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Anna,

Thanks for making these changes. These submissions are good and I will be recommending approval.

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Lawrence,

I am submitting on behalf of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners the technical changes you requested.

Please let us know if you are good with these changes.

Thank you,

Debbie Nowell Legal Administrator

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REQUEST FOR § 150B-21.10 CHANGES

AGENCY: Board of Chiropractic Examiners

RULE CITATION: 21 NCAC 10 .0203

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: Friday, September 9, 2022

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The Rules Review Commission staff has completed its review of this Rule prior to the Commission's next meeting. The Commission has not yet reviewed this Rule and therefore there has not been a determination as to whether the Rule will be approved. You may email the reviewing attorney to inquire concerning the staff recommendation.

In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following changes be made:

In paragraph (b), what is the standard used to determine when the examinations will be held? The language, "will be scheduled based on the number of applications received", is vague and does not provide a sufficient basis upon which this determination will be made.

The Board does not feel that such explanation is necessary as the rule currently provides clear and unambiguous direction re: how much notice shall be given and where notice shall be provided (Board's website). Further, this language was reviewed by RRC counsel as recently as June of 2021 (amendments to the rule effective July 1, 2021) and was not identified as a problem. However, and if preferable to the RRC, the Board is willing to delete "and will be scheduled based on the number of applications received."

In paragraph (b), line 9, remove the comma after "advance", after the following "and" insert "shall publish", and delete "shall be published" to use an active verb and avoid any confusion. OK

Since the Physiotherapy examination is first mentioned in paragraph (c), either use the same language found in subparagraphs (e)(2) and (3) for paragraph (c) for uniformity or use the same language in those subparagraphs for paragraph (c) then switch the subparagraphs to the language in paragraph (c). In short, "and the elective examination termed 'Physiotherapy," should come first as a descriptive term.

We are not 100% clear on what changes are being requested. The "elective exam termed 'Physiotherapy" is a part of the collective National Board Exams which is different from the SPEC exam. Additionally, the core of the National Boards (Parts I-IV) does not include the Physiotherapy exam as some states do not require it, and some states do not include it in their scope. Thus, doctors who want to come to NC must "elect" to take that exam. The Board believes that the regulated public understands the requirements as written. Additionally, the Board received no written comments regarding the amendments to this rule.

In paragraph (e), "SPEC" should have the full-term Special Purpose Examination for Chiropractic ("SPEC") since it is the first time used. Also, remove the full-term from paragraph (f). OK

In paragraph (e), lines 32-33, G.S. 90-143.3 and .0202 are confusingly placed within the sentence. Based on the substance of the statute and rule, the sentence reads the applicant shall take and pass the exams pursuant to the criminal records check for applicants and application requirements for licensure. It would read better as "Examination. An applicant who qualifies for a waiver of any Nation Board score shall maintain compliance with G.S. 90-143.3 and Rule .0202 of this Chapter." OK

What is being required in paragraph (g)? Is there any way to provide more information regarding the examination or cross-reference?

The Board would be willing to make the following edits to paragraph (g) which it believes satisfies your questions:

The North Carolina <u>jurisprudence</u> examination shall be a test of an applicant's knowledge of North Carolina chiropractic <u>jurisprudence</u> <u>law and regulations</u>. The passing grade shall be 75 percent.

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office electronically.

REQUEST FOR CHANGES PURSUANT TO G.S. 150B-21.10

AGENCY: Board of Chiropractic Examiners

RULE CITATION: 21 NCAC 10.0503

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: Friday, September 9, 2022

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following changes be made:

In paragraph (a), what is the Board's Practice Act? What are the relevant procedures and standards of violations of the Board's Practice Act? Where can they be found? Also, who is the person or what is the entity making the determination for possible violations of the Board's Practice Act? What is the Investigative Report, and how is it generated (i.e., by what procedure)?

"Practice Act" is a commonly used term for the collection of statutes that give authority to occupational licensing boards; *see* GS 90-29(c)(4) (Dental Practice Act), 90-171.19 (Nursing Practice Act), 90-656 (Respiratory Care Practice Act), etc. The Board's practice act can be found at Art. 8, Chapter 90 of the NC General Statutes. The investigative report is generated after the Board receives a complaint against a licensee and conducts an investigation.

In paragraph (a), line 32, what party to the violation is being referenced for the informal conference?

See rule .0501; "party" is a licensed chiropractor against whom a complaint is filed.

For what reason is the rule and paragraph .0103(c) referenced in subparagraph (b)(2) of this Rule? It seems unrelated since that subparagraph does not specifically reference the election and is the only part of the election rule being cited.

This rule was cited to add clarity re: what "election" is being referenced in the rule. The Board believes that the rule would be ambiguous without it.

In subparagraph (d)(2), what does the Non-Disciplinary Letter of Caution entail? What are the procedures and effects of the letter?

It is a letter cautioning the licensee being investigated to comply with the Board's rules and statutes. It is non-disciplinary so it has no effect on the licensee's substantive rights.

G.S. § 90-142 should be added to the authority section. OK

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office electronically.

REQUEST FOR CHANGES PURSUANT TO G.S. 150B-21.10

AGENCY: Board of Chiropractic Examiners

RULE CITATION: 21 NCAC 10.0803

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following changes be made:

G.S. § 90-142 and 90-149 should be added to the History Note: Authority section. ${\color{black} {\rm OK}}$

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office electronically.

1 2 21 NCAC 10 .0203 is amended with changes as published in 36:22 NCR 1798-1799 as follows:

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3 21 NCAC 10.0203 NORTH CAROLINA EXAMINATION

4 (a) Eligibility. Only those applicants who meet the requirements of this Rule and G.S. 90-143 or, in the case of

5 reciprocity applicants, G.S. 90-143.1, and who have submitted a written application and paid the non-refundable

6 application fee pursuant to Rule 21 NCAC 10 .0202 shall be allowed to take the North Carolina examination.

7 (b) Dates of Examination. The North Carolina examination shall be given at least four times during the calendar year

8 and will be scheduled based on the number of applications received. <u>year.</u> The Board shall announce an examination

9 date not less than 30 days in advance, advance and shall publish the date of upcoming examinations shall be published

10 on the Board's website, www.ncchiroboard.com. The Board shall also individually notify each eligible applicant of

11 the date of the next examination after the applicant's non-refundable application fee has been paid and the written

12 application completed.

13 (c) National Boards. Except as provided in Paragraph (e) of this Rule, in order to take the North Carolina examination,

14 an applicant who has never been licensed in this State or who is not a reciprocity applicant shall first achieve a score

15 of 375 or higher on Parts I-IV of the examinations and the Physiotherapy examination given by the National Board of

16 Chiropractic Examiners.

17 (d) Report of Scores. The applicant shall arrange for his or her test results from any National Board examination to

be reported to the North Carolina Board. Failure to comply with this Paragraph shall be a basis for delaying the issuance of a license.

20 (e) Waiver of National Boards. Notwithstanding the requirements of Paragraph (c) of this Rule, an applicant who

submits National Board examinations in conformity with the following schedule shall not be disqualified from
 licensure in North Carolina:

- (1) An applicant who graduated from chiropractic college before July 1, 1966 shall not be required to
 submit a score from any National Board examination.
- (2) An applicant who graduated from chiropractic college between July 1, 1966 and June 30, 1986 shall
 be required to submit scores of 375 or higher on National Board Part I, Part II, and the elective
 examination termed "Physiotherapy," but shall not be required to submit a score on Part III (WCCE)
 or Part IV.
- (3) An applicant who graduated from chiropractic college between July 1, 1986 and June 30, 1997 shall
 be required to submit scores of 375 or higher on National Board Part I, Part II, the elective
 examination termed "Physiotherapy," and Part III, but shall not be required to submit a score on Part
 IV.

33 In order to receive a license, an applicant who qualifies for a waiver of any National Board score shall take and pass

34 the SPEC examination Special Purpose Examination for Chiropractic ("SPEC") and the North Carolina Examination

35 pursuant to Examination. An applicant who qualifies for a waiver of any National Board score shall maintain

36 <u>compliance with</u> G.S. 90-143.3 and Rule .0202 of this Chapter.

1	(f) SPEC Exam	nination. In order to take the North Carolina examination, a reciprocity applicant, a waiver applicant
2	pursuant to Par	agraph (e) of this Rule, or an applicant previously licensed in this State whose license has been
3	cancelled pursu	ant to G.S. 90-155 for more than 180 days shall first take and pass the <mark>Special Purpose Examination</mark>
4	<mark>for Chiropractic</mark>	("SPEC"), SPEC. The SPEC exam is administered by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.
5	The passing sco	re shall be 375 or higher. Reciprocity applicants and waiver applicants pursuant to Paragraph (e) of
6	this Rule who h	have achieved a score of 375 or higher on Part IV of the National Board examination shall not be
7	required to take and pass the SPEC exam prior to licensure.	
8	(g) Nature of Examination. The North Carolina jurisprudence examination shall be a test of an applicant's knowledge	
9	of North Carolina chiropractic <mark>jurisprudence.</mark> <u>law and regulations.</u> The passing grade shall be 75 percent.	
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11	History Note:	Authority G.S. 90-142; 90-143; 90-143.1; 90-143.3; 90-144; 90-145; 90-146;
12		Eff/ February 1, 1976;
13		Readopted Eff. January 27, 1978;
14		Amended Eff. January 1, 1983; October 17, 1980;
15		Legislative Objection Lodged Eff. January 31, 1983;
16		Curative Amendment Eff. February 18, 1983;
17		Temporary Amendment Eff. May 1, 1998;
18		Amended Eff. October 1, 2018; April 1, 2018; February 1, 2009; July 1, 2004; August 1, 2000;
19		August 1, 1995; December 1, 1988;
20		Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. April 27,
21		2019;
22		Amended Eff. <u>October 1, 2022;</u> July 1, 2021.

 21 NCAC 10 .0503 is amended with changes as published in 36:17 NCR 1436-1437 as follows:

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3	21 NCAC 10 .05	03 DETERMINATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE
4	(a) General. Con	nplaints deemed likely to have occurred, based on the findings of the Investigative Report, shall be
5	referred to the C	hiropractic Review Committee. The committee shall hold a hearing to determine whether there is
6	probable cause to	believe a violation of the laws governing Chiropractic has occurred.
7	(b) Composition	of Chiropractic Review Committee. The committee shall be composed of:
8	(1)	the secretary of the Board of Examiners. If the secretary is unable to attend a specific probable cause
9		hearing, he or she may designate another physician member of the Board to serve and assume his
10		or her duties at said hearing;
11	(2)	an alternate Board member. "Alternate Board member" means:
12		(A) a former Board member selected by the secretary;
13		(B) a current Board member selected by the secretary; or
14		(C) a licensee selected by the secretary from among those who, at any election held pursuant
15		to Rule .0103(c) of this Chapter, have been elected nominees for Board membership but
16		not appointed to the Board.
17	(c) Notice of her	ring. The secretary shall provide notice of the probable cause hearing in accordance with G.S. 150B-
18	38(b).	
19	(d) Conduct of P	robable Cause Hearing. The secretary, or designee per Subparagraph (b)(1) of this Rule, shall preside
20	over the probabl	e cause hearing. The Chiropractic Review Committee may consider evidence at the probable cause
21	hearing that would not be admissible if offered at the hearing in a contested case.	
22	(e) Action by the	e Chiropractic Review Committee. After examining the evidence presented at the probable cause
23	hearing, the Chir	opractic Review Committee shall dispose of each charge in a complaint as follows:
24	(1)	If no probable cause exists to believe that a violation of G.S. 90-154 has occurred, the charge shall
25		be dismissed;
26	(2)	If probable cause exists to believe that a violation of G.S. 90–154 has occurred, and if the Committee
27		and licensee at issue fail to resolve the matter through settlement, the case shall be considered a
28		"contested case" and set for hearing before either the Board, or an Administrative Law Judge at the
29		NC Office of Administrative Hearings, in accordance with G.S. 150B 40.
30	(a) General. Con	nplaint allegations [deemed likely to have occurred,] <u>that could be considered violations of the Board's</u>
31	Practice Act, bas	ed on the findings of the Investigative Report, shall be referred to the Disciplinary Review Committee
32	(DRC). The DRC	c shall conduct an informal conference with the party in order to consider the possibility of resolving
33	the complaint.	
34	(b) Composition	of the DRC. The DRC shall be composed of:
35	<u>(1)</u>	The Board Secretary; and

1	<u>(2)</u>	Either a former Board member or a licensee from among those who, at any election held pursuant	
2		to Rule .0103(c) of this Chapter, have been elected nominees for Board membership but not	
3		appointed to the Board. The Board Secretary shall select the second DRC member.	
4	(c) The Board Secretary shall preside over the conference.		
5	(d) Action by t	he DRC. The DRC shall dispose of each complaint charge as follows:	
6	<u>(1)</u>	Dismissal of the complaint with no action;	
7	<u>(2)</u>	Non-Disciplinary Letter of Caution;	
8	[<mark>(2)</mark>] <u>(3</u>	<u>) Resolution by settlement; or</u>	
9	[<mark>(3)</mark>] <u>(4</u>	Scheduling for contested case hearing and whether the case shall be set before either the Board or an	
10		Administrative Law Judge in accordance with G.S. 150B-40(e).	
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12	History Note:	Authority G.S. 90-141; <mark>90-142;</mark> 90-143; 90-154;	
13		Eff. December 1, 1988;	
14		Amended Eff. October 1, 2016;	
15		Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. April 27,	
16		2019;	
17		Amended Eff. <u>October 1, 2022;</u> January 1, 2020.	

1	21 NCAC 10 .0803 is adopted with changes as published in 36:17 NCR 1436-1437 as follows:		
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3	21 NCAC 10 .08	803 FEE SCHEDULE	
4	(a) The Board shall charge the following fees:		
5	(1)	License application: \$300.00;	
6	(2)	License renewal: \$300.00;	
7	(3)	Certification of Competence: \$35.00;	
8	(4)	Renewal of Certification of Competence: \$50.00;	
9	(5)	Corporate registration: \$50.00;	
10	(6)	Corporate registration renewal: \$25.00; and	
11	(7)	Predetermination request: \$45.00.	
12	(b) All fees charged by the Board are non-refundable.		
13			
14	History Note:	Authority G.S. 55B-10; 55B-11; <u>90-142;</u> 90-143.2; 90-143.4; <mark>90-149;</mark> 90-155; 93B-8.1;	
15		<i>Eff. October 1, 2022.</i>	

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Lawrence,

Thank you for giving us additional time. 5pm today shouldn't be a problem.

Anna

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Thank you. I think we can manage that.

Anna

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On Sep 8, 2022, at 4:49 PM, Duke, Lawrence <lawrence.duke@oah.nc.gov> wrote:

Anna,

I apologize for just now getting back to you on these changes. With the changes noted on the document you sent made, I would be recommending approval. If you can get these changes made by close of business on Monday, that would be sufficient for getting them in front of the RRC next week. Enjoy your time out of the office tomorrow and please don't worry about getting the changes in by the end of this week. Again, I'm sorry it took two days for me to get back with you.

Thanks,

Lawrence Duke Counsel, NC Rules Review Commission

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Lawrence,

I am circling back on my email of yesterday; please see below. I will be out of the office tomorrow and Friday and thus if I am unable to confirm that my comments and proposed edits in the attachment are

acceptable to you (so that I can submit the official corrections by Friday), I will need to request an extension of time.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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Lawrence,

I am counsel for the NC Board of Chiropractic Examiners. Dr. Siragusa, the Board's Executive Director, received your Request for Changes re: rules .0203, .0503 & .0803 on Friday, September 2nd.

Before we make the edits and submit the rules back to you, I wanted to clear up a few questions. Thus, I have responded to your questions in red. As you will see, we are agreeable to most of your suggestions, but we have questions about others. Please respond at your earliest convenience as we will do our best to get the final version of the rules to you by Friday, September 9.

Thank you.

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Good afternoon,

I'm the attorney who reviewed the Rules submitted by the Board of Chiropractic Examiners for the September 2022 RRC meeting. The RRC will formally review these Rules at its meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be a hybrid of in-person and WebEx attendance, and an evite should be sent to you as we get closer to the meeting. If there are any other representatives from your Board who will want to attend virtually, let me know prior to the meeting, and we will get evites out to them as well.

Please submit the revised Rules and forms to me via email, no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, September 9, 2022.

In the meantime, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about these changes.

Thanks,

Lawrence Duke

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