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10	STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC
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12	TIME: 9:02 A.M.
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14	PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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State Board of Chiropractic March 21, 2019 BOARD MEMBERS: J. Gerard Halloran, D.C., Chair Kalonji Johnson, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs John E. McCarrin, D.C., Secretary William D. Aukerman, D.C. Michael S. Swank, D.C. Nikole N. Brock, Deputy Attorney General, Consumer Protection Miriam Merry Woods, Public Member BUREAU PERSONNEL: Kenneth J. Suter, Esquire, Board Counsel Paul J. Jarabeck, Esquire, Senior Prosecutor in Charge Kimberly A. Adams, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison David Schertz, Esquire, Board Prosecutor Elizabeth Wecker, Board Administrator Kimberly Adams, Chief of Fiscal Management, Bureau of Finance and Operations Shannon Boop, Fiscal Management Specialist, Bureau of Finance and Operations ALSO PRESENT: Edward L. Nielsen, MHS, Executive Vice President, Pennsylvania Chiropractic Association John Wanner, CAE, Chiropractor Fellowship of Pennsylvania

3 * * * 1 2 State Board of Chiropractic 3 March 21, 2019 * * * 4 5 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State 6 Board of Chiropractic was held on Thursday, March 21, 7 2019. * * * 8 9 Official Call to Order 10 [J. Gerard Halloran, D.C., Chair, called the meeting 11 to order at 9:02 a.m. 12 Chair Halloran introduced Mr. Ken Suter as the 13 new Board counsel.] * * * 14 15 Approval of Minutes of the January 17, 2019 meeting CHAIR HALLORAN: 16 17 The first item on the agenda would be 18 looking at the draft minutes of January 19 17, 2019. Has everybody had a chance to 20 look those over, and are there any 21 corrections? Could I have a motion from the 22 23 Board to accept the Board minutes of January 17, 2019? 24 25 MS. WOODS:

Motion to accept the Board minutes. 1 2 CHAIR HALLORAN: 3 Is there a second? DR. AUKERMAN: 4 5 I'll make a motion to second. CHAIR HALLORAN: 6 7 All in favor, say aye. 8 [The motion carried unanimously.] 9 * * * 10 Appointment - Bureau of Finance and Operations Annual 11 Budget Presentation 12 [Kimberly Adams, Chief of Fiscal Management, Bureau of Finance and Operations, introduced herself, and 13 14 Shannon Boop, Fiscal Management Specialist 1. 15 Ms. Adams addressed licensee population from a 16 revenue standpoint. She noted the current licensee 17 count for FY 2018-2019 at 3,959, with a recent addition of 8 licensees. She commented that the 18 19 licensee count had decreased by 144 over FY 2014-2015 20 and then FY 2016-2017. 21 Chair Halloran questioned whether there were any 22 statistics concerning the decline. Ms. Adams will 23 provide that information at a later time. 24 Ms. Adams stated 96.8% of revenue was from 25 renewals and applications. She reviewed the current

1 biennial total.

2	Ms. Adams reviewed the categorical breakdown of
3	administrative and legal expenses for FY 2016-17 and
4	FY 2017-18, FY 2018-2019 budget, and the FY 2018-2019
5	expenses. She noted an increase in expenses. She
6	stated expenses are incurred from direct-based cost,
7	timesheet-based charges, and licensee-based charges.
8	Ms. Adams addressed revenues and expenses from FY
9	2016-2017, FY 2017-2018, and FY 2018-2019. She noted
10	that expenses are over revenue. She also noted a
11	decrease in the licensee trend, but the Board appears
12	to be financially acceptable.
13	Mr. Suter questioned whether there was a
14	projection of when the Board may need to address a fee
15	increase, noting his concern of the two-year process
16	after hearing about a vote for an increase that was
17	rescinded. Chair Halloran noted an increase was
18	approved by the Board but rescinded by the Bureau of
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	Professional and Occupational Affairs (BPOA).
20	Ms. Wecker said it was rescinded and that it was decided that the Board would not need an increase at
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22	the time.
23	Mr. Suter and Ms. Adams will obtain additional
24	information on the matter in preparation for the next
25	meeting. Ms. Adams noted a fee increase that was

6 approved in 2016 at 35% that had been rescinded 1 2 because the fee increase was not needed. 3 Ms. Adams provided a breakdown of Board member expenses for FY 2016-2017 and FY 2017-2018, noting the 4 5 budget for FY 2018-2019. She noted an increase in 6 expenses as of February 27, 2019. She noted that the 7 budget will remain the same for FY 2019-2020. She 8 commented that any excess goes back to the restricted 9 account for the Board's use. 10 Ms. Adams reviewed the expenditure sheet 11 reflecting a pictorial overview of the fluctuation in 12 expenses since 2006. Ms. Adams will return for the next Board meeting 13 on May 16, 2019, to discuss whether the Board would 14 15 vote to cancel the rescind of the fee increase.] * * * 16 17 Report of Board Prosecution 18 [Paul J. Jarabeck, Esquire, Senior Prosecuting 19 Attorney, presented the VRP Consent Agreement for File 20 No. 18-43-008345.] 21 * * * 22 [David J. Schertz, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, 23 presented the Consent Agreement for File No. 13-43-24 08370.1 25 * * *

[Kalonji Johnson, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of 1 2 Professional and Occupational Affairs, entered the 3 meeting at 9:28 a.m.] * * * 4 5 [Kimberly A. Adams, Esquire, Board Prosecution 6 Liaison, presented the Consent Agreement for File No. 7 17-43-01758. Ms. Adams will present the Office of General Counsel's Mediation Program in this case.] 8 9 * * * 10 Report of Acting Commissioner 11 [Kalonji Johnson, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, introduced 12 himself to the Board. Acting Commissioner Johnson 13 announced that former Commissioner Harlow had been 14 15 promoted to Deputy Secretary of Regulatory Affairs. 16 Acting Commissioner Johnson expressed his eagerness to work with the Board. He discussed his 17 18 prior role as Policy Director for the Department of 19 State, including shepherding promulgated regulations 20 and working with the Governor's Policy Office on their 21 approval. 22 Acting Commissioner Johnson announced his 23 replacement, Marc Farrell, who has extensive knowledge 2.4 in the regulatory process. 25 Acting Commissioner Johnson assured the Board

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that their strategic initiatives would be brought 1 2 forward and their voices heard.] * * * 3 4 Report of Board Counsel 5 [Kenneth J. Suter, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted three 6 consent agreements for discussion in Executive 7 Session. Mr. Suter addressed the Sports Medicine Licensure Clarity Act. He participated in a legal 8 subgroup conference call of the Federation of 9 10 Chiropractic Licensing Boards concerning the 11 interpretation of this act. 12 Mr. Suter explained that the act permits the 13 practice of a physician, chiropractor, or athletic 14 trainer who travels with a sports team from their 15 licensed home state to another state where they are 16 not licensed. He commented that enforcement was still 17 not clear. He will be attending the next group 18 meeting in Mission Bay, along with Chair Halloran and 19 Dr. Aukerman. 20 Chair Halloran noted that the National 21 Chiropractic Mutual Insurance Company (NCMIC) sent 22 several chiropractors, who will be protecting team 23 chiropractors according to the new federal Sports 24 Medicine Licensure Clarity Act. He explained that 25 under this new law, malpractice coverage and the

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1 individual's state license follow them to team events
2 in other states.

3 Chair Halloran commented that rules apply to sanctioned professional, Olympic, high school, and 4 5 college teams. He explained the NCMIC process 6 concerning preregistration as a team member that 7 allows NCMIC to verify membership with the team through documentation for protection. He noted the 8 9 individual must register with their malpractice 10 carrier.

11 Chair Halloran emphasized that this coverage limits the individual to being only a team doctor and 12 13 does not permit treatment of anyone other than a team 14 member. Individuals must register with their 15 malpractice carrier and provide them team information. 16 Mr. Suter addressed House Bill 15 regarding 17 telemedicine with expectations of passage in this 18 legislative session. He noted telemedicine to be 19 broad in terms of who can practice telemedicine, but 20 there are specific details in terms of requirements. 21 He stated each respective licensing Board was required 22 to pass regulations within a 24-month period if the 23 bill passes. 2.4 Acting Commissioner Johnson commented that the bill is 25 nearly identical to the previous bill that was

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introduced last session, except for the types of 1 2 health care practitioners included in the legislation. 3 The expanded list of health care practitioners correlates with the Health Care Facilities Act. 4 Mr. Suter discussed House Bill 517 regarding 5 6 delegation to supportive personnel that requires the 7 chiropractor to be on the premises for supervision. 8 He discussed delegating an activity or duty to 9 unlicensed supportive personnel who are not qualified through their training and education to perform the 10 11 activity and failing to exercise direct on premises supervision of the unlicensed personnel. 12 Dr. McCarrin noted the need to be 13 14 cautious with the language, specifically to clarify 15 the interpretation by insurance companies. 16 Edward L. Nielsen, MHS, Executive Vice President, 17 Pennsylvania Chiropractic Association, addressed House 18 Bill 517 introduced by Representative Stephen Barrar 19 being circulated in the House Professional Licensure 20 Committee. He also noted a companion bill that 21 Senator David Argall was circulating for co-22 sponsorship. He stated the Pennsylvania Chiropractic 23 Association (PCA) had taken a three-prong approach by 24 supporting the state Board in delegation and 25 supporting Representative Barrar's and Senator

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11 Argall's bipartisan approach to gain support. 1 2 Mr. Nielsen discussed the importance to know 3 whether the Board had ever had an issue of sanctioning 4 or otherwise adjudicating against a doctor of 5 chiropractic for a problem resulting from the delegation of unlicensed personnel, which would help 6 7 the case weigh delegation legislation and regulations. Acting Commissioner Johnson discussed the 8 9 regulatory process through the General Assembly and 10 the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC). 11 Acting Commissioner Johnson commented that the 12 three-prong approach was excellent in getting a jump 13 start on the regulations by concurrently contacting 14 the assembly members to ensure that the bill moves out 15 of the committee, and gets exposed in both chambers. As soon as that bill is passed, there would no longer 16 17 be the 12-month gap. 18 Acting Commissioner Johnson commented that the 19 individuals following the legislative track would have 20 the ability to comment publicly on the regulatory provisions. The public comment period would also be 21 22 used to ensure the legislation and re-regulation are 23 in sync.] 2.4 * * * 25 Report of Board Chairman

1 [J. Gerard Halloran, D.C., Chair, welcomed Ken Suter 2 as the new Board counsel.

Chair Halloran requested more time from state associations, attorneys, and individual chiropractors for the Chiropractic State Board to analyze the best way forward regarding animal chiropractic, which will be discussed further in executive session.

Chair Halloran noted several Board members have 8 9 been contacted by fellow chiropractors concerning the 10 processing of fellow chiropractors who are in the news 11 for violations of law. He stated the Board must be 12 careful about these issues, noting that this will be 13 discussed with Board counsel to quantify the 14 procedures needed to act in a responsible manner that 15 would not prejudice any future deliberations.

16 Chair Halloran noted Dr. McCarrin's suggestion to 17 have a membership committee to review candidates who 18 want to sit on the state Board, which will also be 19 discussed during executive session to ensure no 20 interference with the Governor's Office in choosing 21 candidates for the state Board.

22 Chair Halloran stated the National Board of 23 Chiropractic Examiners Meeting requested that a member 24 of the Board attend the June 21-22, 2019 meeting in 25 Greeley, CO, which will be discussed further in New

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Business. He noted Dr. Khouri and Dr. McConnell's help with the May meeting since they are not currently members of the Board and should have no problems with reimbursement requirements from the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

6 Chair Halloran, Dr. Aukerman, and Mr. Suter were 7 approved to represent the Chiropractic State Board at 8 the Annual Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards 9 Annual Educational Congress Meeting in Mission Hills, 10 CA, from May 1-5, 2019.

11 Chair Halloran addressed the Sports Medicine 12 Licensure Act that was federally passed and applies to 13 individuals being a registered team doctor as a 14 chiropractor or any profession from the professional 15 ranks down to the high school ranks. He provided an 16 overview of team doctor coverage areas. He commented 17 that the state that would determine the scope of 18 practice would be the state in which the practice was 19 taking place.

20 Chair Halloran noted that team doctors who want 21 the coverage must register with NCMIC and must have 22 documentation from the team that the individual is 23 team doctor, which takes care of license requirements 24 under the federal law.

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Dr. McCarrin questioned whether a chiropractor

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can serve on a high school team as a team physician in
 Pennsylvania.

3 Chair Halloran explained that the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) will not 4 5 allow this practice, which is a whole other issue. He stated, under the Sports Medicine Licensure Clarity 6 7 Act, the state law allows an individual to be a team physician for any high school, but that individual may 8 9 not be a sanctioned team physician under PIAA because 10 of an exclusion for chiropractors.

Mr. Suter noted a discussion with lawyers representing other licensing Boards who agreed that it was not entirely clear which state would be enforcing this when an individual was in the other state, if it would be the home state or the state the individual was in.

17 Chair Halloran commented that some of these 18 issues will hopefully be clarified at the Annual FCLB 19 Educational Congress Meeting.

20 Chair Halloran thanked chiropractors for their 21 support of the Pennsylvania State Board of 22 Chiropractic's effort to get sensible treatment 23 regulations accepted. He also thanked PCA for their 24 support.

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Chair Halloran stated the Board will maintain

1 relevant training surrounding the opioid issue.

Chair Halloran reminded Board members of annual financial statements and information technology (IT) acceptable use policies and to update state email and password.

6 Chair Halloran reviewed correspondence concerning 7 the association between utilization of chiropractic services for treatment of low back pain and use of 8 prescription opioids. He noted the Board's commitment 9 10 to the opioid problem. He noted problems that hurt patient care and the importance of finding ways to 11 have chiropractic care get included in chronic low 12 13 back issues to help mitigate this problem to increase patient access to hands-on physical medicine. 14

Mr. Nielsen noted material concerning the concept of conservative care first (CCF) from the Foundation for Chiropractic Progress, which is the marketing arm of the profession nationally.

Mr. Nielsen noted communication with Dr. Levine and later possibly the inspector general in terms of insurance company practice that relates to conservative care first.

Dr. McCarrin suggested PCA reach out to the medical malpractice insurance companies to conduct lectures for primary care doctors regarding opioid use

and alternative health care to bridge the gap with the 1 2 opioid condition and the relationship with the American Medical Association (AMA) and other groups. 3 Mr. Nielsen stated PCA will be extending an 4 invitation to the president of the Pennsylvania 5 6 Medical Society Liability Insurance Company (PMSLIC) 7 to speak to the Board. Chair Halloran reiterated the Chiropractic 8 9 Board's commitment to the opioid issue with continued 10 training and relevant facts to bring to forth.] * * * 11 Report of Regulatory Counsel - No Report 12 13 [Kalonji Johnson, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of 14 Professional and Occupational Affairs, updated the 15 Board regarding the delegation regulation, noting Cynthia Montgomery, Senior Counsel in Charge, was 16 17 reviewing the regulation and awaiting departmental 18 legal review.] * * * 19 20 Report of Board Administrator 21 [Elizabeth Wecker, Board Administrator, announced that 22 Michelle Roberts will be her replacement at the 23 meetings during her maternity leave.] 24 * * * 25 Review of Applications - No Report

17 * * * 1 2 Old Business 3 [J. Gerard Halloran, D.C., Chair, noted the petition for amendment of regulations regarding animal 4 5 chiropractic. 6 Mr. Suter noted this to be a sensitive matter and 7 cautioned the Board to not discuss specific cases. Chair Halloran suggested tabling this issue for 8 9 advice from Board Counsel during executive session and 10 to allow more time for a decision in the future.] * * * 11 12 New Business [J. Gerard Halloran, D.C., Chair, addressed the 13 request to have one Board member attend the National 14 15 Board of Chiropractic Examiners Meeting June 21-22, 16 2019, in Greeley, CO. Chair Halloran discussed the differences in the rules of the Federation of 17 18 Chiropractic Licensing Boards (FCLB), which are 19 consistent with state rules, and NBCE.] 20 * * * 21 CHAIR HALLORAN: 2.2 We need a to vote on trying to send me 23 to the National Board of Chiropractic 24 Examiners Meeting in Greeley, CO, June 25 21-22, 2019.

18 DR. MCCARRIN: 1 I'll motion. 2 3 CHAIR HALLORAN: 4 Anybody second that? DR. AUKERMAN: 5 I'll second it. 6 7 CHAIR HALLORAN: All in favor? 8 9 [The motion carried unanimously.] * * * 10 11 New Business (Continued) 12 [J. Gerard Halloran, D.C., Chair, addressed cannabidiol (CBD) oil, noting that it is legal for 13 14 chiropractors to utilize in their office if it is a 15 hemp-based product but not cannabis. Even a trace of cannabis would violate the Federal rule. 16 Chair Halloran noted a discussion at a prior 17 18 Board meeting concerning information from the 19 Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards that CBD 20 oil from pure hemp was not a violation. but CBD oil 21 with either a mixture or from cannabis was a violation 2.2 of the Federal law. He also noted several calls from 23 individuals on the matter. 24 Mr. Suter also noted the receipt of calls and 25 will seek direction from his superiors as to what can

be done since the Board has not ruled on this. 1 Mr. Nielsen commented that PCA concurs with the 2 3 analysis of hemp only. He addressed another issue 4 concerning the threshold of the tetrahydrocannabinol 5 (THC) level in oils, where 3% of THC or less is 6 acceptable according to the federal and/or state government. He noted confusion in terms of 7 understanding hemp versus cannabis and the THC 8 9 percentage.] 10 * * * [The Board recessed from 11 a.m. until 11:05 a.m.] 11 * * * 12 13 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at 14 11:05 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session 15 with Kenneth J. Suter, Esquire, Board Counsel, for receipt of legal advice and the purpose of conducting 16 17 quasi-judicial deliberations. The Board returned to 18 open session at 12:35 p.m.] * * * 19 20 [Kalonji Johnson, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of 21 Professional and Occupational Affairs, exited the 22 meeting at 12:35 p.m.] 23 * * * 24 MOTIONS 25 CHAIR HALLORAN:

20 We just completed executive session for 1 2 the issue of deliberating quasi-judicial 3 issues and specifically to get the advice of Board counsel on these issues. 4 5 We are going to work on File No. 6 18 - 43 - 008345. 7 DR. MCCARRIN: 8 I make a motion to approve the Consent 9 Agreement for File No. 18-43-08345. 10 CHAIR HALLORAN: 11 Do I have a second? 12 DR. AUKERMAN: I'll second. 13 CHAIR HALLORAN: 14 15 I think we should do a voice vote on 16 this. 17 18 J. Gerard Halloran, aye; Michael S. 19 Swank, aye; William D. Aukerman, aye; 20 Nikole N. Brock, aye; John E. McCarrin, 21 aye; and Miriam Merry Woods, aye; 22 [The motion carried unanimously.] 23 * * * 2.4 CHAIR HALLORAN: 25 We are on File No. 13-43-08370, Joshua

21 Michael Rosinski, D.C. 1 2 MS. BROCK: 3 I make a motion to table this pending 4 the receipt of more information to be 5 dealt with at the next Board meeting, which is May 16, 2019. 6 7 MS. WOODS: 8 Second. 9 CHAIR HALLORAN: 10 Woods, second. 11 [The motion carried unanimously.] * * * 12 CHAIR HALLORAN: 13 14 We are on File No. 17-43-01758, Charles 15 H. Durr, D.C. DR. MCCARRIN: 16 17 I motion to approve the Consent 18 Agreement, File No. 17-43-01758. 19 DR. SWANK: 20 Second. 21 CHAIR HALLORAN: 22 I think we should have a voice vote on 23 this. 24 25 J. Gerard Halloran, aye; Michael S.

1 Swank, aye; William D. Aukerman, aye; 2 Nikole N. Brock, aye; John E. McCarrin, 3 aye; and Miriam Merry Woods, aye; 4 [The motion carried unanimously.] * * * 5 6 DR. MCCARRIN: 7 I would like to make a motion that the state Board support House Bill 517 and 8 9 that we direct our Board counsel to 10 draft a letter in that support. 11 MS. WOODS: 12 Second. CHAIR HALLORAN: 13 14 A voice vote, please. 15 16 J. Gerard Halloran, aye; Michael S. Swank, aye; William D. Aukerman, aye; 17 18 Nikole N. Brock, aye; John E. McCarrin, 19 aye; and Miriam Merry Woods, aye; 20 [The motion carried unanimously.] * * * 21 CHAIR HALLORAN: 22 23 I would like to make a motion on the 24 petition for amendment of regulations 25 regarding animal chiropractic. I am

going to motion that we table any type 1 2 of consideration for this for the time 3 being. What I want to do is invite the 4 5 Veterinary Board to have a joint session 6 between the Veterinary Board and the 7 Chiropractic Board on animal 8 chiropractic issues. After we have a 9 joint session and have some discussion 10 between the Boards, we will come back to 11 this petition and make a decision. 12 Do I have a second on that? 13 DR. SWANK: 14 Second. 15 CHAIR HALLORAN: 16 Can we do a voice vote on that? 17 18 J. Gerard Halloran, aye; Michael S. 19 Swank, aye; William D. Aukerman, aye; 20 Nikole N. Brock, aye; John E. McCarrin, 21 aye; and Miriam Merry Woods, aye; 22 [The motion carried unanimously.] 23 * * * 24 Adjournment 25 CHAIR HALLORAN:

Do I have a motion to adjourn? DR. MCCARRIN: I'll motion. DR. AUKERMAN: Second. CHAIR HALLORAN: Aukerman, second. Voice vote. Capped by acclimation. [The motion carried unanimously.] * * * [There being no further business, the State Board of Chiropractic Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.] * * *

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5	I hereby certify that the foregoing summary
6	minutes of the State Board of Chiropractic meeting,
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9	substance of the State Board of Chiropractic meeting.
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	TIME	AGENDA
8	9:02	Official Call to Order
9 10	9:03	Approval of Minutes
11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 22 33	9:04	Appointment - Bureau of Finance and Operations Annual Budget Presentation
	9:19	Report of Prosecutorial Division
	9:41	Report of Acting Commissioner
	9:45	Report Board Counsel
	10:08	Report of Board Chairman
	10:40	Report of Regulatory Counsel
	10:42	Report of Board Administrator
	10:44	Old Business
	10:49	New Business
	11:00 11:05	Recess Return to Open Session
34 35 36	11:05 12:35	Executive Session Return to Open Session
37	12:35	Motions
38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50	12:40	Adjournment

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