IN THE MATTER OF *THE CHIROPRACTIC ACT, 1994*
COMPLAINT BY THE QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE
AGAINST DR. JAMES MCKEE DATED APRIL 7, 2025

DECISION OF THE BOARD

HEARD BY:	DR. JENNIFER BEGGS – Chair DR. ROGER KIVA DR. TREVOR HOVE DR. SHANE TAYLOR MS. DARCIA SCHIRR – Public Representative
COUNSEL FOR THE INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE	JAMES EHMANN, K.C.
MEMBER	DR. JAMES McKEE

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[1] On June 24, 2026, the Board convened a meeting pursuant to section 34(4) of *The Chiropractic Act, 1994* (the Act) to hear submissions from the Investigation Committee and Dr. McKee regarding the sanctions the Board should impose. The meeting was called in response to the Report of the Discipline Committee dated May 20, 2026.

[2] As set out in that report, the Discipline Committee accepted the guilty pleas from Dr. McKee to the following counts of professional misconduct:

1. From 2021, 2022, to and including March of 2025, Dr. McKee engaged in a pattern of record keeping practices consisting of the following:

    (a) Failing to adequately record subjective symptoms;

    (b) Failing to adequately record objective findings; and

    (c) Failing to record recommendations for future care contrary to *Chiropractic Regulatory Bylaws* and clauses 27(a), (b) and (c) of *The Chiropractic Act, 1994, and*

2. Failing to follow the recommendations of the Quality Assurance Committee as set out in its reports dated October 3, 2021 and May 27, 2023 to change his record keeping practices so as to no longer fail to keep adequate records regarding paragraph 1 above, contrary to clause 17(4)(f) of the *Chiropractic Regulatory Bylaws* and clause 27(c) of *The Chiropractic Act, 1994*.

[3] Neither the Investigation Committee nor Dr. McKee objected to the composition of the Board. Dr. McKee advised he was ready to proceed and that he would represent himself. The Investigation Committee was represented by Mr. James Ehmann, K.C.. Dr. Beggs advised that Board member Chris Drobot would not participate, as she served on the Investigation Committee.

[4] The Board was presented with a draft Order of the Board of Chiropractors (marked as exhibit P2) signed by Dr. McKee and Mr. Ehmann. In summary, the draft Order provided for a $3,000.00 fine for count #1 and a $3,000.00 fine for count #2 with the total fine amount of $6,000.00 to be paid in six monthly installments of $1,000.00 commencing within 30 days of the Order. Mr. Ehmann advised that this was a joint submission and that in law, a joint submission should be accepted absent exceptional circumstances. The Board is aware of the legal principles of joint submissions - that a joint submission should be accepted unless it is contrary to the public interest, outside a reasonable range of outcomes, and that acceptance would bring the administration of justice into disrepute.

[5] The Board questioned Mr. Ehmann about two provisions that were not included in the joint submission. The first was the absence of a costs provision. The second was a

provision that Dr. McKee be subject to continued Quality Assurance reviews. On the second provision, the Board is satisfied that Dr. McKee will be subject to a future Quality Assurance review as part of the regular rotation of reviews by that Committee, and that an Order to that effect by the Board was not needed. On the issue of costs, Mr. Ehmann advised that costs were fully discussed and negotiated with Dr. McKee. The Investigation Committee weighed the potential costs to the Association of a contested hearing against the benefits of resolution without a costs order but with considerable fine amounts. As a general statement, members who are disciplined should expect that they will bear a reasonable amount for the costs of the investigation and discipline hearing.

[6] Given the high threshold to reject a joint submission, the Board accepts the draft Order. Pursuant to section 34(5)(a) and (b) of the Act, the Board orders:

1. Dr. McKee shall pay a fine in the amount of $3,000.00 for count #1 and $3,000.00 for count #2 for a total of $6,000.00;

2. the fine shall be paid in six (6) monthly installments of $1,000.00 with the first monthly installment to be paid within 30 days of this Decision and the ensuing monthly installments within 30 days from the prior installment;

3. in the event Dr. McKee fails to make any installment payment, Dr. McKee shall be suspended and his license to practice shall be revoked until the outstanding installment payment is made.

Dated at Regina, Saskatchewan, this 24th day of June, 2026.

Dr. Jennifer Beggs – Chair

Dr. Shane Taylor

Dr. Roger Kiva

Ms. Darcia Schirr – Public Representative

Dr. Trevor Hove