

When necessary, the Board may go into Executive Session intermittently throughout the meeting for discussion and consultation for legal advice regarding any of the agenda items. A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(3). The Board may also go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(1), records exempt by law from public inspection A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2) or for legal advice and consultation regarding pending or contemplated litigation A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(4). The Board reserves the right to change the order of items on the Agenda and to call cases in random order.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

P. Dianne Haydon, D.C., Chairperson called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m.

The roll was called by Patrice A. Pritzl, Executive Director. The following Board members were available by telephone at roll call: P. Dianne Haydon, D.C., Chairperson; S. Steven Baker, D.C., Vice-Chairperson; Susan Wenberg, Member. Evelyn T. Witherwax, Member was also available by telephone at 12:45 p.m.

Attendance: Patrice A. Pritzl, Executive Director; Charles D. Brown, Deputy Director/Investigator.

The Board discussed the Governor's proposal to consolidate twelve Boards into a single "superboard". The initial concern expressed by the Board was that the draft bill language does not provide sufficient information on which to base comment. The Board did recognize the value of consolidating functions and expressed openness to exploring the process as well as concerns that the process needs to provide more information.

The Board expressed some concerns that do not appear to be addressed. The Board noted that it takes years to train an investigator to become proficient in the practice act and the practice and standards of a profession. The Board expressed concern that investigative proficiency may be negatively impacted. The Board further expressed concern regarding the qualifications of members of one profession to evaluate the practice of another profession. In addition, questions were raised as to the ability of each Board member to develop the familiarity with twelve (12) separate practice acts needed in order to fulfill their duty, and the ability of Board members to attend multiple day Board meetings that would be required to review cases applied to multiple professions. Finally, the Board expressed concern that the use of the "superboard" construct had hindered both efficiency and effectiveness in other states, rather than improve either.

The Board noted that under its current system, the Chiropractic Board is found to be both efficient and effective. The Board's primary concern is to retain or enhance those qualities. The Board also noted that an alternative consolidation effort may be considered, which would retain Board autonomy across professions, but would identify generic functions for consolidation. The Board expressed that while it does want to explore the advantages of consolidation, it needs to be provided with relevant planning and data.

The Board stated that more information is needed to confirm that effectiveness and efficiency will be retained or enhanced rather than hindered. The Board further stated that the information needed to provide that assurance has not been made available at this time.

A motion was made by Dr. Baker and seconded by Ms. Witherwax as follows:

"Based on the limited information that is available now, the Board cannot support legislation creating a "superboard". The Board is receptive to reviewing that data when it becomes available, and will do so with an open mind. The Board also authorizes its executive director to explore the consolidation of generic operations in tandem with other agency directors in order to consider an administrative approach that retains Board autonomy".

Motion passed 4-0-0-0-0-1

4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstained 0-Absent 0-Recused 1-Vacant

A motion was made by Dr. Baker and seconded by Ms. Witherwax to adjourn the meeting.

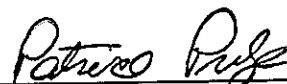
Motion passed 4-0-0-0-0-1

4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstained 0-Absent 0-Recused 1-Vacant

Meeting adjourned **Thursday, January 23, 2008** at 1:03 p.m.



P. Dianne Haydon, D.C., Chairperson



Patrice A. Pritzl, Executive Director