

Meeting Minutes – Occupational Licensure Advisory Committee

Department of Labor and Human Rights

July 3, 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

Mark Hardy – Executive Director, Board of Pharmacy

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

James Schmidt – Executive Director, State Electrical Board

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

Commissioner Svihovec reported that there are 11 meetings with licensing boards remaining and they will be completed by the end of July. As well, on June 24 he appeared before the Interim Workforce Committee to update them on the study. The committee wants legislation suggestions by October 7.

Commissioner Svihovec spoke about the compilation of other states' universal licensure legislation; work is being done to clean up and finalize the information. Before bringing forward solutions to legislators and the governor's office, he wanted to get the group's thoughts on some potential options. Experience and education requirements, continuing education, background checks, temporary and provisional licenses, licensure for military members and spouses, and issues related to applications and the application process were discussed.

Commissioner Svihovec briefly touched on his meetings with North Dakota Information Technology about boards potentially using Service Now to build out application websites. Wyoming is one state that is going to use it. Members discussed other vendors which are being used, state contracts currently being negotiated via RFP for smaller boards to potentially use, and funding issues.

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