

Meeting Minutes – Occupational Licensure Advisory Committee

Department of Labor and Human Rights

October 5, 2023, 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

Petra Mandigo Hulm – Clerk of Court, North Dakota Supreme Court; Secretary-Treasurer, Board of Law Examiners

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

James Schmidt – Executive Director, State Electrical Board

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

Commissioner Svihovec outlined the timeline for the Occupational Licensure Study as required by SB2249. He planned to distribute a questionnaire to the 42 licensing boards subject to the study with the goal of obtaining a general idea of what they are doing, which will help prepare for the in-person meetings with each board in Spring 2024. As well, he will be compiling information on what other states have done legislatively with respect to licensure reform, particularly those states which say they have universal licensure.

Members discussed possible questions ask boards so to as best acquire relevant and actionable information about licensure for out-of-state applicants and continuing education requirements for all licensees. They also talked about specific licensure data that should be requested and the time period it should cover.

As well, there was conversation about nationwide occupational licensure in general and what members are specifically seeing in other states.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.