

**MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC
EXAMINERS**

MINUTES

JANUARY 9, 2025

HYATT PLACE, 1016 HIGHLAND COLONY PARKWAY, RIDGELAND, MS 39157

In Accordance with MISS. CODE ANN. § 25-41-11 (1)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Hoda, chair, called the meeting to order at 8:24 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Yvonne Laird provided a roll call with the following present.

David Allen, D.C.

Mary G. Armstrong, M.D.

S. Neely Berry, D.C.

Desmond Hoda, D.C.

B. Tripp Henderson, D.C.

Felicia F. King, D.C.

A quorum was present for voting purposes.

Board representatives present:

Kim Turner, Assistant Attorney General / Counsel for the Board

Buddy Sharp, USNext

Eric Hospodor, Special Assistant Attorney General

Yvonne Laird, Executive Secretary

Members of the public present:

Debbie Moore, D.C. – Moore Chiropractic Clinic

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Dr. Allen moved with a second by Dr. Henderson to incorporate the following revisions to the agenda for today's meeting:

A. Delete Item IV.A. - 2024-3 Hearing as this licensee no longer falls under the jurisdiction of MSBCE;

B. Add XI New Business, Item D – Inquiry from Anna K. Hunt, Ropes and Gray LLP – scope of practice;

C. Add XI New Business, Item E – Inquiry from Louisiana Chiropractic Association – scope of practice; and

D. Add XI New Business, Item F – LMS Security Issues – Buddy Sharp of USNext.

The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

IV. Hearing / Executive Session

Counsel indicated that Executive Session not required.

A. 2024-3

Removed from agenda. Licensee no longer under the jurisdiction of MSBCE.

B. Ownership Status

Tabled until April 10, 2025 in order for current counsel to obtain and review all correspondence relative to the matter.

- C. 2024-2
Dr. Allen moved, with a second by Dr. King to accept the recommendation of the investigator and set for hearing by issuance of a Notice of Hearing and Complaint on Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the location of the State Agency Division of the Mississippi Attorney General's Office, located in the Regions Building, 210 E Capitol St, Jackson, MS 39201. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
 - D. 2024-4
Counsel advised that she would be releasing the Consent Agreement which was authorized on October 17, 2024.
 - E. 2024-7
Teleconference was held December 10, 2024 with the licensee, counsel for the Board, the investigating Board member, Dr. Neely Berry, and Yvonne Laird, Executive Secretary. Dr. Allen moved, with a second by Dr. Henderson to accept the recommendation by investigating Board member, Neely Berry and approve the consent agreement to include levied fines in violation of Part 2001, Chapter 13, Item 104, 107, 125 and 126, and completion of required ethics continuing education hours. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
 - F. 2024-9
Dr. King moved, with a second by Dr. Allen to set for hearing on April 10, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. as additional information had been received and the Consent Agreement previously authorized October 17, 2024, had not been reduced to writing. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
 - G. 2024-12
Tabled until the April 10, 2025 meeting until which time Dr. King can complete her investigation.
- V. Approval of the Minutes
- A. Dr. Allen moved, with a second by Dr. Berry, to accept the minutes of October 17, 2024, as amended. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- VI. Financial Report
- A. The financial report was presented for information purposes.
- VII. Report of Officers
- A. Board Chairman
No report
 - B. Board Vice-Chairman
No report
 - C. Committee Reports
 - 1. Continuing Education
Dr. Berry moved, with a second by Dr. Armstrong, to accept the recommendations of Dr. King and approve the following continuing education submittals:

The Different Facets of Spinal Care; 15 hours; Chiropractic Association of Louisiana; 11/2-3/2024
2025 Brimhall Homecoming; 17.25 hours; Logan University; 1/24-26/2025

ASHI February 2025 Continuing Education Program; 15 hours; University of Bridgeport College of Chiropractic; 2/7-8-2025
2025 Nutri-West Annual Symposium; 22 hours; Logan University; 1/31-2/2/2025
The Gut-Brain Connection: Improving Digestion, Immunity & Brain Health; 8 hours; Northeast College of Health Sciences; 3/1/2025
Chiro Ski CE at Tahoe; 6 hours; Sherman College of Chiropractic; 3/15/2025
Lyceum 2025: Elevate & Inspire; 23 hours; Sherman College of Chiropractic; 5/1-3/2025
Palmer College Florida Homecoming 2025; 65 hours; Palmer College of Chiropractic; 3/14-16/2025
Enhancing Cardiovascular Efficiency and the Role of Essential Fatty Acids; 6 hours; Northeast College of Health Studies; 3/8/2025
NeuroTonal Pediatric, Prenatal, and Family Analysis & Adjusting; 20 hours; Life University; 1/24-25/2025, 3/6-7/2025, 6/26-27/2025, 9/19-20/2025 & 11/13-14/2025
Essential Communication for the CA; 6 hours; MS Chiropractic Association; 4/26/2025
Mastering the Drop Table Tech; 12 hours; MS Chiropractic Association; 4/26-27/2025
19th Annual Professional Football Chiropractic Society Educational Seminar; 12 hours; Logan University; 2/28-3/1/2025
Koren Specific Technique; 14 hours; Sherman College of Chiropractic; 3/1-2/ 2025, 4/5-6/2025, 5/17-18/2025, 7/5-6, 2025, 9/6-7/2025, 10/18-19/2025 & 11/8-9/2025
Active Release Technique - Full Body Level I; 44 hours; Northeast College of Health Sciences; 4/27-5/3/2025
FDM Full Body Principles; 13 hours; Logan University; 2/22-23/2025
Compliant Social Media Advertising; 1 hour; Kentucky Association of Chiropractors; 1/18/2025
Medicare Mastery; 2 hours; Kentucky Association of Chiropractors; 1/19/2025
The Ethics of Personal Injury; 2 hours; Kentucky Association of Chiropractors; 1/18/2025
Nailing Medical Necessity and Avoiding Audits; 1 hour; Kentucky Association of Chiropractors; 1/19/2025
ICD-10 Coding and Documentation for Chiro; 2 hours; Kentucky Association of Chiropractors; 1/19/2025
OIG Compliance - Why Should I Care?; 1 hour; Kentucky Association of Chiropractors; 1/19/2025
Unlocking Expertise: An Open Panel on Insurance, Coding and Compliance with Speakers; 1 hour; Kentucky Association of Chiropractors; 1/18/2025
Active Release Technique - Spine Level II; 22.5 hours; Northeast College of Health Sciences; 4/10-13/2025
Active Release Technique - Upper Extremity Level I; 15 hours; Northeast College of Health Sciences; 4/4-6/2025, 5/2-4/2025, 5/30-6/1/2025, 6/6-8/2025
Active Release Technique - Spine Level I; 15 hours; Northeast College of Health Sciences; 4/25-27/2025
Active Release Technique - Nerve; 22.5 hours; Northeast College of Health Sciences; 4/3-6/2025 & 6/26-29/2025
Active Release Technique - Upper Extremity Level II; 22.5 hours; Northeast College of Health Sciences; 5/15-18/2025 & 6/19-22/2025
Active Release Technique - Advanced Full Body Level I; 7.5 hours; Northeast College of Health Sciences; 4/5/2025
2025 West Seminar; 12 hours (6 CA hours); Tennessee Chiropractic Association; 2/15-16/2025
Beyond the Spine: Mastering Common Sports Injuries & Extremity Disorders; Dr. Tim Bertlesman; Chiroup; 2/15-16/2025; 12 hours

The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

- a. Kentucky Insurance Updates
Dr. Allen moved with a second by Dr. Henderson to approve the Kentucky Insurance Updates course as submitted. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
2. Rules and Regulations
 - a. Draft Rules
The board voted on October 17, 2024, to file a temporary rule, effective upon filing, to define “direct supervision.” Language to be developed by counsel and filed in accordance with Administrative Procedures Act as required by the Mississippi Secretary of State’s Office.
Dr. Henderson moved with a second by Dr. Berry to approve the changes to the final draft of the proposed rules. Counsel validated that no additional public hearing is required and will file in accordance OLRC and the SOS. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
3. Examination
Dr. Berry moved, with a second by Dr. Henderson, to approve for licensure seven (7) individuals who had taken and passed the MSBCE jurisprudence examination and met all requirements for licensure:
Kenya Davis, D.C.
Leland Elchos, D.C.
Carlos Herrera, D.C.
Halley Herrera, D.C.
Nicholas Hilson, D.C.
Nathan Spiers, D.C.
Taylor Slay, D.C.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

VIII. FCLB / NBCE

- A. 2025 Annual Educational Congress, St. Louis, Missouri, April 30 – May 4, 2025
District Meeting 2025 – District V, Portland, Maine, September 18-21, 2025.
Dr. Hoda urged counsel and staff to apply for scholarships to the annual conference.

IX. Executive Director’s Report

- A. License Approvals
Dr. Allen moved, with a second by Dr. Berry, to authorize registration of nine (9) chiropractic assistants. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
Dr. King moved, with a second by Dr. Armstrong, to grant the license of Allison Bomar-Hyong upon completion of her reinstatement application, payment of all fees and approved continuing education hours. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
Dr. Armstrong moved, with a second by Dr. King, to issue a license to Brett Guthrie who tested July 2023; however, failed to pass Part IV until November 4, 2024. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

X. Old Business

No old business to come before the Board.

XI. New Business

- A. System Enhancements – LMS Database
Dr. Henderson moved with a second by Dr. King to approve LMS system modifications not to exceed \$5,750, conditioned upon the appropriation of funds by the Mississippi State Legislature and the availability of funds. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- B. Board Member Manual with Investigative Guide
Tabled until April 10, 2025, upon completed review by counsel. Board members requested that the investigative guide provide step by step directions on the protocol for investigative procedures.
- C. Annual Report to the Governor
Dr. Henderson moved, with a second by Dr. Berry to approve the 2025 Annual Report to the Governor as required. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- D. Inquiry from Anna K. Hunt, Ropes and Gray, LLP regarding scope of practice.
Dr. Henderson moved, with a second by Dr. Berry to authorize the Executive Secretary to respond advising that Mississippi statute allows for chiropractors to order clinical laboratory and diagnostic test. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- E. Inquiry from Louisiana Chiropractic Association scope of practice as it relates to the acceptance by the Mississippi High School Athletic Association's to accept participation physicals performed and signed by a Mississippi licensed chiropractor.
The Board advised the Executive Secretary to advise the Louisiana Chiropractic Association that this Board cannot address the requirements which are set forth by the Mississippi High School Athletic Association.
- F. LMS Security Issues – Buddy Sharp of U.S. Next.
Mr. Sharp addressed the Board regarding the security assessment of the LMS database system. Dr. Henderson moved with a second by Dr. Allen that the Board approve system security improvements not to exceed \$3,000. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

XII. Approval of Expenses

After review, Dr. Allen moved, with a second by Dr. Armstrong, to approve the following expenses:

- A. October 18, 2024, through January 9, 2025

Vendor	Period	Total Amount
ITS (\$13.06, \$5.00 & \$5.00)	Oct., Nov. & Dec. 2024	\$23.06
J-Bar and Associates, Inc.	Oct., Nov. & Dec. 2024	\$12,000.00
J-Bar and Associates, Inc. Reimbursable Expenses	Oct., Nov. & Dec. 2024	
Postage (\$22.46)	Oct. 2024	\$22.46
Office Supplies Unique to the MSBCE (\$50.06)	Oct. 2024	\$50.06

CSpire Bill (\$53.08, \$53.08 & \$53.10)	Oct., Nov. & Dec. 2024	\$159.26
Board Meeting Expense (\$91.97)	Oct. 2024	\$91.97
Adobe (transcripts)		
U.S. Next (\$140.00 & \$140.00)	Nov. & Dec. 2024	\$280.00
MSBCE Travel Card (Conference room \$550.00 & hotel rooms \$125.00 x 3)	January 9, 2025	\$925.00
Court Reporter	November 13, 2024	\$294.00
Dr. Wells- Investigator	December 17, 2024	\$2,500.00
DFA Tort Claims	Oct. 2024	\$11.00
Cornerstone (\$750.00, \$750.00, \$750.00 & \$750.00)	July, Aug., Sept. & Oct. 2024	\$3,000.00
FCLB Annual Renewal	January 1, 2025	\$1,290.00

As well as board member travel and expenses for January 9, 2025, and CEU review and investigative per diem of Dr. King. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Dr. King moved, with a second by Dr. Berry, to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Mississippi State Board of Chiropractic Examiners at 10:35 a.m..

APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON: April 10, 2025

By and on behalf of the Board


Desmond Hoda, Chairman

Release for Review: January 9, 2025

Released to Board: January 13, 2025