

February 5, 2025

Chiropractic Freedom Coalition
c/o Matthew McCoy, D.C.
via electronic mail support@chiropracticchronicle.com

Re: Correspondence of January 10, 2025

Dear Dr. McCoy:

In response to your correspondence of January 10, 2025, the following information is provided for your review.

Prior to January 10, 2025, the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) has never received a request for an alternative meeting format from your group or any others. You are correct that during the pandemic, for a brief time, CCE was forced to meet via videoconference as were many other organizations. However, CCE currently meets in accordance with established bylaws and policies, as well as with researched best practices in programmatic accreditation. The Council is willing to hear and consider your suggestion for change, and this topic will be studied by the Council Development Committee.

Please note that CCE, along with all other accrediting agencies recognized by the US Department of Education, have no requirements to “open” meetings to the public, let alone any requirements to conduct our meetings virtually. As a matter of fact, in a recent survey conducted by the Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors (ASPA), most accreditors do not allow meetings to be open to the public at all, however, we find it good practice to simply allow any member of the public to provide oral comments during our business meeting activity as they follow our established policies and procedures. As mentioned to the individuals who registered and participated at our January 2025 meeting, written correspondence can be provided to CCE at any time, i.e., it doesn’t only have to be provided at our annual or semi-annual meetings in January and July.

With regards to your claims of concern regarding monopoly practices and relationships with the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE), they are false. The CFC letter claims that CCE ties accreditation decisions to the NBCE’s outcomes, a single private testing organization. As provided in CCE Policy 56: Student Performance Disclosure, Thresholds, and Outcomes, the policy allows programs to use NBCE performance rates, Canadian Chiropractic Examining Board (CCEB) performance rates **or proof of graduates’ licensure to practice chiropractic in a state, province, or country in lieu of licensing exam performance** (emphasis added).

Regarding NBCE Part IV examination and travel requirements, you should know that CCE has no authority in setting examination requirements for jurisdictional licensing authorities. It is simply not in the CCE mission or empowered through any other oversight authority. It is noted that in the 53 jurisdictional (US States and territories) licensing authorities in the US under the requirements for licensure, all 53 have written legislation/regulation that requires the passing of ALL four parts (Parts I-IV) of the licensing exams as one of the required elements of obtaining licensure to practice chiropractic. Again, legislation and regulation is directly the responsibility of the jurisdictional licensing authorities

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themselves and CCE plays no role and/or has any authority with these requirements. Nevertheless, CCE allows programs to use proof of the graduates' licensure to practice chiropractic in a state, province, or country in lieu of licensing exam performance, or CCEB performance rates in lieu of NBCE performance rates.

We hope this information is beneficial in further understanding of the role of programmatic accreditation in chiropractic education. The CCE is committed to hearing your concerns and does consider opportunities for change when presented with documented best practices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig S. Little". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Craig S. Little, Ed.D.
President/CEO

cc: Dr. Kristina Petrocco Napuli, Council Chair