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8 **BEFORE THE**
9 **BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS**
10 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
11 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

12 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. AC 2026-2080

13 **JACOB SAMUELSON, DC**
14 **3500 Barranca Parkway, Suite 310**
15 **Irvine, CA 92606**

ACCUSATION

16 **Chiropractic License No. DC 36494**

Respondent.

17 **PARTIES**

18 1. Kristin Walker (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as
19 the Executive Officer of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners (Board), Department of Consumer
20 Affairs.

21 2. On or about October 27, 2022, the Board issued Chiropractic License Number DC
22 36494 to Jacob Samuelson (Respondent). The Chiropractic License was in full force and effect at
23 all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on July 31, 2026, unless renewed.

24 **JURISDICTION**

25 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board, under the authority of the following
26 sections of the Chiropractic Act (Act).¹

27 ¹ The Chiropractic Act, an initiative measure approved by the electors on November 7,
28 1922, while not included in the Business and Professions Code by the legislature, is set out in
(continued...)

1 4. Section 10 of the Act states that the Board may suspend or revoke a license to
2 practice chiropractic or may place the license on probation for violations of the rules and
3 regulations adopted by the Board or for any cause specified in the Act.

4 5. Business and Professions Code (Code) section 118, subdivision (b), provides that the
5 suspension, expiration, surrender, or cancellation of a license shall not deprive the Board,
6 Registrar, or Director of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within
7 which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated.

8 6. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 372 states:

9 The suspension, expiration, or forfeiture by operation of law of a license issued
10 by the board, or its suspension, or forfeiture by order of the board or by order of a
11 court of law, or its surrender without the written consent of the board shall not, during
12 any period in which it may be renewed, restored, reissued, or reinstated, deprive the
13 board of its authority to institute or continue a disciplinary proceeding against the
licensee upon any ground provided by law or to enter an order suspending or
revoking the license or otherwise taking disciplinary action against the licensee on
any such ground.

14 **REGULATORY PROVISIONS**

15 7. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 317, states:

16 The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of
17 unprofessional conduct which has been brought to its attention, or whose license has
been procured by fraud or misrepresentation or issued by mistake.

18 Unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

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20 (b) Repeated negligent acts;

21 (c) Incompetence;

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23 (l) Knowingly making or signing any certificate or other document relating to
24 the practice of chiropractic which falsely represents the existence or nonexistence of a
state of facts;

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28 West's Annotated California Codes as sections 1000-1 to 1000-19, and is included in Deering's
California Codes as Appendix I, for convenient reference.

1 **COST RECOVERY**

2 8. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the
3 administrative law judge to direct a licensee found to have committed a violation or violations of
4 the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and
5 enforcement of the case, with failure of the licensee to comply subjecting the license to not being
6 renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be
7 included in a stipulated settlement.

8 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

9 9. Patient NL first presented as a patient to Respondent on March 14, 2025, for “pinched
10 nerve/lower back pain, (and) left shoulder pain.” From March 14, 2025, through March 24, 2025,
11 Respondent provided several treatments that consisted of manual spinal and joint manipulation,
12 spinal decompression via traction, and laser application.

13 10. Patient NL was involved in a motor vehicle accident on March 20, 2025. Although
14 Respondent treated Patient NL on March 21, and 24, 2025, Respondent’s records indicate he first
15 evaluated Patient NL’s motor vehicle accident injuries on March 25, 2025. Chart/SOAP notes do
16 not reflect how Respondent was informed Patient NL was injured in the motor vehicle accident.
17 Respondent did not reference the March 20, 2025 motor vehicle accident or reference any new
18 symptoms or findings resulting from the motor vehicle accident in the March 21 or 24, 2025 chart
19 notes.

20 11. Chart/SOAP notes indicate Respondent performed spinal manipulation in three
21 anatomical regions but failed to notice objective signs of an acute musculoskeletal injury when he
22 assessed Patient NL’s condition and performed manipulation procedures. Respondent’s records
23 also demonstrate Respondent did not inquire about subjective complaints although he charted that
24 he did.

25 12. Patient NL’s records contain Respondent’s signature indicating he provided treatment
26 on April 8, 2025. In a written statement to the Board, Respondent stated he was out of the
27 country on April 8, 2025. Multiple notes were copied verbatim from prior visits and presented as
28 original including but not limited to notes for April 16, 21, 23, 24, and 29, 2025. On March 25,

2025, Respondent noted he performed a new patient exam and stated, “this is the first time the patient has presented to the office” although Patient NL first presented as a patient on March 14, 2025. Details contained in Patient NL’s records labeled “orthopedic examinations 1-4” dated March 25, May 7, May 29, and June 20, 2025, show details not reflected in corresponding SOAP/chart notes or on corresponding examination forms.

13. Patient NL’s records on March 14 and March 25, 2025, lack assessments of deep tendon reflex, sensory testing, muscle testing, and orthopedic testing. Diagnoses for right shoulder and left forearm conditions are not supported by exam findings. While Respondent’s documentation indicate certain tests were conducted, the notes do not include detail to determine diagnostic or clinical significance and do not include cervical and lumbar spine range of motion measurements. Respondent diagnosed Patient NL with a cervical disc disorder with radiculopathy but did not identify the components to support the diagnosis.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct- Repeated Acts of Negligence)

14. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under CCR, section 317, subdivision (b) in that Respondent committed repeated acts of negligence when he failed to uniquely document doctor/patient interaction as set forth above in paragraphs 9 through 13 above, incorporated herein by reference.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct- Incompetence)

15. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 317, subdivision (c), in that Respondent failed to exercise the degree of learning, skill, care, and experience ordinarily possessed by a competent chiropractor, as follows: Respondent failed to recognize signs of an acute injury sustained in a motor vehicle accident in his chart assessments, physical interactions, and diagnosis of Patient NL as set forth above in paragraphs 9 through 13 above, incorporated herein by reference.

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THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct- Misrepresentation of Facts)

16. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 317, subdivision (l), in that Respondent knowingly made documents related to the practice of chiropractic that falsely represent the existence of facts, as follows: (1) Respondent signed notes for treatment when he was not present and (2) Respondent failed to create unique chart notes to reflect doctor/patient interactions as set forth above in paragraphs 9 through 13 above, incorporated herein by reference.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Chiropractic Examiners issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending Chiropractic License Number DC 36494, issued to Jacob Samuelson, DC;
- 2. Ordering Jacob Samuelson to pay the Board of Chiropractic Examiners the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Title 16, California Code of Regulations, section 317.5 and if placed on probation, the costs of probation monitoring; and,
- 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: 5.12.2026

Signature on File
KRISTIN WALKER
Executive Officer
Board of Chiropractic Examiners
Department of Consumer Affairs
State of California
Complainant

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