

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES, As Corrected 4/21/2025

APRIL 10, 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 8:10 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Yvonne Laird provided a roll call with the following members present:

David Allen, D.C.

Mary G. Armstrong, M.D.

Desmond Hoda, D.C.

B. Tripp Henderson, D.C.

Felicia F. King, D.C.

The following member was absent:

S. Neely Berry, D.C.

A quorum was present for voting purposes.

Board representatives present:

Kim Turner, Assistant Attorney General / Counsel for the Board

Eric Hospodor, Special Assistant Attorney General / Counsel for the Board

Yvonne Laird, Executive Secretary

Public members present:

William Andrew Barlow, D.C.

Wyatt Dunn, Special Assistant Attorney General

Sandra Gann

Ella Hardwick, Court Reporter

Elizabeth Kennedy

Kristen Love, Hearing Officer

Debbie Moore, D.C.

Kevin Oswalt, Complainant

Brian Wells, D.C.

Doug Vaughn, Attorney at Law

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Dr. Armstrong moved, with a second by Dr. Allen to correct the Agenda to reflect accurate information regarding Item V.C. Ownership Status. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

IV. AGENDA REQUEST

A. Janine Fox, D.C. was not in attendance; however, had requested that her Agenda

Request be addressed. Dr. Allen moved, with a second by Dr. King, that no waiver would be granted. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

- B. Addie Stanford, D.C. requested that her Agenda Request be addressed at the July 10, 2025 meeting as she could not be in attendance.

V. REPORT OF COUNSEL

- A. Temporary Rule Filing – Kim Turner advised that no temporary rule has been filed for clarification of “direct supervision” under MCA §73-6-1 (8) as requested by the Board in the meeting of October 17, 2024.
- B. Proposed Rule Filing – Kim Turner advised that no proposed rule has been filed with OLRC and SOS (Administrative Procedures Act) as reflected in the Board Minutes of January 9, 2025; however, should be filed in time to meet the quarterly review by OLRC. Item A above will be reflected in the proposed rule filings.
- C. Ownership Status – tabled until the July 10, 2025 meeting for review of 1987 WL 121752 Attorney General’s Opinion of August 19, 1987.

VI. Case Update

- A. 2024-4 – Consent Agreement executed February 27, 2025. Fine paid. Closed.
- B. 2024-5 – Letter sent to complainant. Closed.
- C. 2024-7 - Consent Agreement executed February 14, 2025. Fine paid March 10, 2025. Completion of NBCE Ethics and Boundaries and Jurisprudence Course must be completed by July 17, 2025.
- D. 2024-9 – Consent Agreement authorized October 17, 2024; however, not yet reduced to writing. January 9, 2025, set for notice of hearing and complaint which has not yet been reduced to writing. Counsel will be provided case file for preparation of the notice of hearing and complaint for the July 10, 2025 meeting.
- E. 2024-11 – Closed
- F. 2024-12 – Upon the recommendation of investigator, Dr. Felicia King, Dr. Armstrong moved, with a second by Dr. Henderson to take no action as the basis of the complaint is outside the jurisdiction of the Board. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

VII. Moved to final Agenda Item

VIII. Approval of the Minutes

- A. Dr. Allen moved, with a second by Dr. Henderson, to accept the minutes of January 9, 2025 and February 19, 2025 as previously distributed. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

IX. Financial Report

- A. Dr. Allen moved, with a second by Dr. King to accept the financial report was submitted for information purposes.

FY2025 BUDGET		\$134,145.00
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	\$2,000.00	
Travel	\$5,400.38	
Contractual Services	\$49,576.76	

Revenue thru February 28, 2025		\$40,050.00
Expenditures thru February 28, 2025		\$56,977.14
Available FY2025 Budget		\$77,167.86
AVAILABLE CASH February 28, 2025		\$314,814.83

- B. The Board was advised that SB3028 MSBCE FY2026 Appropriation of \$134,145.00 has been signed by the Governor. No Board action required.
- C. Dr. Henderson moved, with a second by Dr. Armstrong to approve MSBCE's request for level funding for FY2027 in the amount of \$134,145.00. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

X. Report of Officers

A. Board Chairman

No report

B. Board Vice-Chairman

No report

C. Committee Reports

1. Continuing Education

Dr. Henderson moved, with a second by Dr. Armstrong, to accept the recommendations of Dr. King and approve the following continuing education submittals:

Active Release Technique - Upper Extremity Level I; 15 hours; Northeast College of Health Sciences; 8/22-24/2025, 9/12-14/2025 & 5/16-18/2025
Active Release Technique - Lower Extremity Level II; 22.5 hours; Northeast College of Health Sciences; 9/11-14/2025
Active Release Technique - Lower Extremity Level I; 15 hours; Northeast College of Health Sciences; 9/19-21/2025, 8/1-3/2025, 6/20-22/2025 & 6/27-29/2025
Active Release Technique - Advanced Full Body; 7.5 hours; Northeast College of Health Sciences; 9/13/2025, 8/9/2025 & 7/12/2025
Treating & Managing Cervical and Lumbar Radiculopathies; 12 hours (3 hours RM); National University of Health Sciences; 4/12/2025 & 5/10/2025
Quantum Spinal Mechanics 3 2025; 12 hours; Palmer College; 6/6-7/2025, 3/7-8/2025
Occipital Lift & Module B; 19 hours; Sherman College; 3/28-30/2025
Parker Seminars Las Vegas 2025; 81 hours (15 individual hours; 15 CA hours; 3 hours RM); Parker University; 3/20-23/2025
Active Release Technique - Spine Level I; 15 hours; Northeast College of Health Sciences; 7/25-27/2025, 8/8-10/2025, 8/15-17/2025 & 9/19-21/2025
Risk Management & Avoiding Malpractice; 12 hours (5 hours RM); National University of Health Sciences; 4/26/2025 & 4/5/2025
Sacro Occipital Technique Organization Clinical Symposium 2025; 20 hours; Palmer College; 4/24-26/2025
Gonstead Seminar; 23 hours (15 individual hours); Palmer College; 5/9-10/2025
Radiology Case Studies: Putting it All Together; 6 hours; Northwestern Health Sciences University; 5/13/2025
Redefining Healthcare - Techniques for Recovery & Longevity; 12 hours; Northwestern Health Sciences University; 5/16-17/2025
The 10 Most Common Pediatric Conditions & the 7 Most Important Pediatric Techniques; 15 hours (3 hours RM); Chiropractic Association of Louisiana 5/3-4/2025

CBP Basic Certification Series; 70 hours; Life University; 9/27-10/3/2025
CBP Hands On Workshop; 16 hours; Life University; 7/25-27-2025
Pain Management & Mobility; 12 hours; National University of Health Sciences; 5/17/2025
North West Florida Chiropractic Convention; 20 hours (6 hours RM); Texas Chiropractic College; 2/7-8/2025
Clinical Applications & Protocols for CAs; 6 hours (6 hours for CAs); National University of Health Sciences; 5/3/2025, 4/12/2025 & 5/10/2025
Advanced Certification Program; 77 hours; Life University; 6/21-28/2025
Healthy Longevity & Chiropractic; 8 hours; Life University; 5/3/2025
Compliant Office Operations-Important Considerations in Clinical Practice; 6 hours (4 hours RM); 4/15/2025
Improving Mitochondrial Health for Better Wellbeing - Increased Health, Energy & Wellness Through Laser Physiology, Chiropractic Care & Innate Nutrition; 12 hours; Northwestern Health Sciences University; 1/17-18/2025
2025 Chiropractic Homecoming Symposium; 20 hours; Northwestern Health Sciences University; 2/6-8/2025
Nutritional Healing & Stress Resiliency; 12 hours; National University of Health Sciences; 4/12/2025
A Functional Chiropractic Approach to Inflammation, the Thyroid & the Cardio System; 12 hours; National University of Health Sciences; 4/5/2025
Gonstead Seminar; 24 hours (15 individual hours); Palmer College; 3/28-29/2025
Mastering the Extremities & Spine the Wong Way; 15 hours; Chiropractic Association of Louisiana; 4/12-13/2025
Orthospinology Annual Symposium 2025; 16 hours; Palmer College; 4/25-26/2025
Decompression Mastermind; 12 hours; Northeast College of Health Sciences; 5/2-4/2025
Power of Three; 6 hours; Logan University; 4/4-6/2025
Master the Method; 19 hours (12 individual hours; 2 hours RM); Logan University; 4/12-13/2025
Exponential Clinical Outcomes (ECO) May 2025; 20 hours; Logan University; 5/1-3/2025
ICA Upper Cervical Council Forum 2025; 13 hours; Palmer College; 6/20-21/2025
ACCRAC 2025 31st Annual Education & Research Agenda; 29.5 hours; Northeast College of Health Sciences; 3/20-22/2025
Future-Proof Your Practice: Innovation, Integration & Impact; 7.5 hours; Northeast College of Health Sciences; 5/2-4/2025
Active Release Technique - Nerve; 22.5 hours; Northeast College of Health Sciences; 7/24-27/2025
Active Release Technique - Full Body Level I; 44 hours; Northeast College of Health Sciences; 8/17-23/2025
The Golfer and Their Spine; 12 hours; Logan University; 4/12/2025 & 6/7/2025
2025 Logan University Symposium; 72 hours (17 individual hours; 11 hours RM); Logan University; 5/1-3/2025
CCEP Mod 6 Global; 15 hours; Life University; 5/16-17/2026; (pending clearance by CE reviewer)
CCEP Mod 5 Rehabilitation; 15 hours; Life University; 2/21-22/2026; (pending clearance by CE reviewer)
CCEP Mod 4 Soft Tissue; 15 hours; Life University; 4/11-12/2026; (pending clearance by CE reviewer)
CCEP Mod 3 Lower Extremity; 15 hours; Life University; 1/17-18/2026; (pending clearance by CE reviewer)

CCEP Mod 2 Upper Extremity; 15 hours; Life University; 11/8-9/2025; (pending clearance by CE reviewer)

CCEP Mod 1 Advanced Principles of TMJ, Ribs & Shoulder Girdle; 15 hours; Life University; 10/11-12/2025; (pending clearance by CE reviewer)

The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Dr. Henderson moved, with a second by Dr. Armstrong, to accept the recommendations of Dr. King and deny the following continuing education submittal:

2025 ACCO Orthopedic Essentials; 8 hours (4 hours RM) Northeast College of Health Sciences; 5/3/2025-DENIED as program was classified as webinar

2. Examination

Dr. King moved, with a second by Dr. Allen, to approve for licensure seven (7) individuals who had taken and passed the MSBCE jurisprudence examination and met all requirements for licensure:

Courtney Bell	Vanessa Dimarco	Denny Dalton
Victoria Estel	Alyssa Faler	Joshua LeBlanc
Katelyn Rentschler	Saira Zimmerman	

The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

XI. FCLB / NBCE

- A. Dr. King will be attending the 2025 Annual Educational Congress, St. Louis, Missouri, April 30 – May 4, 2025 and will issue a report at the July 10th meeting. Dr. Felicia King will serve as the Mississippi delegate.
- B. District Meeting 2025 – District V, Portland, Maine, September 18-21, 2025. The Board approved all members for attendance.

XII. Executive Director's Report

A. License Approvals

Dr. Henderson moved, with a second by Dr. Armstrong, to authorize registration / renewal of the following:

- 1. John Miller, D.C. – preceptor / Alec Ivey - Intern
- 2. Diane Benizzi, D.C. – preceptor / Vanessa DiMarco - Intern
- 3. Emergency D.C. – Cevin Cormier, D.C.(Alabama) for Johnny Walker, D.C. (deceased)

The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

- B. Dr. Henderson moved, with a second by Dr. Allen to issue letter to all chiropractors who have expired chiropractic assistants and radiologic technologist. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried. A draft will be released to the Board prior to release.

XIII. Old Business

No old business to come before the Board.

XIV. New Business

- A. Dana Gordon, Court Report has advised that services provided by her will be at a rate of \$375.00 effective January 1, 2025. No vote required.
- B. Dr. Armstrong moved, with a second by Dr. King to adopt the Investigative Guide as amended. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

C. FY2026 Contractual Service Agreements

1. Cornerstone Consulting Group
Dr. Allen moved, with a second by Dr. Armstrong to approve the agreement, as presented. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
2. U.S. Next
Dr. Henderson moved, with a second by Dr. King to approve the agreement, as presented. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
3. J-Bar and Associates, Inc.
Dr. Henderson moved, with a second by Dr. Armstrong to approve the agreement, as presented. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

XV. Approval of Expenses

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

A. January 10, 2025 through April 10, 2025

Vendor	Period	Total Amount
ITS (\$5.00 & \$5.00)	Feb. & March 2025	\$10.00
J-Bar and Associates, Inc.	Jan., Feb. & March 2025	\$12,000.00
J-Bar and Associates, Inc. Reimbursable Expenses	Jan., Feb. & March 2025	
Postage (\$10.50 & \$9.96)	Jan. & March 2025	\$22.46
Office Supplies Unique to the MSBCE (\$734.43)	March 2025	\$50.06
CSpire Bill (\$53.11, \$53.18 & \$53.18)	Jan., Feb. & March 2025	\$325.77
Board Meeting Expense (\$147.86 & \$177.91)	April 2025	\$147.86
FCLB Educational Conference Registration - Felicia King	April 2025	\$550.00
U.S. Next (\$140.00 & 140.00)	Jan. & Feb. 2025	\$280.00
U.S. Next (Security Upgrades)	Per Board minutes of 1/9/2025	\$3,000.00
MSBCE Travel Card (Conference room /coffee & water & hotel rooms Hoda, Henderson, Allen and Wells	April 10, 2025	Est. 1,000.00
Court Reporter	April 10, 2025	est. \$400.00
Dr. Wells- Investigator	April 10, 2025	Est. \$3,500.00
Cornerstone (\$750.00 & \$750.00)	Nov. & Dec. 2024	\$1,500.00
DFA (MMRS Charges)	Jan.-June 2025	\$2,721.00
Eric Hospodor (Mileage Reimbursement)	April 10, 2025	\$21.14
BOARD MEMBER Per Diem [2/19/2025 & 4/10/2025]and Travel Reimbursement		
Allen, David	Thursday, April 10, 2025	\$208.00
Berry, Neely	Thursday, April 10, 2025	\$128.30
Henderson, Tripp	Thursday, April 10, 2025	\$287.20
Hoda, Desmond	Thursday, April 10, 2025	\$325.00

King, Felicia [+CEU Review]	Thursday, April 10, 2025	\$700.23
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As well as board meeting and member expenses for April 10, 2025, and CEU review and investigative per diem of Dr. King. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Dr. Hoda called for a recess at 8:55 a.m.

Return from recess at 10:21 a.m.

Hearing / Executive Session

A. 2024-2 hearing conducted in open meeting. The rule was not invoked.

CLOSED DETERMINATION / EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Henderson moved to go into a closed session to determine whether an Executive Session was needed. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Dr. Henderson moved, seconded by Dr. King, that the Board had reason to go into Executive Session pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7 (d) investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Dr. Henderson moved to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session. The second was provided by Dr. Armstrong. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Dr. Hoda provided the Executive Meeting action.

1. Notice of Hearing and Complaint alleged violations: Based upon clear and convincing evidence, the following action was directed by the Board:
 - (a) Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-6-18(a): The chiropractor shall maintain records for patients which accurately, legibly and completely reflect the evaluation and treatment of patients. Guilty; levied fine of \$2,500;
 - (b) Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-6-19(1)(j): Professional incompetency in the practice of chiropractic. Guilty; levied fine of \$2,500;
 - (c) Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-6-19 (1)(f): Unprofessional and unethical conduct. Guilty; levied fine of \$2,500;
 - (d) Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-6-19 (1)(o): Failure to follow record keeping requirements prescribed in Section 73-6-18. Guilty; levied fine of \$2,500;
 - (e) Rule 103, 30 Admin. Code, Pt. 2001, Ch. 13: Having once undertaken to serve a patient, Doctor of Chiropractic should not neglect the patient. Doctor of Chiropractic should take reasonable steps to protect their patients prior to withdrawing their professional services; such steps shall include due notice to them allowing a reasonable time for obtaining professional services of others and delivering to their patients all papers and documents in compliance with Number 5 of the Code of Ethics. Not guilty.

- (f) Rule 104, 30 Admin. Code, Pt. 2001, Ch. 13: Doctor of Chiropractic should be honest and endeavor to practice with the highest degree of professional competency and honesty in the proper care of the patient. Not guilty;
 - (g) Rule 109, 30 Admin. Code, Pt. Ch. 13: Doctors of Chiropractic are entitled to receive reasonable compensation for their professional services commensurate with the value of their services they have rendered, taking into consideration their experience, time required, reputation and nature of the condition involved. Not guilty;
 - (h) Rule 124, 30 Admin. Code, Pt. 2001, Ch. 13: It is unethical for a Doctor of Chiropractic to receive a fee, rebate, rental payment or any other form of remuneration for the referral of a patient to a clinic, lab or other health entity. Not guilty.
- 2. Completion of EBAS (Ethics for Public Protection) Course; and
 - 3. One (1) year suspension of chiropractic license number 1011.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Dr. King moved, with a second by Dr. Allen, to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Mississippi State Board of Chiropractic Examiners at 7:11 p.m.

TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON: July 10, 2025

By and on behalf of the Board


Desmond Hoda, Chairman

Release for Review: April 11, 2025

Released to Board: April 16, 2025