

NCITLB Special Called Board Meeting
Location: Zoom
Wednesday, December 16, 2020 – 1:00 pm

Board Members Present: Donnie Dove, Beverly Woodel, Kevin Earp, Pam White, Dave Litman

Board Members Absent: Jim Sewell, Jeff Trader, Lauren Pruet, Cheryl White-Smith

Staff Present: Caitlin Schwab-Falzone, John Green, Cyndi Sosa

Interpreters: Mark Lineberger, Brian Tipton

Called to order 1:07 pm

Conflict of interest statement discussed, and no conflicts heard.

With 5 Board members present there is a quorum.

Donnie let John talk about the rulemaking process and what he has talked about with the Rules Review Commission (RRC) before this meeting.

John talked about the Board's options for this rule. One option is not to change the rule, so a temporary rule could be an option. Another option is a permanent rule change because we do have time to put a permanent rule in place.

The issue with a permanent rule change is do we take off the requirement of face-to-face CEUs permanently or does the Board do it just for one year, so after this licensure year the rule will lose its effectiveness.

A third option, that there could be a rule in place that if there is a state of emergency announced by the President of the US or the Governor of the State of NC, we could suspend our rules. John also talked about possibly having something in place for the provisional extension requests to limit the number of renewals a provisional licensee can get.

The RRC let John know, when he inquired, that they would not allow for another temporary rule change.

Dave asked about the possibility of putting a rule in place to outline the difference between online and in-person CEUs. John said that is possible if the Board wanted to do something like this. Kevin talked about the options for online CEUs and in-person CEUs. Pam talked about some workshops she had taken this past year and how participants interact. Donnie talked about his experience with an online class he took, and it is a thin line between assessing what is interactive and what is not. Dave talked about the possibility of limiting the number of self-paced classes that people take.

1 Discussion about the temporary rule that was in place last year and what our options are. John
2 explained some different options to the Board. John discussed the rulemaking process with the
3 Board so they were aware of how long the rulemaking process can take.

4 Beverly asked if it is possible for the Board to have our rule for this time (during the pandemic)
5 to allow for avoiding making a rule each year? Is it possible to put our rule on hold during
6 COVID? Are we allowed to put on hold that rule? Is there a way in the event of an emergency
7 to “put the rule on hold” and come back?

8 John said yes, the Board could put a rule in place that will allow for online CEUs to be obtained
9 for the next two years (or something like this). The Board could also do an emergency
10 declaration while the state of emergency is in place. Bottom line there must be a rule enacted
11 or a rule change to move forward with this process.

12 Donnie wanted to clarify a few things. Once the temporary rule expires, we cannot put the
13 temporary rule back in place? John let him know that is correct.

14 More discussion about possible rule options. John talked about having a permanent rule in
15 place for at least two years because the effects of this pandemic are expected to last that long.
16 The waiver rules would be more complicated but could be enacted if there is a national or local
17 state of emergency.

18 Dave talked about possibly doing a permanent rule change and removing the in-person CEUs
19 from the rule. John remarked that this has been a hot topic of discussion in the past with past
20 Board members.

21 Donnie talked about wanting to check with the interest group they represent and let them
22 know what the Board is thinking of doing and when we meet again, we can discuss this further.
23 Donnie asked John to send the three options in bullet points so the Board can review the three
24 options and see what could work best. John will get this information sent out to the Board by
25 tomorrow (12/17/2020).

26 Donnie thanked John for his explanation of the rulemaking process and what our options are.
27 He said that he wanted to make sure we are doing the right thing for the future.

28 Caitlin to send out a doodle poll after this meeting to determine the next Board meeting.

29 Adjourned 1:53 pm.

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