutes. I have

6 reviewed the minutes. I did not find 1 2 any problems with the minutes. 3 Does anybody else have a problem with the minutes of the last meeting? 4 5 I would like to make a motion that 6 we accept the minutes. Can I have a 7 second on that? 8 DR. SWANK: 9 Second. 10 CHAIR HALLORAN: 11 All in favor of accepting the minutes 12 from the last Chiropractic Board 13 Meeting, say aye. The ayes have it by a 14 unanimous vote. 15 [The motion carried unanimously.] \* \* \* 16 17 Report of Prosecution 18 [Andrea L. Costello, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, 19 presented the VRP Consent Agreements for Case No. 21-20 43-018048 and Case No. 22-43-001387.] 21 DR. AUKERMAN: 2.2 I'd like to make a motion to approve the 23 Consent Agreement and Order for Case No. 24 21-43-018048 and Case No. 22-43-001387. 25 CHAIR HALLORAN:

7 There is a motion on the floor to accept 1 2 the Consent Agreement and Order for both 3 Case No. 21-43-018048 and Case No. 22-43-001387. 4 5 Do I have a second for that? 6 MS. COATS: 7 I second. 8 CHATR HALLORAN: 9 There is a motion on the floor to accept 10 the Consent Agreement and Order for both 11 the listed cases that we just put into 12 the record. This will have to be a voice vote. 13 14 15 Dr. Halloran, aye; Dr. Swank, aye; Dr. 16 Aukerman, aye; Dr. McCarrin, aye; Kelsie 17 Coats, aye. 18 [The motion carried unanimously.] \* \* \* 19 20 Report of Board Counsel - Final Adjudication and 21 Order 2.2 CHAIR HALLORAN: 23 I am making a motion to accept the Final 24 Adjudication and Order in regard to Case 25 No. 21-43-006531, Danny Jay Buesing,

8 1 D.C. 2 Do I have a second on that? 3 DR. SWANK: Second. 4 5 CHAIR HALLORAN: 6 We are going to do a voice vote on this. 7 8 Dr. Halloran, aye; Dr. Swank, aye; Dr. 9 Aukerman, aye; Dr. McCarrin, aye; Kelsie 10 Coats, aye. 11 [The motion carried unanimously.] \* \* \* 12 13 Report of Board Counsel - Motion to Enter Default and 14 Deem Facts Admitted 15 CHAIR HALLORAN: 16 Case No. 20-43-010476, Stephen Dwight 17 Herto, D.C. Do I have a motion? 18 19 DR. MCCARRIN: 20 I make a motion to grant Deem Facts 21 Admitted and Enter Default to direct Board counsel to draft a Final 2.2 23 Adjudication and Order in Case No. 20-24 43-010476 on Stephen Dwight Herto, D.C. 25 CHAIR HALLORAN:

We have a motion on the floor to Deem 1 2 Facts Admitted and Enter Default and 3 this motion also asks and directs Board 4 counsel to draft a Final Adjudication 5 and Order. Do I have a second for that? 6 7 DR. SWANK: 8 Second. 9 CHAIR HALLORAN: 10 We will put this to a voice vote. 11 12 Dr. Halloran, aye; Dr. Swank, aye; Dr. 13 Aukerman, aye; Dr. McCarrin, aye; Kelsie 14 Coats, aye. 15 [The motion carried unanimously.] \* \* \* 16 17 New Business 18 CHAIR HALLORAN: 19 There is a reactivation request from 20 James Ferraro, D.C., License No. DC004232L. He is making a request to 21 2.2 reactivate his license. 23 I am making a motion to 24 provisionally deny the Reactivation 25 Application of Dr. Ferraro at this

10 present time. 1 2 Do I have a second on that? 3 DR. SWANK: Second. 4 CHAIR HALLORAN: 5 6 We will call this to a voice vote. 7 8 Dr. Halloran, aye; Dr. Swank, aye; Dr. Aukerman, aye; Dr. McCarrin, aye; Kelsie 9 10 Coats, aye. 11 [The motion carried unanimously.] \* \* \* 12 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report 13 14 \* \* \* 15 Appointment - Pennsylvania Insurance Department - No 16 Surprises Act 17 [Katie Merritt, LSW, Director of Policy and Planning, 18 Pennsylvania Insurance Department (PID), stated the No 19 Surprises Act took effect on January 1, 2022. She 20 informed the Board that the No Surprises Act is a consumer protection initiative to make sure consumers 21 2.2 are not billed for situations where they have little 23 or no control over who provides their care. 24 Ms. Merritt stated Governor Wolf charged the 25 Pennsylvania Insurance Department with being the lead

agency on implementing the act while working closely 1 2 with the Department of State, Department of Health, 3 and Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs. David Buono, Deputy Insurance Commissioner, 4 5 Office of Market Regulation, Pennsylvania Insurance 6 Department, informed the Board that material presented 7 was prepared by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Insurance Department based on the law, regulations, 8 9 and guidance as of December 1, 2021. 10 Mr. Buono addressed the No Surprises Act (NSA), noting that the disclosure requirement applies to all 11 health care providers, the provider directory 12 13 requirement applies to all healthcare providers 14 applicable only to providers in-network for major 15 medical insurance policies, and the Good Faith 16 Estimate requirement applies to all health care 17 providers. 18 Mr. Buono commented that health plans covering 19 any benefits for emergency services, including air

20 ambulance, under the No Surprises Act, requires 21 emergency services to be covered without any prior 22 authorization regardless of whether a provider or 23 facility is in-network.

24 Mr. Buono also commented that if a health plan 25 covers any benefits for nonemergency services related

to a visit in an in-network facility, the No Surprises 1 2 Act requires patients be protected when they have 3 little or no control over who provides their care. Mr. Buono stated ancillary providers, such as 4 5 labs or doctors, involved in a surgery that the 6 patient does not select may not balance bill. Нe 7 noted cost-sharing for ancillary providers is treated 8 as in-network. He commented that the No Surprises Act 9 protects people from unexpected bills for emergency 10 services, air ambulance services, and certain 11 nonemergency services related to a visit to a 12 facility. 13 Mr. Buono mentioned that emergency ground

ambulance services are not included and deferred for 14 15 further study at the federal level. He stated 16 nonemergency services for some ancillary care at an 17 in-network facility is treated as in-network in all 18 circumstances. He reported that other nonemergency 19 services may only be billed as out-of-network with 20 advanced notice and consent from the patient. 21 Mr. Buono noted the No Surprises Act limits the 22 high out-of-network cost-sharing, where patient cost-23 sharing, such as coinsurance or deductible, cannot be 24 higher than if such services were provided by an in-25 network doctor and any coinsurance or deductible must

1 be based on in-network provider rates.

Mr. Buono stated No Surprises Act billing
protection applies if coverage is through an employer,
state-based marketplace Pennie, or directly through an
individual market health insurance company. He
mentioned that the act does not apply to Medicare,
Medicaid, Indian Health Services, Veterans Affairs, or
TRICARE.

9 Mr. Buono addressed plans that do not have the 10 balance billing protection, including indemnity or 11 accepted benefit plan enrollees because it is not 12 individual market coverage and does not typically have 13 a network. He noted short-term limited duration plan 14 enrollees, health care sharing ministries, the Amish, 15 or uninsured are not individual market coverage.

Mr. Buono addressed uninsured individuals, noting providers are required to provide a Good Faith Estimate upon request or scheduling an item or service. He stated uninsured and self-pay patients must receive a Good Faith Estimate at least 72 hours before services.

Mr. Buono also noted that a Good Faith Estimate must be given at least 3 hours ahead of time if a service is scheduled within three days. He noted the act does require that a Good Faith Estimate be

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1 provided to a patient's plan in advance of service but 2 stated the federal government and Pennsylvania was 3 taking a non-enforcement approach to this provision 4 due to the technological challenges affecting this 5 provision.

6 Mr. Buono stated providers are encouraged to 7 coordinate with co-providers to present a single Good 8 Faith Estimate, but the Department of Health and Human 9 Services (HHS) is exercising enforcement discretion 10 and flexibility to allow for technical coordination.

11 Mr. Buono provided a summary of providers that 12 may not balance bill. He stated providers and 13 facilities must have a business process to give 14 provider directory and network information to plans 15 anytime there is a material change. He commented that providers and facilities may, by contract, impose on 16 17 plans the duty to keep the directory current in the event of contract termination. He noted that the 18 19 provider or facility must reimburse the patient plus 20 interest if a provider or facility bills a patient 21 more than the in-network cost-sharing amount and the 22 patient pays the bill.

23 Mr. Buono addressed continuity of care, where a 24 contract with a plan terminates and the provider or 25 facility is no longer in-network and the patient is a

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1 continuing care patient, the provider or facility must 2 accept payment, including cost-sharing calculated on 3 an in-network basis for the duration of the continuity 4 of care.

5 Mr. Buono stated providers with complaints about 6 a plan should contact the Pennsylvania Insurance 7 Department because they have a process to quickly review the complaint. He mentioned HHS is also 8 9 establishing a complaint process with the 10 acknowledgement of the complaint possibly taking 60 11 days. He mentioned that providers with complaints about a patient should first make sure the patient 12 13 understands the act and are encouraged to contact the 14 Pennsylvania Insurance Department.

Mr. Buono noted that patients who do understand the act should be handled as before with the understanding in the case of a surprise medical bill that the provider may not collect more than the innetwork cost-sharing.

20 Sandy Ykema, Esquire, J.D., Senior Health 21 Insurance Counsel, Pennsylvania Insurance Department, 22 addressed disclosure requirements, noting a one-page 23 disclosure notice must be available to patients with 24 the requirements and prohibitions regarding balance 25 billing and must identify how a patient may contact

1 the appropriate state and federal agencies if the 2 patient believes the provider or facility has violated 3 the requirements of the law.

Ms. Ykema stated the information has to be publicly available from the provider and facility as well as being posted. She mentioned the Pennsylvania Insurance Department has a model disclosure notice and information on their website, along with the federal government website at www.cms.gov/nosurprises containing NSA information.

11 Ms. Ykema addressed notice and consent, which allows a provider to balance bill if they give notice 12 13 and receive written consent from the patient at least 14 3 days before the service, not later than 1 business 15 day after scheduling, or 3 business days in advance if 16 the service is scheduled 10 days in advance. She 17 noted it may not be used in an emergency situation. 18 She explained that the notice and consent has to be on 19 a separate form, signed, retained for seven years, and 20 a copy given to the patient. Ms. Ykema explained that the notice and consent 21

has to give notice that the provider does not participate in the consumer's health insurance plan, include a Good Faith Estimate amount that the provider may charge for all of the services, explain that there

1 may need to be prior authorization or other approval, 2 and be clear that a consumer does not have to consent 3 to an out-of-network provider.

Ms. Ykema emphasized that a person has to be able to get services from an available in-network provider, but if there is no available in-network provider, then notice and consent may not be used to allow the provider to balance bill.

9 Ms. Ykema addressed payment, where the provider 10 will need to confirm the patient's coverage. She 11 explained that an out-of-network provider who 12 furnished a surprise medical service may collect cost-13 sharing from the patient at the in-network level and 14 then the provider may bill the patient's plan directly 15 for all remaining charges.

Ms. Ykema noted a provider and plan may negotiate if the provider is not satisfied with the amount directly and then through a federally administered Independent Dispute Resolution process. She mentioned there is litigation on the qualifying payment amount and the Independent Dispute Resolution process at the federal level.

23 Ms. Ykema addressed disputes with uninsured and 24 self-pay individuals, where the provider may bill the 25 patient. She stated the patient may access the

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Patient-Provider Dispute Resolution process if there is a difference in the Good Faith Estimate of at least \$400. She noted that the patient must start the process within 120 days and pay a small administrative fee to start the process but will recoup that if the patient prevails.

Ms. Ykema encouraged anyone with questions
concerning the No Surprises Act to contact the
Pennsylvania Insurance Department at
www.insurance.pa.gov/nosurprises.

11 Ms. Ykema addressed enforcement, again noting that the Pennsylvania Insurance Department has been 12 tasked with being the lead Commonwealth of 13 14 Pennsylvania agency coordinating enforcement with all 15 of the state agencies. She mentioned that the 16 Pennsylvania Insurance Department has oversight over 17 insurance companies and the other agencies have 18 oversight over providers and facilities. She stated 19 the Pennsylvania Insurance Department has a process to 20 quickly review the complaint and make sure it is 21 handled in the best and most expeditious way possible. 2.2 Ms. Ykema noted the Pennsylvania Insurance 23 Department has oversight over insurance companies, the 2.4 Department of State has oversight over providers, and 25 the Department of Health and Human Services and

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Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs also have enforcement authority over providers and facilities. She noted the Pennsylvania Insurance Department is working collaboratively with the state agencies in implementing the new law. She commented that the federal complaint process is also available but will likely take longer.

8 Ms. Ykema noted that the state law applies unless 9 it prevents the application of the federal law. She 10 mentioned that the Pennsylvania Insurance Department, 11 Department of State, Department of Health, and Drug 12 and Alcohol Programs use insurance laws, professional conduct laws, and licensure laws. 13 She explained that 14 state agencies that receive a call related to balance 15 billing and the No Surprises Act can go to the 16 Pennsylvania Insurance Department's website for 17 guidance.

18 Ms. Ykema stated complaints are assigned to a 19 consumer services representative after a complaint is 20 received to work with the patient, provider, or health 21 plan and with other state agencies and collaborate 22 with the federal agency if they cannot address the 23 issue. She noted the Pennsylvania Insurance 24 Department is in communication with the federal 25 government to enforce as necessary. She stated the

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1 federal government has additional levers, including 2 monetary penalties.

3 Ms. Ykema noted the Department of Health and 4 Human Services has oversight over the insurance plans, 5 providers, and facilities; Department of Labor has oversight over self-funded plans; and the Office of 6 7 Personnel Management has oversight over the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) program. 8 She stated 9 Pennsylvania Insurance Department is prepared to enter 10 into collaborative enforcement agreements with any of those agencies as needed to address concerns. 11 12 Ms. Ykema encouraged everyone to visit the 13 Pennsylvania Insurance Department at www.insurance.pa.gov/nosurprises for more information. 14 15 Chair Halloran asked whether it automatically 16 defaults to in-network if time frames by the doctor 17 were incorrect. 18 Ms. Ykema noted Chair Halloran to be correct, where the patient will pay the in-network rate and the 19 20 provider will then work with the plan for 21 reimbursement. 2.2 Ms. Ykema stated the law is for services provided 23 in connection with a visit to a facility and does not

24 require notice of consent for services being provided 25 at a doctor's office.

Chair Halloran commented that chiropractors hired 1 2 by a hospital entity probably would not have to worry 3 about it because there would be an administrator 4 taking care of that part of problem. Ms. Ykema encouraged chiropractors working in a 5 facility to make sure it is addressed. 6 7 Chair Halloran thanked the Pennsylvania Insurance Department for their presentation.] 8 9 \* \* \* 10 Appointment - Prosecution Division Annual Report 11 Presentation 12 [Carolyn A. DeLaurentis, Esquire, Deputy Chief Counsel, Prosecution Division, provided a summary of 13 14 the prosecution division's caseload during 2021. 15 Ms. DeLaurentis informed the Board that 112 cases were opened in 2021, which is consistent with 2020 at 16 117 cases for the State Board of Chiropractic. 17 She 18 noted closing 118 files in 2021, which is also 19 consistent with 2020 at 119 cases. She reported 97 20 open cases for the Board as of January 1, 2022. 21 Ms. DeLaurentis addressed enforcement actions, 22 noting 12 cases resulted in discipline in 2021 with 1 23 fine, 3 Act 48 or citation fines, 1 suspension, 1 2.4 reprimand, 3 revocations or voluntary surrenders, and 25 3 probations. She also reported 39 warning letters in

1 2021, which was an increase from 9 in 2020.

2 Chair Halloran asked whether most of the warning 3 letters were related to COVID or other issues.

4 Mr. Widdowson commented that the vast majority of 5 the increase in warning letters could be attributed to 6 COVID issues.

7 Ms. DeLaurentis stated every COVID complaint is 8 looked at on a case-by-case basis for patient harm or 9 patient considerations and a warning letter would 10 generally be the final action.

11 Heather J. McCarthy, Esquire, Senior Board 12 Prosecutor, mentioned that prosecution also has 13 compliance letters, which would essentially result in two letters if it is a minor violation or something 14 15 that could be fixed easily. She stated a letter 16 identifying their concerns is sometimes sent, giving 17 the licensee a chance to come into compliance, and if 18 they do, results in a warning letter.

19 Chair Halloran asked whether all the percentages 20 across the medical boards are around the same level. 21 Ms. DeLaurentis noted she could not say whether 22 there is a consistent increase in warning letters just 23 based on COVID across the health boards. She 24 mentioned that a lot of warning letters are going out 25 but not necessarily related to COVID and every case

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2	Ms. DeLaurentis addressed COVID-related cases,			
3	noting that one complaint may result in more than one			
4	case being opened. She reported 1,223 cases were			
5	opened regarding COVID complaints in 2020 with 32 of			
6	those cases for the State Board of Chiropractic. She			
7	also reported a significant decrease in COVID-related			
8	complaints in 2021, mostly for business-related boards			
9	but an increase in healthcare-related boards. She			
10	reported opening 543 COVID-related cases in 2021 with			
11	24 of those for the Board.			
12	Ms. DeLaurentis noted a record number of cases			
13	opened last year and thanked the administrative			
14	assistants for processing so many files. She reported			
15	18,363 cases were opened in 2021, which is an increase			
16	from 2020 at 13,394.			
17	Ms. DeLaurentis reported 15,994 cases were closed			
18	in 2021 and 13,274 in 2020. She noted 15,141 open			
19	cases as of January 1, 2022, with 97 of those cases			
20	for the Board.			
21	Ms. DeLaurentis thanked Board prosecutors and			
22	Board counsel for all of their hard work.			
23	Chair Halloran mentioned that there are still			
24	restrictions in the health-care environment and is			
25	happy there are less open cases for chiropractors this			

year. He encouraged everyone to stay professional.] 1 \* \* \* 2 3 Appointment - Bureau of Finance and Operations 4 Annual Budget and Fee Increase Proposal Presentation 5 [Amanda Richards, Chief of Fiscal Management, Bureau of Finance and Operations, Department of State, 6 7 informed the Board that the Bureau of Finance and Operations (BFO) looks at the licensee population on a 8 biennial basis, noting the Board renews in August of 9 10 even years. She reported a license count in FY16-17 of 4,047, FY18-19 of 3,959 and FY20-21 of 3,839. 11 She 12 stated the license count as of February 10 was 4,011 and increased another 5 licenses this morning for a 13 14 total of 4,016. 15 Ms. Richards noted the total biennial revenue with 16 98% of the revenue coming from renewals and 17 applications. She commented that revenue is brought 18 in from other categories but the Board cannot count on 19 it because it is not consistent. 20 Ms. Richards addressed the two main categories of 21 Board expenses, administrative and legal costs. She 22 stated expenses incur through direct charges, 23 timesheet charges, and license population. She referred to expenses for FY19-20, FY20-21, and as of 2.4 25 February 10, 2022. She reported on a recent increase

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in expenses. She noted the budget for FY21-22. 1 2 Ms. Richards reviewed revenues and expenses, 3 noting the balance at the end of FY21-22. She 4 referred to the projection into FY24-25, where Board 5 expenses are starting to exceed revenue. She noted 6 BFO would be addressing that in a fee increase package 7 following the presentation. 8 Ms. Richards noted Board member expenses in FY19-9 20, FY20-21, and FY21-22 as of February 10, 2022. She 10 reported no change in expenses as of this morning. 11 She stated the \$19,000 budget was adequate for FY21-22 12 and has been carried over to FY22-23. 13 Ms. Richards reminded Board members that anything 14 not spent is returned to the restricted account for 15 the Board's use at a later time. 16 Ms. Richards reported on the projected biennial 17 revenue and projected biennial budget and expenses, 18 noting the projected biennial balance for FY19-20 and 19 FY20-21. 20 Ms. Richards provided a categorical breakdown of 21 expenses and revenue over the last 6 years. 2.2 Dr. Aukerman referred to enforcement and 23 investigation and requested additional information 24 regarding an increase of \$35,000 in actual expenses

25 from FY19-20 to FY20-21.

Ms. Richards explained that there was an increase in cases from FY19-20 to FY20-21 and an increase in hours.

4 Chair Halloran commented that some of expenses are 5 possibly for cases that have taken longer to finally 6 resolve.

7 Ms. Richards noted the number of investigations8 from FY19-20 were 77 and 100 in FY20-21.

9 Ms. Richards referred to the Board's current 10 financial status showing the current license count and 11 current renewal fees, where non-renewal years FY19-20 12 through FY27-28, there is a decrease of at least 13 \$200,000 every non-renewal year.

14 Ms. Richards addressed the fee package process, 15 starting with looking at all the revenue coming into 16 the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs 17 (BPOA) from applications and renewals. She noted BFO determines the cost to do business and then does a 18 19 cost analysis. She explained that the actual cost to 20 process an application for the exam and application is \$105 in FY24-25, the reciprocity application is \$150, 21 22 the continuing education program application would 23 increase to \$100, and chiropractic adjunctive 2.4 procedures application would increase to \$105. 25 Chair Halloran commented that those increases are

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the breakeven point, noting the Board would have to 1 2 get it to at least that or lose money. 3 Ms. Richards explained that it is still not quite enough to do an application fee increase looking at 4 5 FY21-22 through FY-27-28. 6 Ms. Richards provided information regarding a 7 renewal fee increase combined with an application fee increase beginning in August 2024 with a 7 percent 8 incremental increase over the next 3 years. 9 She also 10 pointed out a 5 percent decrease in the license count. 11 She reported revenue exceeding expenses by FY29-30. 12 Ms. VanOrder commented that the numbers BFO 13 presented were incorporated into the annex on the fee 14 package being discussed later. She asked whether 15 there was a further increase in the fees in 2028. Ms. Richards explained that the last column was 16 17 excluded when converted to a PDF but would provide the 18 missing column to Ms. VanOrder. 19 Ms. VanOrder noted that she would have the Board 20 include the current numbers as presented when voting on the exposure draft of the annex. 21 2.2 Ms. Richards provided more fee increases, noting 23 FY24-25 at \$225, FY26-27 at \$241, and FY28-29 at \$258. 24 Ms. VanOrder reviewed the breakdown of application 25 fees, where the license by exam is \$126, licensure by

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reciprocity is \$180, adjunctive procedures 1 certification is \$126, and continuing education 2 program application is \$120. 3 Ms. VanOrder also noted biennial renewals would be 4 5 \$258 for the chiropractor and the rest would be the 6 same. She mentioned the only one that needs updated 7 on the annex is the \$258 under biennial renewal going 8 out to 2028. 9 Ms. VanOrder thanked BFO for the presentation and 10 all of their work behind the scenes providing 11 information for the regulations. 12 Chair Halloran commented that the Board has not 13 changed their application fees or other fees in a long 14 time and is behind other states. He noted wanting to 15 be fair to the chiropractic community but also noted 16 the importance of being able to pay the bills.] \* \* \* 17 18 Report of Board Counsel - Regulations 19 [Nicole L. VanOrder, Esquire, Board Counsel, referred 20 to the annex for 16A-4335 regarding the fee 21 regulation. She noted she is still working on the 22 preamble to make sure they had the correct number. 23 Ms. VanOrder referred to § 5.6 showing the 24 existing fees and changes presented by BFO for the 25 Board to effectuate those changes to maintain a

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healthy balance going forward. She noted changing
 \$250 to \$258 under chiropractor biennial renewal fee.
 Ms. VanOrder informed new Board members that the
 regulatory process is long and provided a summary of
 the process.

6 Chair Halloran asked whether any Board members 7 had any questions about the presentation from BFO or 8 16A-4335, noting the only correction from \$250 to \$258 9 effective September 2, 2028.

10 Chair Halloran commented that some of their old 11 fees were very low, including reciprocity and initial 12 application fees and are going up just to reflect the actual cost of doing business. He also noted that 13 14 effective September 2, 2024, biennial renewal fees 15 will increase from \$210 to \$223, September 2, 2026 to \$236, and then September 2, 2028 to \$258. He noted 16 17 the importance of raising the fees now to prevent a 18 deficit in 2 years.]

19 CHAIR HALLORAN:

I make a motion to give to our Board counsel permission to do an exposure draft on the changes in fees found in the Annex A document 16A-4335, and our Board counsel will prepare that exposure document for us so we could start the

1 process. 2 Does anybody want to second that 3 motion? MS. COATS: 4 5 I'll second it. 6 CHAIR HALLORAN: 7 We are going to need to do a voice vote 8 on this. 9 10 Dr. Halloran, aye; Dr. Swank, aye; Dr. 11 Aukerman, aye; Dr. McCarrin, aye; Kelsie 12 Coats, aye. 13 [The motion carried unanimously.] \* \* \* 14 15 Report of Board Counsel - Regulations 16 [Nicole L. VanOrder, Esquire, Board Counsel, referred 17 to the January 2022 Regulatory Report. She noted items 13 and 14 would be deferred for further 18 19 discussion at a Regulatory Committee Meeting on April 20 28 at 8 a.m. before the regular Board meeting.] 21 CHAIR HALLORAN: I make a motion that we defer for 2.2 23 further consideration on the regulation 24 part of this meeting, general revisions 25 package 16A-6328 and specialties -

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1	1 review IRRC	comments and discussions			
2	2 that they as	ked us to have on 16A-4312	•		
3	3 We are	going to defer for further			
4	4 consideratio	n those items to go to the			
5	5 Regulatory C	ommittee Meeting that will			
6	6 be chaired b	y Dr. Swank. We are			
7	7 projecting a	t 8:00 in the morning on			
8	8 April 28, 20	22, to have a separate			
9	9 regulatory c	ommittee meeting there.			
10	.0 Dr. Swa	nk will chair that. Our			
11	.1 Board counse	l will be there, and our			
12	.2 chiropractor	s will be there for that			
13	.3 committee.				
14	.4 I made	a motion to defer that.			
15	.5 Does anybody	second that?			
16	d DR. SWANK:				
17	.7 Second.				
18	.8 CHAIR HALLORAN:	CHAIR HALLORAN:			
19	.9 We'll do a v	oice vote on that. there	is		
20	a motion on	the floor to defer for			
21	further cons	ultation and refer these			
22	items to the	Chiropractic Regulatory			
23	Committee fo	r the general revisions			
24	24 package and	specialties - review by IR	RC		
25	for that mee	ting that will take place a	at		

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8:00 in the morning on April 28, 2022. 1 2 3 Dr. Halloran, aye; Dr. Swank, aye; Dr. 4 Aukerman, aye; Dr. McCarrin, aye; Kelsie 5 Coats, aye. 6 [The motion carried unanimously.] \* \* \* 7 8 Report of Board Counsel - Regulations 9 [Nicole L. VanOrder, Esquire, Board Counsel, addressed 10 16A-4334 regarding licensure by endorsement. She 11 noted the updated version of Act 41 and changes to the 12 annex since the last Board discussion. She explained 13 that Act 41 was passed 2 years ago requiring state 14 boards have licensure by endorsement that allows 15 practitioners from other jurisdictions with similar 16 legal framework and requirements for licensure be 17 allowed to become licensed in Pennsylvania. 18 Ms. VanOrder noted that there is a two-step 19 analysis, including whether legal requirements are 20 substantially similar and a competency component. 21 Ms. VanOrder noted comments were received from 2.2 the Office of General Counsel and Independent 23 Regulatory Review Commission that were mostly 2.4 technical but a couple of substantive issues. 25 Ms. VanOrder referred to § 5.6 fees and § 5.11

types of licensure and certification offered by the 1 2 Board. She noted prior changes identifying a fee for 3 licensure by endorsement and another change to 4 reciprocity to include endorsement to read, "an 5 application for licensure by reciprocity or endorsement." She also noted the addition of 6 7 provisional endorsement license to types of licensure. Ms. VanOrder explained that she utilized the 8 9 licensure by reciprocity because the actual work 10 involved in processing a license by endorsement is 11 very similar to what is required by a license by 12 reciprocity. 13 Ms. VanOrder referred to the fee package, noting

14 the \$65 fee to be the current rate but would increase 15 according to the fee schedule through the fee process. 16 Ms. VanOrder referred to § 5.13a, noting no 17 changes to substantial equivalency since the last 18 Board discussion. She reported changes regarding 19 competency and referred to 5.13a(2)(i), where the 20 specific minimal number of practice hours in the prior 21 draft was removed and replaced with experience in the 22 practice for at least 2 of the 5 years immediately 23 preceding the date of the application.

24 Ms. VanOrder explained that the reason for this 25 change is to more closely follow the language of the

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1 act requiring the licensure by endorsement and to 2 model the regulation that has already been approved 3 through the process. She believed the change would 4 reduce the amount of time and effort spent and moving 5 the regulation through the regulatory process.

Ms. VanOrder informed the Board that the remaining changes through the annex were made in all the regulatory packages and include formatting, word choice changes, and changes in legal citations.

10 Ms. VanOrder also noted the addition of a 11 requirement that makes it clear that it is the applicant's duty to provide and translate the law of 12 another jurisdiction, including the required child 13 14 abuse clearance and allowing for a videoconference if 15 an informal conference meeting are offered or needed, 16 and the addition of a termination of provisional 17 license paragraph to explain those procedures.

18 Ms. VanOrder addressed the proposed preamble for 16A-4334 regarding licensure by endorsement. 19 She 20 noted that the annex is the regulation itself and the 21 preamble is the argument or explanation as to why the 22 regulation is happening. She mentioned that the 23 endorsement regulations are being done by all the boards, so everyone now has a good idea of what the 24 25 preamble should look like because much of this

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language has been adopted from packages that have 1 2 already been approved through the regulatory process. 3 Ms. VanOrder and regulatory counsel keep records 4 of all edits and updates to documents to reflect 5 changes for every package. She asked the Board whether they wished to vote to approve the final 6 7 regulatory package for 16A-4334 regarding licensure by 8 endorsement and allowing the package to proceed 9 through the regulatory process to be published as 10 proposed.] CHAIR HALLORAN: 11 12 I make a motion based on the very, very 13 clear legal language from our Board 14 counsel that we vote to approve the 15 final regulation package, licensure by endorsement for 16A-4334. 16 17 Do we have a second on that? DR. AUKERMAN: 18 I'll second it. 19 20 CHAIR HALLORAN: 21 Let's do a voice vote on this. 2.2 23 Dr. Halloran, aye; Dr. Swank, aye; Dr. 24 Aukerman, aye; Dr. McCarrin, aye; Kelsie 25 Coats, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.] 1 \* \* \* 2 3 Report of Board Counsel - Miscellaneous 4 [Nicole L. VanOrder, Esquire, Board Counsel, referred 5 to the Sunshine Act and Recusal Guidelines for the 6 Board's review. 7 Ms. VanOrder noted House Bill 2267 regarding 8 licensing of certified chiropractic assistants and 9 provided a draft for the Board's information. 10 Ms. VanOrder addressed an animal chiropractic 11 case involving Maria McElwee, Case No. 1274 C.D. 2020. 12 She mentioned that the McElwee case was before the 13 Board of Veterinary Medicine and before the Board of Chiropractic. She noted the case was dismissed given 14 15 the language as it is written in the act of the 16 definition of chiropractic. She informed the Board 17 that there was discipline imposed by the Board of Veterinary Medicine and was upheld by the Commonwealth 18 19 Court of Pennsylvania. 20 Ms. VanOrder stated Dr. McElwee may be appealing 21 the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania decision, but 2.2 because it is a veterinary case, it will be held by 23 Board counsel for the State Board of Veterinary 24 Medicine.

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Dr. McCarrin asked whether the case might turn

1 into the same thing as the Cavuto case, where it will 2 become part of the Chiropractic Practice Act and be 3 unfavorable for chiropractors regarding manipulation 4 of animals. He noted chiropractors lost the ability 5 to exercise because of an appeal and asked whether 6 chiropractors would lose the ability to manipulate 7 animals.

Ms. VanOrder explained that the case would not be 8 9 interpreting the Chiropractic Practice Act and will 10 only be and has only been based on the Veterinary 11 Medicine Practice Act and their accompanying 12 regulations because they had a case for practice 13 without a license and that is the case that is going 14 on appeal. She noted the case has already been 15 through its first round of appeal, and it is unlikely 16 it would be overturned.

17 Chair Halloran stated it is a problem for 18 veterinarians that may need to be addressed a little 19 better in the legislature, where there could be some 20 sort of better working relationship with 21 chiropractors. He noted that the opinion that upheld 2.2 the Veterinarian Medicine Board's supremacy on this 23 was that she was not precluded from working with 24 animals provided she had a relationship with a 25 veterinarian, which by her "chiropractic principles"

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1 decided not to do.

2	Chair Halloran stated the dissenting judge makes			
3	a case, where how can a veterinarian with no			
4	experience in chiropractic manipulation or adjustment			
5	supervise a chiropractor.			
6	Chair Halloran commented that both sides agreed			
7	that this may be something the legislature should work			
8	with the veterinarians and chiropractors about and			
9	have something better legislatively, rather than			
10	having it come to the Board.]			
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12	Report of Board Chair			
13	[Joseph Gerard Halloran, D.C., Chair, informed			
14	everyone of a statewide lifting of the mask mandate on			
15	June 28, 2022, according to the Pennsylvania			
16	Department of Health. He noted health care workers			
17	would still probably follow the Centers for Disease			
18	Control and Prevention (CDC) advice until the			
19	Department of Health gives everyone the right to relax			
20	it.			
21	Chair Halloran thanked the chiropractic community			
22	for having less COVID complaints this year than last			
23	year.			
24	Chair Halloran thanked Commissioner Kalonji			
25	Johnson, on behalf of the Pennsylvania State Board of			

Chiropractic, for his leadership as the commissioner
 of the Bureau of Professional and Occupational
 Affairs. He welcomed Acting Commissioner Arion
 Claggett and is hoping to have a fruitful relationship
 with him also.

6 Chair Halloran announced his and Dr. Aukerman's 7 intentions of attending the Federation of Chiropractic 8 Licensing Boards and the National Board of 9 Chiropractic Examiners Meeting May 5-8, 2022, in 10 Denver, CO. He offered to provide the information to 11 Dr. Aukerman as soon as he has successfully used the 12 new travel portal to get the trip approved and thanked 13 Ms. McNeill for providing information to Board members 14 regarding the new system.

15 Chair Halloran announced that the National Board 16 of Chiropractic Examiners will be requesting help with 17 monitoring their Part IV Exam in New York and 18 suggested contacting the former chair of the 19 Pennsylvania State Board of Chiropractic, Kathleen 20 McConnell, to take care of that duty for the Board. 21 Chair Halloran informed Ms. McNeill that she 22 should be receiving a request for help in New York and 23 could either send him an email asking if she could 2.4 contact Dr. McConnell or send him the link, so he 25 could have Dr. McConnell contact the National Board of

1 Chiropractic Examiners.

2	Chair Halloran informed the Board that he
3	received a recent study from the Federation of
4	Chiropractic Licensing Boards regarding how each state
5	certifies, registers, or licenses chiropractic
6	assistants. He mentioned that the study was performed
7	by a law student from the American University of
8	Washington College of Law, Sarah Spady.

9 Chair Halloran noted Ms. Spady found that 23 10 states in the United States had no specific language 11 in their law as to how a chiropractic assistant is 12 trained, other than a chiropractor must be at the 13 location where the chiropractic assistant activity is 14 taking place so onsite supervision could be achieved.

15 Chair Halloran commented that Pennsylvania has 16 always allowed the chiropractor to do that. He noted 17 that some states had language only pertaining to 18 training chiropractic assistants in helping the 19 chiropractor perform X-rays.

20 Chair Halloran mentioned that some states 21 required certification of chiropractic assistants 22 through educational programs either designed by the 23 state or using training and testing from certified 24 chiropractic assistants programs, such the coursework 25 and testing that the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards does through their Providers of
 Approved Continuing Education (PACE) coursework, where
 6 hours every 2 years is required to keep their
 certification.

5 Chair Halloran noted Florida requires their 6 chiropractic assistants to be registered assistants, 7 but there was really no educational specifics spelled out in the law. He explained that the chiropractor 8 9 must train and maintain their chiropractic staff, and their assistants have to be registered with the state. 10 11 He mentioned that a chiropractic assistant could also 12 take extra coursework and become a certified 13 chiropractic assistant and could then be a supervisor 14 for the registered chiropractic assistants.

15 Chair Halloran stated Iowa requires a 16 chiropractic assistant training program that is 12 17 hours active therapy and 12 hours passive therapy, 18 where each of those 12 hours must have 6 hours of 19 hands-on training. He noted there did not seem to be 20 a continuing education requirement.

21 Chair Halloran commented that the United States
22 has different degrees of chiropractic assistant
23 certification and training with about half of them
24 depending on individual chiropractic offices to train
25 their chiropractic assistants.

Chair Halloran stated House Bill 2267 seems to be 1 2 close in line to the requirements of the Federation of 3 Chiropractic Licensing Boards chiropractic 4 certification program. He noted the act would require 5 16 hours of continuing education, 8 of which would be 6 sponsored onsite by an agency that would request 7 permission from the state Board to sponsor the 8 continuing education.

9 Chair Halloran mentioned that 16 hours of 10 continuing education is more hours than most states 11 that have a type of requirement initially for 12 training. He noted that after the initial training, 13 the individual would rely on the chiropractors 14 themselves to keep their training up with the 15 assumption they have achieved a certain competency 16 after working with the chiropractic equipment, 17 patients, and the chiropractic office management software. 18

19 Chair Halloran mentioned that chiropractic
20 licensing boards research shows that most states do
21 not require that many hours or continuing education or
22 do not require any extra continuing education after
23 initial classroom training.

24 Chair Halloran commented that the Pennsylvania25 State Board of Chiropractic is very interested in this

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bill and what type of economic impact it would have in 1 2 the office when requiring this much continuing 3 education for chiropractic assistants and whether there would be an administrative burden. 4 Chair Halloran informed everyone that there would 5 6 be further discussion concerning the bill during the 7 Regulatory Committee Meeting and at the next Board meeting because it is the beginning of getting 8 9 chiropractic assistants certified.] 10 \* \* \* Report of Board Administrator - No Report 11 \* \* \* 12 New Business 13 14 [Joseph Gerard Halloran, D.C., Chair, noted PACE 15 course submission for continuing education approval. 16 Ms. VanOrder explained that the language 17 submitted by the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing 18 Boards (FCLB) is to be included in the application. She suggested having the Regulatory Committee consider 19 20 the language or putting a committee together just to 21 look at whether there is a way to include it in the 22 application. 23 Chair Halloran recommended having two different 24 committee meetings with Dr. Swank chairing both. He 25 mentioned having the issue taken discussed by the

Continuing Education Committee and then have all the 1 2 chiropractors onboard for the Regulatory Committee. 3 Dr. Swank commented that the only problem he has seen is if a course does have PACE approval and then 4 asks for Pennsylvania approval, they are pending the 5 6 PACE approval thinking Pennsylvania is automatically 7 going to approve it based on that. Ms. VanOrder commented that this is an 8 9 administrative action and suggested she and the people 10 reviewing the CE applications on behalf of the Board, Dr. Swank and the Board administrator, get together to 11 12 look at the forms and proposed language and bring it back to the Board.] 13 \* \* \* 14 15 Public Comment 16 [Edward Nielsen, MHS, Executive Vice President, 17 Pennsylvania Chiropractic Association, commented that 18 the issues the Pennsylvania Chiropractic Association (PCA) is looking at are similar to what the Board is 19 20 dealing with from delegation to COVID issues with 21 masking and social media posts in terms of 22 disciplinary issues. 23 Chair Halloran addressed a question presented 24 three Board meetings ago concerning the Pennsylvania 25 Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA). Нe

1 explained that the state of Pennsylvania wanted PIAA 2 to give them access to their information system, and 3 PIAA said no because they are an independent agency 4 and sued the state.

5 Chair Halloran noted that the state of Pennsylvania won, where PIAA would have to comply and 6 7 open information but PIAA appealed. He stated PIAA is not cooperating with the state or anybody right now. 8 9 He explained PIAA would have to share information and 10 any inquiries from anybody in the state about anything 11 if they go as far as the Supreme Court and lose, but 12 it is a matter of being patient with this process.

Dr. McCarrin addressed confusion over the role of 13 the Pennsylvania State Board of Chiropractic. 14 Нe 15 stated the role of the Board is to enforce the law and not to write it. He commented that any changes in the 16 17 act or anything else is the responsibility of state 18 associations or affiliations. He further explained 19 that the Board's responsibility is to take what is 20 given to them and enforce it with the exception of 21 writing a regulation every once in a while, which is 22 difficult to get passed.

23 Ms. VanOrder commented that some of the questions 24 and frustration comes from not understand the 25 boundaries and jurisdiction of the Board. She noted

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1 the Board has been willing to take input and consider 2 input and share with other entities that may be able 3 to proceed or not and try to direct in the way they 4 can.

5 Ms. VanOrder mentioned that a bill is out there 6 and moving in regard to the delegation issue, noting 7 the Board had a special meeting to discuss the 8 delegation issue, along with PCA being very active in 9 supporting and ushering the bill forward.

10 Chair Halloran addressed the importance of 11 understanding the functions of the Board, emphasizing 12 that the Board does not make complaints about someone. 13 The complaints come from staff, patients, or fellow 14 chiropractors. He stated the Board does not make any 15 policies other than regulation from a law and work on 16 disciplinary functions based on complaints that has 17 already been passed by the legislature.

Dr. McCarrin commented that about 60 percent of the Board's agenda are people who do not know how to practice in Pennsylvania or know there are certain things a chiropractor cannot do and will end up before the Board for disciplinary actions. He noted that Board members do not want to add things to the agenda unless they are serious.

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Chair Halloran further explained that Board

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1 members would be required to recuse themselves from 2 any cases in which they had involvement. He stated 3 the Board does not have an investigative function. 4 Complaints are received through the prosecution 5 division for investigation with the Board then having 6 the final say in the matter.

7 Chair Halloran informed everyone that the Board 8 would probably be revisiting the 24 hours and trying 9 to get 12 out of the 24 hours in person and will be 10 discussed at the Regulatory Committee Meeting.

11 Chair Halloran encouraged everyone to let the 12 Board know if they have a specific complaint or 13 question. He stated every chiropractor on the Board 14 works really hard for the benefit of the profession in 15 keeping it safe with reasonable regulations.

16 Chair Halloran mentioned that not many 17 prosecution cases are opened for chiropractors out of 18 the thousands of cases opened for medical providers. 19 He stated the profession was doing a great job, and 20 the Board goes through a tremendous amount of work to 21 prepare for the Board meetings.

Mary Rutkowski, D.C., Center Valley Chiropractic, informed the Board that she tried to download the No Surprises Act uninformed charges form, but the form is in the process of being made. She also requested a

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clarification from the Board regarding the act being
 just for hospitals and facilities.

Ms. VanOrder stated the Board cannot provide any advisory opinions, and the presentation was by the Pennsylvania Insurance Department, which is separate from the Department of State. She suggested Dr. Rutkowski contact the Pennsylvania Insurance Department with any follow-up questions and review the act in its entirety.

10 Chair Halloran commented that some of the 11 frustration with the Board is they are not able to 12 answer a question, where it looks like they are 13 legally sidestepping it, but it is because they 14 legally cannot give an advisory opinion.

15 Chair Halloran suggested Dr. Rutkowski contact 16 the PCA since she is a member, where the PCA legal 17 team could go over the No Surprises Act to make sure 18 there is a proper form. He noted that some of the 19 frustration from PCA members and other members of 20 chiropractic is the advisory role, where the Board 21 cannot interpret what another agency's remarks.

22 Mr. Nielsen requested a copy of the notes of the 23 presentation by PID to the Board.

Ms. VanOrder offered to reach out to the PID for25 PCA.

Chair Halloran again commented that the Board 1 2 works very hard on behalf of the profession and state of Pennsylvania. He stated there was nobody on the 3 4 Board that has anything but good intentions to do 5 their duty to the state and chiropractic profession. 6 He noted that some states function as an advisory 7 panel to their governors, but Pennsylvania is 8 regulation, protection, and discipline when 9 appropriate. 10 Chair Halloran again noted that there would be a 11 Regulatory Committee Meeting on April 28 at 8 a.m. 12 before the regular Board meeting and encouraged 13 everyone to attend. He stated the Regulatory 14 Committee Meeting is just like an open Sunshine Act 15 state Board meeting.] \* \* \* 16 17 Adjournment CHAIR HALLORAN: 18 19 Would someone want to make a motion for 20 adjournment? 21 DR. AUKERMAN: 22 I'll make a motion to adjourn the 23 meeting. 24 CHAIR HALLORAN: 25 Do I have a second?

DR. SWANK: We can do this by voice acclamation. We have a motion on the floor to adjourn the meeting of February 24, 2022, from the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. All in favor, say aye. By voice acclamation, this meeting is over. [The motion carried unanimously.] \* \* \* [There being no further business, the State Board of Chiropractic Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.] \* \* \* 

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5 6 7	TIME	AGENDA
8 9 10	9:00 10:30	Executive Session Return to Open Session
10 11 12	10:31	Official Call to Order
12 13 14	10:32	Introduction of Board Members/Attendees
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35	10:36	Adoption of the Agenda
	10:36	Approval of Minutes
	10:38	Report of Prosecution
	10:43	Report of Board Counsel
	10:46	New Business
	10:50	Appointment - Pennsylvania Insurance Department Presentation
	11:20	Appointment - Carolyn A. DeLaurentis, Esquire, Deputy Chief Counsel, Prosecution Division Annual Report Presentation
	11:34	Appointment - Bureau of Finance and Operations Annual Budget and Fee Increase Proposal Presentation
36 37 38	11:54	Report of Board Counsel - Regulations
39	12:24	Report of Board Counsel - Miscellaneous
40 41	12:32	Report of Board Chair
42 43	12:42	New Business
44 45	12:46	Public Comment
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