

# MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

## MINUTES

OCTOBER 9, 2025

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

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

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Hoda, chair, called the meeting to order at 8:05 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:

Yvonne Laird, Executive Secretary  
Debbie Moore, D.C.  
Kim Turner, Assistant Attorney General/Counsel for the Board  
Derek Wyatt, Special Assistant Attorney General

### III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Dr. King moved, with a second by Dr. Henderson, to approve the agenda as released. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

### IV. REPORT OF COUNSEL

#### A. 2024-2

Amended Final Order has been distributed to the attorney of record. No further action required by the Board at this time. The file will remain open pending completion of the NBCE Ethics and Boundaries and Jurisprudence Course due no later than July 10, 2026.

#### B. 2024-3

Dr. Henderson moved, with a second by Dr. King to authorize Executive Secretary to advise the Mississippi State Board of Massage Therapy regarding his current scope of practice which is no longer covered by an exemption. Counsel released a cease-and-desist letter. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

#### C. 2024-07

Case remains open until NBCE course is completed (deadline 2/17/2026). No further action required by the Board at this time.

#### D. 2024-03/04

Dr. Berry moved, with a second by Dr. Armstrong to authorize Board Counsel to present respondent with a Consent Agreement per the recommendation of

investigative board member, Dr. David Allen; and should respondent not agree to enter into a Consent Agreement, the matter would be set for hearing on January 8, 2026. The vote was, as follows:

Recused - David Allen, D.C.	Aye -Desmond Hoda, D.C.
Recused - B. Tripp Henderson, D.C.	Aye - Felicia F. King, D.C.
Aye - S. Neely Berry, D.C.	Aye -Mary Gayle Armstrong, M.D.

E. Animal Chiropractic Services – Unlicensed Practice in Mississippi  
Dr. Allen moved, with a second by Dr. Henderson to authorize counsel to release a letter regarding unauthorized practice in Mississippi. The matter will also be referred to the Mississippi State Board of Veterinarian Medicine. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A-C. Dr. Henderson moved, with a second by Dr. Berry to accept the minutes of July 10, August 21, 2025, and September 9, 2025 as released. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Dr. Berry moved to accept the FY2026 fiscal year-to-date August 31, 2025. Dr. King provided a second. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.  
B. Dr. King moved to approve Board expenses for the period July 11 through October 9, 2025. Dr. Berry provided a second. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.  
C. Dr. Allen moved to approve the final FY2027 budget in the amount of \$173,787. Dr. Armstrong provided a second. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried

VII. OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Chairman  
Dr. Hoda had no report.  
B. Vice-Chairman  
Dr. Henderson had no report.  
C. Committee Reports  
1. Continuing Education  
Dr. Henderson moved, with a second by Dr. King, to approve the following continuing education submittals: The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ASCA Orange Beach Seminar; 16 hours (3 hours Risk Management); Alabama State Chiropractic Association
Gonstead Seminar Chicago - October 2025; 27 hours; Palmer College
Palmer College Davenport Homecoming 2025; 118 hours (24 individual hours); Palmer College
Nerd Interesting - Cases in Chiropractic MRI; 2 hours; Northeast College of Health Sciences
Neurology & Vagus Nerve Stimulation; 12 hours (3 hours Risk Management); Fetterman Events
Stem Wave Clinical Series Spine Adjustments & Supportive Procedures; 12 hours; Life University
CBP Whiplash Injury & Treatment Update; 14 hours; Life University
C3 Neuro Summit; 14 hours; Life University
CBP Basics; 14 hours; Life University
Parker Seminars; 67 hours (14 individual hours; 3 hours Risk Management); Parker University

Perinatal Care with Webster Certification; 13 hours (3 hours Risk Management); Cleveland University
A Chiropractic Winter Getaway in Puerto Rico 2026; 24 hours (2 hours Risk Management); Northeast College of Health Sciences
2025 Super Seminar Awaken; 13 hours; Logan University
CPK Symposium Kansas City 2025; 11 hours; Logan University
Advanced Principles of Upper Extremity Adjusting; 15 hours (3 hours Risk Management); Louisiana Union of Chiropractic Profession
Mastering Functional Blood Chemistry; 18 hours; University of Bridgeport
2nd Annual - The Best of Dan Murphy, DC; 12 hours; Logan University
Quantum Shift Technique; 14 hours; Logan University
The Different Facets of Care of Patients; 15 hours (3 hours Risk Management); Chiropractic Association of Louisiana
Prolonging Your Life and Mental Health with Testing for Environmental Toxins, Heavy Metals and Baseline Lab Testing; 12 hours; Fetterman Events
Active Release Technique - Lower Extremity Level I; 15 hours; Northeast College of Health Sciences
Active Release Technique - Nerve; 22.5 hours; Northeast College of Health Sciences
Active Release Technique - Upper Extremity Level I; 15 hours; Northeast College of Health Sciences
ProSport Chiropractic 34th Annual Hands-on Training/Workshop; 25 hours (17 individual hours); Logan University
ICA 2025 Pediatrics Conference: Nurturing the Future: Healthy Kids Happy Families; 19 hours (2 hours Risk Management); Palmer College
SORSI Homecoming; 112.5 hours (22.5 individual hours); Palmer College
Mile High Chiro Movement; 26 hours (22 individual hours; Sherman College
Neurology & Vagus Nerve Stimulation; 12 hours; Fetterman Events
Lumbar & Cervical Imaging with Instabilities, Oddities & Surprises; 12 hours; Fetterman Events
Active Release Technique - Spine Level I; 15 hours; Northeast College Health Sciences
Longevity Strategies - Balancing the Brain & Body; 12 hours; Northwestern Health Sciences University
Active Release Technique - Lower Extremity Level II; 22.5 hours; Northeast College of Health Sciences
Non-Surgical Spinal Decompression; 12 hours (3 hours Risk Management); Fetterman Events
Dr. King moved, with a second by Dr. Henderson, to contingently approve the following continuing education submittal pending receipt of the required course outline. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
Resolving the Most Common Spine & Extremity Complaints; 15 hours; Chiropractic Association of Louisiana

## 2. Rules and Regulations

- Attorney Turner advised that the OLRC held a meeting on Tuesday, September 30, 2025 and approved the proposed rules, as revised. A OLRC Dr. Hoda motioned, with a second by Dr. Berry to establish a sub-committee to study the continuing education revisions going forward. The members will consist of Drs. Henderson and Allen. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

b. Animal Chiropractic – Rule 12.4

Dr. Allen moved, with a second by Dr. Berry to authorize Board Counsel to initiate a temporary and a proposed rule change as approved in the July 10, 2025 meeting.

c. CA Initial Training – Rule 8.4

Dr. Hoda moved, with a second by Dr. King to assign this task to the subcommittee for review and presentation at the January 8, 2026 meeting.

The vote was, as follows:

Aye - David Allen, D.C.

Aye -Desmond Hoda, D.C.

Aye - B. Tripp Henderson, D.C.

Aye - Felicia F. King, D.C.

Aye - S. Neely Berry, D.C.

Aye -Mary Gayle Armstrong, M.D.

3. Examination

Dr. Berry moved, with a second by Dr. Armstrong to approve for licensure four (4) individuals who had taken and passed the MSBCE jurisprudence examination and met all requirements for licensure:

Buick, Sheila	Ostrom, Bryan
Hayden, Alexandra	McMorris, Ronald

The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

4. Legislation

Dr. Henderson had no legislative report at this time.

VIII. FCLB / NBCE

Dr. Hoda, Henderson, Allen and King provided the remaining Board members with an update regarding their attendance at the FCLB District Meeting held in Portland, Maine September 19 through 21, 2025. No Board action required as travel had been authorized in the July 10, 2025 meeting.

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. License Approvals

Dr. Berry moved, with a second by Dr. Allen, to approve the following as all requirements had been met. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

PRECEPTOR APPLICATIONS	INTERN APPLICATIONS
Dr. Kalena Wells (cleared by Dr. Berry on July 23, 2025)	Payton Engel
Dr. Candice Taylor	Breaunna Lewis

The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

X. OLD BUSINESS

A. Fee and Fine Schedule

Dr. Henderson moved, with a second by Dr. Armstrong, to accept the Fee and Fine Scheduled, as amended. Fines will be issued with a offer of a Consent Agreement, informal or formal conference The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

B. Renewal Options

Tabled until the January 8, 2026 meeting.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2025 Annual Report to the Governor

Dr. Armstrong moved, with a second by Dr. Henderson to accept for release the 2025 Annual Report to the Governor. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

B. OLRC Recommendation – Background Check

Dr. Armstrong moved, with a second by Dr. Allen to initiate discussions for the addition of in-state background checks as recommended by the OLRC in furtherance of MCA §73-6-13 (1) “good moral character requirement for chiropractic licensure in Mississippi”.

C. Evaluation of Continuing Education Course Submittals and Related Cost

Dr. Allen moved, with a second by Dr. Henderson to initiate a CE review fee of \$100.00 for all CE submittals seeking Mississippi approval with no exemptions effective January 1, 2026. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

D. Expired D.C.s as of September 1, 2025

Board members will follow up with expired D.C.s in their respective districts and advise the Board office if they are still working in Mississippi. If they are found to be working without the required license, a fine would be levied against the licensees.

E. Approval of the 2026 Regular Scheduled Meeting Dates

The Board approved the MSBCE 2026 Board meeting dates of January 8, April 16, July 9, and October 15, 2026.

Additionally, the Board requested that a Board Member Manual be prepared for distribution at the January 8, 2026 meeting detailing the responsibilities of the Board and other related matters.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Allen moved, with a second by Dr. King, to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Mississippi State Board of Chiropractic Examiners at 9:33 a.m. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON:

1/8/26

By and on behalf of the Board

Desmond Hoda

Desmond Hoda, Chair

Released to Board Chairman and Counsel for Review: October 9, 2025

Released to Full Board: 10/10/25

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## AGENDA

OCTOBER 9, 2025 - 8:00 A.M.

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I.	CALL TO ORDER	DESMOND HODA
II.	ROLL CALL	
	David Allen, D.C.	Desmond Hoda, D.C.
	Felicia F. King, D.C.	S. Neely Berry, D.C.
	BOARD REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:	
	Yvonne Laird, Executive Secretary	
	Kim Turner, Assistant Attorney General / Counsel for the Board	
III.	APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA	
IV.	REPORT OF COUNSEL / EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED BY MCA §25-41-7)	
	A. 2024-02 Update	
	B. 2024-03 Update	
	C. 2024-07 Update	
	D. 2025-03/04 Investigative Report	DAVID ALLEN
	E. Animal Chiropractic Services – Unlicensed Practice in Mississippi	DAVID ALLEN
V.	APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES	
	A. July 10, 2025	
	B. August 21, 2025	
	C. September 9, 2025	
VI.	FINANCIAL REPORT	
	A. Approval of Financial Report 2026 Fiscal Year – Month Ending August 30, 2025	
	B. Approval of Expenses – July 11 through October 9, 2025	
	C. Approval of Final FY2027 Budget in the amount of \$173,787	
VII.	OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS	
	A. Board Chairman's Report	DESMOND HODA
	B. Board Vice-Chairman's Report	TRIPP HENDERSON
	C. Committee Reports	
	1. Continuing Education	YVONNE LAIRD
	2. Rules and Regulations	
	a. OLRC Review of September 30, 2025	KIM TURNER
	b. Animal Chiropractic – Rule 12.4	KIM TURNER
	c. CA Initial Training – Rule 8.4	
	3. Examination	NEELY BERRY
	4. Legislation	TRIPP HENDERSON
VIII.	FCLB / NBCE DISTRICT REPORT	DESMOND HODA

IX.	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT	YVONNE LAIRD
	A. License Approvals	
X.	OLD BUSINESS	DESMOND HODA
	A. Fee and Fine Schedule	
	B. Renewal Options for Consideration	
XI.	NEW BUSINESS	DESMOND HODA
	A. 2025 Annual Report to the Governor	
	B. OLRC Recommendation – Fingerprint Based Background Check	
	C. Evaluation of Continuing Education Course Submittals and Related Cost	
	D. Expired D.C.s as of September 1, 2025	
	E. Approval of 2026 Regular Scheduled Meeting Dates	
	F. Consideration of Fee Reduction for Early Renewals	
XII.	ADJOURNMENT	DESMOND HODA