

Meeting Minutes – Occupational Licensure Advisory Committee

Department of Labor and Human Rights

August 1, 2024, 10:00 a.m., Microsoft Teams

Attendees: Nathan Svihovec – Commissioner, Department of Labor and Human Rights

Carolyn Laird – Temporary Research Assistant, Department of Labor and Human Rights

Sandra (Sandy) DePountis – Executive Director, Board of Medicine

Mark Hardy – Executive Director, Board of Pharmacy (part of the meeting)

Petra Mandigo Hulm – Clerk of Court, North Dakota Supreme Court; Secretary-Treasurer, Board of Law Examiners (part of the meeting)

Rebecca (Becky) Pitkin – Executive Director, Education Standards and Practices Board

David Schaibley- Executive Director, Board of Dental Examiners

James Schmidt – Executive Director, State Electrical Board

Guest: Robin Thorstenson – North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Svihovec reported that the meetings with the 42 boards which are part of the study ended on July 26. There was 100% participation for both the questionnaires and meetings.

Discussion turned to universal licensure laws in other states, including states which exempt certain occupations or professions; apprenticeship programs; and statutory timelines for processing routine applications.

Feedback was requested regarding some possible solutions, including timeframes for boards to approve routine, non-derogatory applications; temporary licenses; reciprocity agreements with other states; verification of licensure from only the jurisdiction of licensure being used to apply in North Dakota versus all jurisdictions of current and previous licensure; fees; non-transferability of licenses granted via universal licensure law; continuing education via electronic means; and requirements that applicants have been “actively practicing” within certain timeframes.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.