

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

This Employment Agreement (the "**Agreement**") is made effective the 1st day of October, 2024.

BETWEEN:

HIS MAJESTY IN RIGHT OF ALBERTA
as represented by the Minister of Jobs, Economy and Trade
(the "**Employer**")

- and -

DOUGLASS TADMAN
(the "**Employee**")

WHEREAS:

The Employer has the authority to employ an individual as the Medical Panels Commissioner pursuant to section 46.2 of the *Workers' Compensation Act*;

The Employer and the Employee have agreed to enter into a fixed term employment agreement, which replaces any and all previous agreements between the parties.

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained in this Agreement and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, the Employer and the Employee agree as follows:

1. POSITION AND TERM

- 1.1 The Employer will employ the Employee in the position of Medical Panels Commissioner on a sixty percent (60%) part-time basis (the "**Position**").
- 1.2 The Employee will report to the Chief Appeals Commissioner (the "**Chief**").
- 1.3 Pursuant to section 46.2 of the *Workers' Compensation Act*, the Employee has been appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council to the Position pursuant to Order in Council 182/2024, which is attached as Schedule "**A**" to this Agreement.
- 1.4 Employment will start on October 1, 2024 and will continue until the end of the day on April 30, 2027 (the "**Term**") unless terminated earlier in accordance with this Agreement. This Agreement is for a fixed term and will not be combined with any prior employment agreements between the Employer and the Employee to create a contract of indefinite duration.

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2. CONDUCT

- 2.1 The Employee will perform the duties of the Position as prescribed in the *Workers' Compensation Act* and all additional duties prescribed in related legislation to which the Position is subject (collectively, the "**Duties**"). The Employee will perform and discharge the Employee's Duties in a manner that is in the best interests of the public and the Commission and in accordance with its objectives as determined by the Chief, and consistent with the *Workers' Compensation Act*.
- 2.2 The Employee agrees to devote the Employee's full attention and energy to the performance of the Duties and to perform the Duties faithfully, diligently and to the best of the Employee's abilities. The Employee will not be involved in any appointment, business, undertaking or employment other than employment under this Agreement ("**Concurrent Employment**") except with the prior written approval of the Chief. The Chief reserves the right to revoke approval for Concurrent Employment in its sole discretion.
- 2.3 The Employee agrees to comply with the *Code of Conduct and Performance Expectations* established by the Commission, as amended from time to time, all applicable legislation, and all other directives, guidelines, rules and policies of the Commission and the Employer respecting the performance of the Duties and the conduct of employees generally, including but not limited to rules governing conflicts of interest and restrictions on Concurrent Employment.
- 2.4 The Employee acknowledges that during the Term, the Commission will be subject to provisions of the *Conflicts of Interest Act*. The Employee will comply with all applicable restrictions and obligations outlined in the *Conflicts of Interest Act* and any related regulations, directives, and guidelines, as amended.

3. COMPENSATION

- 3.1 During the Term, the Employee will be paid an annual base salary of \$111,109.04 in biweekly payments of \$ 4,257.051 (the "**Base Salary**") less required deductions and withholdings, payable in accordance with the Employer's regular payroll services. The Base Salary is prorated to reflect that the Employee is performing the Duties on a sixty percent (60%) part-time basis.
- 3.2 The Base Salary is subject to review and adjustment during the Term, in accordance with any policies or regulations issued by the Employer, and any related directives and guidelines, as amended.

4. NO OTHER RIGHTS OR BENEFITS

- 4.1 The Employee will not be entitled to any of the rights or benefits afforded to employees of the public service of Alberta, except as provided in this Agreement.

5. BENEFITS

- 5.1 The Employee is eligible for pay in lieu of vacation paid in bi-weekly installments of \$177.37. If the Employee would like to take vacation it will be as a leave of absence

without pay. The Employee must seek and obtain approval from his supervisor prior to taking vacation (leave of absence without pay) and he commits to reporting to the Employer if he is mistakenly paid for any days he takes as vacation (leave of absence without pay). The Employee agrees that if he is paid in error, he consents to the Employer setting the amount he owes to the Employer off against any amounts he is entitled to from the Employer.

5.2 The Employee is eligible for the following benefits in accordance with the *Public Service Employment Regulation*. The Employee's eligibility for the benefits described in clauses 5.1, 5.2.1, 5.2.2, 5.2.3, 5.2.4, 5.2.5, 5.2.6 shall be administered pursuant to section 9, Entitlements for Part-Time Salaried Employees, of the *Public Service Employment Regulation*:

5.2.1. Paid holidays;

5.2.2. Special leave;

5.2.3. Casual illness;

5.2.4. General illness;

5.2.5. Approved leaves of absence; and,

5.2.6. Christmas closure.

5.3 The Employee may be eligible to participate in the 1st *Choice Benefits Program* in accordance with the formal plan documents and applicable policies. All eligibility and coverage issues relating to this plan will be determined by the administrator of the plan. Neither the Employer nor the Commission will have any liability in respect of eligibility or coverage decisions. The Employer will have the right to make changes to this plan or obtain different coverage without providing the Employee with prior reasonable notice.

6. BUSINESS EXPENSES

6.1 The Employee may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred while performing the Duties. Reimbursement of expenses will be in accordance with the Treasury Board *Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses Directive* (with the exception of section 3(2) of the Directive) and the *Public Service Relocation and Employment Expenses Regulation*, as amended. Such expenses are subject to the Treasury Board *Public Disclosure of Travel and Expenses Directive*, as amended.

7. TERMINATION FOR JUST CAUSE

7.1 The Employer may terminate this Agreement and the Employee's employment under this Agreement for just cause at any time during the Term. For the purposes of this Agreement, just cause includes but is not limited to: theft, fraud, dishonesty, failure to disclose requested information, breach of fiduciary duties, conduct contrary to or in breach of any obligation under Article 2 (Conduct), Article 11 (Notice of Criminal Charge), or Article 14 (Confidential Information), or any matter that would constitute just cause for termination of employment at common law ("**Just Cause**").

7.2 In the event of termination for Just Cause, no notice or pay in lieu of notice will be provided to the Employee.

8. TERMINATION WITHOUT JUST CAUSE

8.1 The Employer may terminate this Agreement and the Employee's employment under this Agreement without Just Cause at any time during the Term. In the event of termination without Just Cause, the Employee will receive four (4) weeks' written notice for each full year of continuous service, to a maximum of fifty-two (52) weeks (the "**Notice Period**"). The parties agree that the start date for determining continuous service is October 1, 2021.

8.2 In lieu of notice, the Employer may, in its sole discretion, pay the Employee an amount equal to the Base Salary for the Notice Period or provide a combination of notice and pay in lieu of notice.

8.3 In exchange for pay in lieu of notice, or any combination of notice and pay in lieu of notice, the Employee agrees to sign a release acceptable to the Employer, upon which the Employee will have no further claim against the Employer for termination whether pursuant to contract, common law, statute, regulation or otherwise.

8.4 The Employee acknowledges and agrees that if, during the Notice Period, the Employee is employed or retained, directly or indirectly, on a fee for service basis by the Crown, a public agency, then the Employee will repay the Employer forthwith at the completion of the Notice Period a portion of the amount paid pursuant to Clauses 8.2 and 8.3 equal to the gross compensation paid by the Crown, public agency, or other entity during the Notice Period,

9. TERMINATION BY EMPLOYEE

9.1 The Employee may terminate this Agreement and the Employee's employment under this Agreement by providing at least eight (8) weeks' written notice to the Employer. If the Employee gives notice in accordance with this clause, the Employer reserves the right to waive all or part of the notice provided by the Employee, in which case the Employee will be paid the Base Salary during the waived period.

9.2 This Agreement will automatically end on the death of the Employee and no notice or pay in lieu of notice will apply.

10. NEW AGREEMENT

10.1 The Employer may provide the Employee with eight (8) weeks' notice prior to the end of the term regarding its intentions to reappoint the Employee to the position. In the event the Employee is reappointed to the position, the Employee will be subject to a new Agreement. If no notice is provided, employment is deemed to expire at the end of the Term.

11. NOTICE OF CRIMINAL CHARGE

- 11.1 The Employee will immediately notify the Employer if the Employee is charged with any offence under the *Criminal Code* (Canada) or the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (Canada), as amended. In addition, the Employee will immediately notify the Employer if the Employee is charged with any offence under any other federal legislation, provincial legislation or municipal bylaws, if the existence of the charge may adversely affect the reputation of the Employer, the conduct of the Employer's programs or services, or the ability of the Employee to perform their Duties.

12. EMPLOYER POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- 12.1 The Employee will be subject to the policies and procedures of the Employer and Commission currently in place, or as may be established from time to time, except to the extent of any conflict with the provisions of this Agreement. In the event of a conflict between this Agreement and the policies and procedures of the Employer or Commission, this Agreement will govern.

13. MATERIALS

- 13.1 All documents, records, manuals, software, and other materials pertaining to or used in connection with the business of the Position, regardless of form, other than publicly available materials, (the "**Materials**") that come into the Employee's possession or control during the Employee's employment will, at all times, be and remain the property of the Employer.
- 13.2 The Employee will not make copies or reproductions of the Materials for the Employee's own use, or for the use of a third party. Upon termination or expiry of this Agreement, or upon request of the Employer, the Employee will immediately return all Materials to the Employer.

14. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

- 14.1 Confidential Information includes any information, regardless of form, acquired, developed or produced by the Employee in connection with the performance of the Duties under this Agreement or any prior employment agreement with the Employer, that is not generally known to the public, and which could, if used or disclosed, cause damage, embarrassment, loss of reputation, or other harm to the Employer or the Employer's public agencies ("**Confidential Information**"). The Employee will not use or disclose any Confidential Information unless specifically approved by the Employer or expressly permitted or required by law.
- 14.2 This duty not to disclose Confidential Information is in addition to the common law duty of confidentiality.
- 14.3 The Employee acknowledges and agrees that the Employee's obligations of confidentiality owed to the Employer will survive the termination of this Agreement.

15. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

- 15.1 The Employee acknowledges the value of Confidential Information to the Employer. The Employee further acknowledges that any material breach or threatened breach of any of the provisions contained in Article 14 by the Employee may cause material and irreparable harm to the Employer that may not be reasonably or adequately compensated for by damages in an action at law.
- 15.2 The Employee agrees that in the event of a breach or threatened breach of any of the provisions of Article 14, the Employer will be entitled to an injunction, in addition to any other remedies it may be entitled to at law or in equity.

16. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- 16.1 Intellectual property means any work, information, records, or materials, regardless of form, and all intellectual property rights therein, including copyright, patents, patent applications, industrial designs and trademarks that are developed, produced, or acquired by the Employee in connection with the performance of the Duties (the “**Intellectual Property**”). All rights, title, and interest in and to all Intellectual Property will belong solely to the Employer.
- 16.2 The Employee waives all moral rights in any copyrighted works authored or coauthored by the Employee in the performance of the Duties and the Employee’s obligations under this Agreement. The Employee will execute a written waiver of moral rights in any copyrighted works authored or coauthored by the Employee immediately upon the request of the Employer.
- 16.3 The Employee will execute such assignment and other documents as are required by the Employer to transfer all right, title and interest in and to all Intellectual Property to the Employer. In the event that the Employee fails to execute such assignment and other documents within ten (10) business days after a written request from the Employer, the Employee appoints the Employer as the Employee’s attorney to execute such assignment and other documents on behalf of the Employee.
- 16.4 The Employee will cooperate and render all assistance as may be reasonably requested by the Employer with respect to any applications, filings, or actions in relation to the Intellectual Property, including any applications for letters patent or for copyright or trademark registration, and any legal action or potential legal action that relates to the Intellectual Property. The Employer will reimburse the Employee for all reasonable expenses for such cooperation and assistance.

17. NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

- 17.1 The Employee acknowledges and agrees that this Agreement and any records and information created or collected pursuant to the Employee’s employment (including but not limited to the Employee’s name, classification, salary, benefits, and employment responsibilities) may be disclosed by the Employer or one of the Employer’s public agencies on behalf of the Employer. Decisions about disclosure are in the Employer’s sole discretion and are subject to the law and any applicable policies of the Government

of Alberta including, but not limited to, the *Public Sector Compensation Transparency Act*, and any related regulations, directives, and guidelines, as amended.

18. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

18.1 Subject to Clause 18.2, this Agreement, including any schedules, is the entire agreement between the parties with respect to its subject matter and supersedes all previous agreements, negotiations, or arrangements. There are no terms, conditions, commitments, representations, or warranties except as contained in this Agreement.

18.2 The parties acknowledge and agree that there may be other enactments, administrative directives and Orders in Council that also impose rights, duties, and obligations on the parties and that may be amended from time to time without notice to the Employee. In the event of a conflict between this Agreement and any enactments, administrative directives or Orders in Council, the enactments, administrative directives, and Orders in Council govern.

18.3 Acts, regulations, directives, codes, policies, authorities, and guidelines referred to in this Agreement may be amended, repealed, or replaced from time to time without notice to the Employee.

19. SURVIVAL OF TERMS

19.1 Despite any other provision of this Agreement, those clauses that by their nature continue after the termination or expiry of this Agreement will continue after such termination or expiry, including:

19.1.1. Article 2 Conduct;

19.1.2. Article 8 Termination without Just Cause;

19.1.3. Article 13 Materials;

19.1.4. Article 14 Confidential Information;

19.1.5. Article 15 Injunctive Relief;

19.1.6. Article 16 Intellectual Property;

19.1.7. Article 17 Notice of Publication;

19.1.8. Article 21 Severability; and,

19.1.9. Article 22 Waiver.

20. AMENDMENT

20.1 The parties may by mutual agreement make written amendments to this Agreement.

21. SEVERABILITY

21.1 If a term or condition of this Agreement is found to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, that term or condition is deemed to be severed and the remaining terms and conditions of this Agreement continue to operate.

22. WAIVER

22.1 The failure of either party to enforce any provisions in this Agreement will not be construed as a waiver or limitation of that party's right to subsequently enforce or compel strict compliance with every provision of this Agreement. Waiver by either party of any breach by the other party of any terms or conditions of this Agreement will not operate as a waiver of any other breach or default.

23. NOTICES, APPROVALS AND REQUESTS

23.1 Notices, approvals, and requests referred to in this Agreement will be in writing and, if under Articles 8, 9 and 10 will be personally delivered or sent by recorded mail to the Employer or Employee at the address provided below:

TO THE EMPLOYER:

Jobs, Economy and Trade
14th Floor, Commerce Place
10155 102 St NW,
Edmonton, AB T5J 4G8

Attention: Ryan Reichl, Executive Director, Evidence, Policy and Governance
Email: ryan.reichl@gov.ab.ca

TO THE EMPLOYEE:

Douglass M Tadman KC



Notices, approvals, and requests personally delivered or sent by registered mail are deemed to have been provided upon delivery.

- 23.2 Notices, approvals, and requests other than those listed in Clause 23.1 may be provided in accordance with Clause 23.1 or by email. If provided by email, notices, approvals, and requests are deemed to have been provided seventy-two (72) hours after the time of sending.
- 23.3 The contact information for notices, approvals and requests may be changed by notice to the other party in accordance with Clause 23.2.

24. JURISDICTION

- 24.1 This Agreement will be interpreted in accordance with the laws in force in the Province of Alberta. The parties agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of the Province of Alberta.

25. HEADINGS

- 25.1 The headings in this Agreement have been included for convenience only and do not define, limit, or enlarge the scope or meaning of this Agreement or any part of it.

26. SINGULAR/PLURAL

- 26.1 In this Agreement, words in the singular include the plural and words in the plural include the singular.

27. BINDING

- 27.1 This Agreement will be binding on and will enure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors, assigns, heirs, and legal representatives.

28. INDEPENDENT LEGAL ADVICE

- 28.1 The Employee acknowledges and agrees that the Employee was advised by the Employer to obtain independent legal or other professional advice. By signing this Agreement, the Employee agrees the Employee had the opportunity to seek independent legal or other professional advice and has either obtained such advice or has waived the right to obtain such advice.

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT – DOUGLASS TADMAN

29. COUNTERPARTS

29.1 This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, in which case the counterparts together constitute one agreement, and in which case communication of execution by emailed PDF will constitute delivery.

This Agreement is signed by the parties and is effective as of the date at the beginning of this Agreement.

HIS MAJESTY IN RIGHT OF ALBERTA,
as represented by the Minister of Jobs,
Economy and Trade
Christopher

McPherson

Signature

Digitally signed by Christopher McPherson
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Title

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EMPLOYEE

Douglass.Tadman

Signature

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Douglass Tadman

Date

September 10, 2024

WITNESS



Name

Sept 16 2024

Date

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT – DOUGLASS TADMAN

Schedule “A”
OC #182/2024



Province of Alberta
Order in Council

O.C. 182/2024

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For Information only

Recommended by: Minister of Jobs, Economy and Trade

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