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Board Meeting Minutes of 4/30/2024

Board	Heather Hussey-Johnson - Chair	Division	Cesley Metcalfe, Executive Officer
Members	Mary Conway	Staff:	Greg Loos, General Counsel
Present:	Jack Zarybnisky, O.D.		Kent Absec, Licensing Unit Manager
			Skip Liddle, Investigative Unit Manager
			Candace Villarreal, Licensing Specialist
			Christian Runnalls, Board Support Specialist

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Heather Hussey-Johnson.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 9/19/2023 and 1/30/2024 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

DIVISION BUSINESS

2024 Legislative Session Overview: Ms. Metcalfe provided a legislative update on House Bill 502, House Bill 705, House Bill 767, Senate Bill 1429, and House Bill 670.

Public Board Member Training: Mr. Loos presented training to the Board on the role and importance of public members appointed to regulatory boards.

Open Meeting Law: Mr. Loos gave a presentation on the Open Meeting Law.

Financial Update: Ms. Metcalfe presented the financial report.

BOARD BUSINESS

Zero-Based Regulation: The Board reviewed the comments received through Negotiated Rulemaking that are listed in the relevant rule sections below.

Rule 500 – Continuing Education: Leslie Cohen submitted a written comment stating concern that removing this rule eliminates the CE requirement for individuals who were grandfathered into licensure. The Board removed this rule because licensees are required to maintain an ABGC or ABMG certification, but grandfathered licensees are exempt from the requirement. The Board stated that the grandfather clause only applied to individuals who were certified through ABMC from 1991 and prior. Ms. Villarreal confirmed that Idaho has no grandfathered licenses. No further changes were made to the rule.

Rule 300.06 – Examination: Leslie Cohen provided a written comment opposing the proposed language stating that “another exam approved by the Board” may be considered for licensure because the ABGC certification exam is the standard for ensuring competence. The Board stated that the proposed language is intended to allow the Board to approve an exam administered by an equivalent certification agency or

make allowance for the possibility of a name or acronym change by ABGC. The Board has no intention of approving an exam that is not equivalent to the ABGC certification exam. No further changes were made to the rule.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the rules as proposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Delegated Authority to Close Unfounded Complaints: Mr. Liddle requested delegated authority for Division staff to close complaints that don't violate the Board's regulations. A motion was made and seconded to delegate authority to Division staff to close unfounded complaints. The motion carried unanimously.

Delegated Authority to Close Expungement Requests: Mr. Liddle requested delegated authority for Division staff to close expungement requests that the Board is required to grant. A motion was made and seconded to delegate authority to Division staff to close expungement requests made under Idaho Code § 67-9413(3). The motion carried unanimously.

Licensing Report: Mr. Absec presented the licensing report.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:56 AM.

The next meeting is on 8/27/2024.