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Board Meeting Minutes of 1/30/2024

Board Members Present: Heather Hussey-Johnson - Chair
Division Staff: Cesley Metcalfe, Executive Officer
Mary Conway
Greg Loos, General Counsel
Candace Villarreal, Licensing Specialist
Christian Runnalls, Board Support Specialist

Board Members Absent: Jack Zarybnisky, O.D.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by Heather Hussey-Johnson.

DIVISION BUSINESS

Five-Year Projection of Cash Balances: Ms. Metcalfe presented details of the Board's five-year cash balance projection and potential options to reduce the balance.

BOARD BUSINESS

Zero-Based Regulation: Mr. Loos explained the purpose and process of Zero-Based Regulation (ZBR). The Board will review its administrative rules to eliminate duplicative or outdated requirements, remove unnecessary barriers, and increase the readability of the rules. Unless stated otherwise, the following changes are being contemplated, pending notice of intent to promulgate rulemaking, stakeholder input, and final votes by the Board:

Rule 002 – Incorporation by Reference: The Board updated the language to reference the most recent NSGC Code of Ethics.

Rule 300.01 – General: The Board struck language referencing “a lesser crime” because Idaho Code § 54-5614(1)(b) only allows the Board to consider felonies when evaluating applications for licensure.

Rule 300.02 – Consideration of Factors and Evidence: The Board struck the rule as duplicative of Idaho Code § 67-9411.

Rule 300.03 – Interview: The Board struck this as a subjective practice that is unnecessary to list in rule.

Rule 300.04 – Applicant Bears the Burden: The Board struck this as an unnecessary rule that serves no legal function.

Rule 300.06 – Examination: The Board struck the last sentence of the rule as unnecessary because the statute and rules don't place limitations on when an applicant passes an exam. The Board added language that allows the Board to accept Board-approved examinations, which allows for exam acronym changes and future exams.

Rule 310 – Requirements for License by Endorsement: The Board struck the rule as duplicative of Idaho Codes §§ 54-5609 and 67-9409.

Rule 311 – Requirements for Provisional License: The Board struck the rule as duplicative of Idaho Code § 54-5610.

Rule 312 – Inactive Status: The Board struck the rule because the statute does not authorize it and very few inactive licenses are requested by licensees.

Rule 500 – Continuing Education: Mr. Loos cited studies that show that there is no correlation between mandated continuing education courses and improved performance. The Board discussed the redundancy of the rule due to the required continuing education for the American Board of Genetic Counseling (ABGC) and the American Board of Medical Genetics (ABMG) certification, of which at least one is required for continued licensure. The Board struck the rule as unnecessary.

Rule 900 – Discipline: The Board struck the rule as duplicative of Idaho Code § 54-5614.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 AM.

The next meeting is on 4/30/2024.