

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

MINUTES

JULY 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 8:09 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.

Others present were:

Denise DeRossette, Cornerstone Consulting Group

Yvonne Laird, Executive Secretary

Debbie Moore, D.C.

Addie Stanford, D.C.

Kim Turner, Assistant Attorney General/Counsel for the Board

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

Denise DeRossette provided a update regarding the FY2026 budget request of \$134,145.00 and FY2027 budget request of \$168,237.00.

Dr. Allen moved, with a second by Dr. King to approve the FY2026 budget of \$134,145 which includes a contract amendment for management services in the amount of \$500 monthly. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Dr. Henderson moved, with a second by Dr. Berry to approve the FY2027 proposed budget to LBO of \$168,237 which will include \$25,000 in LMS database system updates and a \$9,000 increase in management fees. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS [MCA §73-6-5(1)]

Dr. Allen moved to nominate Dr. Hoda as Chairman and Dr. Henderson as Vice-Chairman. Dr. Berry provided a second. Dr. Armstrong moved that the nomination for Chairman and Vice-Chairman be closed. Dr. King provided a second. The vote was, as follows to elect Dr. Hoda as Chairman and Dr. Henderson as Vice-Chairman:

Aye - David Allen, D.C.

Recused -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.

Committee Assignments will continue, as follows:

Rules and Regulations – Dr. Allen

Examination – Dr. Berry
Legislation – Dr. Henderson
Continuing Education – Review by staff; approval by full board

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

VI. AGENDA REQUEST

A. Jan V. Truong, D.C.

Dr. Truong was unable to attend and requested the Executive Secretary to address the Board regarding the expansion of the chiropractor's scope of practice to include acupuncture, consistent with regional standards and in the interest of addressing a significant gap in access to care. The Board requested that the Executive Secretary advise Dr. Truong that the chiropractic scope of practice was established by legislative statute and that regulatory authority for the practice of acupuncture falls under the jurisdictional authority of the Mississippi Medical Board. No further action required.

B. Addie Stanford, D.C.

Dr. Stanford addressed the Board regarding the Board's consideration for allowing some or all CE hours to be completed online or via webinars. The Board advised Dr. Stanford that there are no current provisions for the allowance of virtual hours; however, her request will be taken under advisement.

C. Rick Roth, D.C.

Dr. Roth was unable to attend and requested the Executive Secretary to address the Board regarding a refund of a late fee. After a review of the chronological events which led up to Dr. Roth's late renewal, Dr. Berry moved with a second by Dr. Henderson to notify Dr. Roth that his request for a refund of \$300 is denied as he was notified on June 30, 2025 at 1:30 that his OIS had been cleared for renewal; however, he failed to renew until July 1, 2025. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried

VII. Executive Session

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

Dr. Henderson moved, with a second by Dr. Armstrong, 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. Allen. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

At the request of Dr. Hoda, Yvonne Laird provided the Executive Session actions taken.

A. 2024-9

Dr. Berry moved, with a second by Dr. Allen to authorize Board Counsel to present Respondent with a Consent Agreement per the recommendation of investigative board member, Dr. Tripp Henderson. The vote was, as follows:

Aye - 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.

VIII. REPORT OF COUNSEL

A. 2024-2

Final Order was signed this date by Chairman Hoda on behalf of the Board and will be distributed to licensee [at his email and mailing address of record] and his attorney of record. No further action required by the Board at this time.

B. 2024-3

Dr. King moved, with a second by Dr. Henderson to authorize Counsel to prepare and release a cease-and-desist letter. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

C. Ownership Status

No further action required by the Board at this time.

IX. Approval of the Minutes

A. Dr. Henderson moved, with a second by Dr. Berry to accept the minutes of April 10, 2025, as amended. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

B. Dr. Allen moved, with a second by Dr. King to accept the minutes of June 5, 2025, as submitted. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

X. Financial Report

A. Dr. King moved to accept the financial report, pending audit. Dr. Berry provided a second. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Dr. Hoda called for a short recess at 9:50 a.m.. The open meeting resumed at 10:10 a.m.

XI. Report of Officers

A. Chairman

Dr. Hoda had no report.

B. Vice-Chairman

Dr. Henderson had no report.

C. Committee Reports

1. Continuing Education

a. Dr. King moved, with a second by Dr. Berry, to approve the following continuing education submittals: The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

109th Annual Convention; 12 hours; Kentucky Association of Chiropractors
2025 ACA Sports Council Annual Symposium; 12 hours; University of Bridgeport
47th CBP Annual Conference; 16 hours; Life University
ABCA National Convention Co-Sponsor 2025; 12 hours; Parker University
Active Release Technique - Advanced Full Body; 7.5 hours; Northeast College of Health Sciences
Active Release Technique - Lower Extremity Level I; 15 hours; Northeast College of Health Sciences
Active Release Technique - Spine Level I; 15 hours; Northeast College of Health Sciences

Active Release Technique - Spine Level II; 22.5 hours; Northeast College of Health Sciences
Active Release Technique - Upper Extremity Level I; 15 hours; Northeast College of Health Sciences
Alumni Weekend 2025: Learn, Connect, Lead; 30 hours; Northeast College of Health Sciences
Atlanta Summer CE 2025; 18 hours (4 hours RM); Sherman College
CAL's Annual Convention; 41.5 hours (3 hours RM); Chiropractic Association of Louisiana
Craniosacral Therapy for the Modern Office; 12 hours (3 hours RM); Fetterman Events
Entrapment, TMD, Plantar Fasciitis and Special Populations; 8 hours; Texas Chiropractic College
Fall Symposium 2024; 20 hours (3-hour RM); Arkansas Chiropractic Physicians Association
FCA SW Regional Convention; 83 hours (4 hours RM); Florida Chiropractic Association
Gonstead Seminar - Madison 2025; 27 hours; Palmer College of Chiropractic
Koren Specific Technique; 14 hours; Sherman College of Chiropractic
Laboratory Testing and Nutrition in the Modern Office; 12 hours (3 hours RM); Fetterman Events
Life Vision Extravaganza 2025; 66 hours (6 hours RM); Life University
Lower Extremities: Case Study Approach; 3 hours; North Carolina Chiropractic Association
Mastering Blood Chemistry; 18 hours; University of Bridgeport
Neurology & Vagus Nerve Stimulation; 12 hours (3 hours RM); Fetterman Events
Neuroscience of Stress: Redeem Health; 24 hours; Life University
Parker Seminars Dallas 2024; 56 hours (4 hours RM); Parker University
Parker Seminars Miami 2025; 62 hours (17 CA hours; 8 hours RM); Parker University
Personal Injury; 16 hours (3 hours RM); Texas Chiropractic Association
Research Meets Practical Application; 20 hours; Logan University
The National Spinal Decompression Certificate Program; 9 hours (1 hour RM); Life University
ASCA Annual Convention; 16 hours (6 hours RM); ASCA
Pain Management & Mobility; 12 hours (3 hours RM); Fetterman Events
Life Vision Extravaganza 2024; 92 hours (9 hours RM); Life University
FICS Lower Extremity Seminar; 12 hours; Life University

- b. Dr. King moved, with a second by Dr. Berry, to contingently approve the following continuing education submittals upon review by CE Reviewer:

American College of Chiropractic Orthopedists 2025 Annual Convention; 16 hours; Northeast College of Health Sciences
Parker Seminars NeuroCon 2025; 12 hours; Parker University (pending review by CE reviewer)

The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

2. Rules and Regulations

- a. Kim Turner advised that the temporary rules had been filed with the SOS on July 1, 2025.
- b. Kim Turner advised that the proposed rules had been filed with the OLRC on July 1, 2025.

1. Analysis of Animal Chiropractic Rule 12.4

After review by Kim Turner and information received from Dr. David Newell, D.V.M. and Dr. Bob Filgo, D.V.M. at the public hearing on September 19, 2024, Dr. Berry moved with a second by Dr. Henderson to add a new rule as direct and immediate supervision can be distinguished from direct-on premises supervision in our statutes and supervision and

control does not require a licensed veterinarian to be on premises and direct and immediate supervision shall encompass a veterinarian to be off-premises, but immediately available by telephone to supervise and control. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

3. Examination

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

Akwasi Awponsah

Vanessa Dimarco

Alec Ivey

Andrew Whittington

The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

4. Legislation

Dr. Henderson completed his review of SB2699 – The Patient’s Rights to Informed Healthcare Choices and indicated that MSBCE is in compliance with its current rules and regulations.

XI. FCLB / NBCE

A. NBCE Request for Nomination -Part IV (Practical Examination)

Dr. Berry moved, with a second by Dr. Henderson to approve Dr. King’s nomination to attend the NBCE Part IV Practical Examination in November, 2025. All expenses will be covered by NBCE with no per diem requirements by the Board. CE will not be granted for Dr. King’s attendance. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

B. District Meeting 2025 – District V, Portland, Maine – September 19-20, 2025

Dr. Allen moved, with a second by Dr. Armstrong to nominate Dr. Hoda to serve as the Mississippi delegate with Dr. Henderson as alternate. The vote was, as follows:

Aye - David Allen, D.C.

Recused -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.

Dr. Allen moved, with a second by Dr. King for all board members, counsel and executive secretary to apply for scholarships. If scholarships are not granted, MSBCE will cover registration, travel and accommodation expense and provide per diem within DFA guidelines for attendance for Dr. Allen, Dr. Hoda, Dr. Henderson, Dr. King and Dr. Armstrong. Twelve (12) CE hours will be granted in the category of latest developments (9) and risk management (3). Per diem will also be allowed for September 18 – 21. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

C. RCSP (Recognized Chiropractic Specialty Program) and Board’s Recommendation
After review and discussion, Dr. Henderson moved, with a second by Dr. Armstrong to authorize the Executive Secretary to respond that MSBCE is not interested in adopting RCSP at this time. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

XIII. Executive Director’s Report

A. License Approvals

Dr. Berry moved, with a second by Dr. Armstrong, to contingently approve the following pending receipt of the required school letter:

Preceptor: Janathan Cooksey, D.C. #1149

Intern: Michael Doran, III

Preceptor: John Miller, D.C. #939

Intern: Anniston Pope

The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

B. Renewal Update

Dr. King moved, with a second by Dr. Armstrong to approve the following renewals:

Chiropractic Assistants New – 24

Chiropractor Renewals – 312

Chiropractic Assistant Renewals – 282

Chiropractic Claims Reviewer Renewals – 3

Chiropractic Radiologic Technologist Renewals - 8

The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

1. Massage Therapy CEs for CA Renewal

Dr. Allen moved, with a second by Dr. Henderson that due to the differences in the scope of practice for a CA and a CA who is also a licensed massage therapist, MSBCE will not recognize massage therapy license renewal CEs as meeting the criteria under the scope of practice for a CA. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

XIV. Old Business

No new business to present to the Board at this time.

XV. New Business

A. Five-Year Strategic Plan – 2027 – 2031

Dr. Berry moved, with a second by Dr. Allen, to accept the 2027-2031 Five-Year Strategic Plan as presented. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

B. LMS System Enhancements

After discussion of the LMS System Enhancements, the Board requested that the Executive Secretary and Counsel initiate documents for review at the October 9, 2025 meeting to include the following:

1. Separate the Office Information Sheet from its employees (DCs, CAs, CRTs). However, the following would have to apply:
 - a. DCs, CAs, CRTs are responsible for their own CEIJ uploads and renewals;
 - b. The OIS is completed by the business owner (or responsible individual assigned for management);
 - c. DCs, CAs, CRTs, must be have a chiropractic business location, (whether a sole proprietor, a LLC or a corporation)and if the OIS has not been renewed, the DCs, CAs, CRTs will not be provided their renewed license certificate; and
 - d. The business location appear on the renewed license and multiple-location specific licenses can be requested if the DC, CA or CRT works at multiple location which also complies with Patient's Right to Informed Healthcare Choices Act requirements.
2. A fine schedule will be developed to encompass fines for violations of law and rules;
3. Cost relative to system modifications and
4. No cost resource for development of an initial training program for chiropractic assistants to fulfill the requirements of Rule 8.4 within six (6) months of initial employment (a one-time requirement for a CA).

- C. Dr. Henderson moved, with a second by Dr. King to initiate the LMS database update to allow for tracking all activity of profile history including but not limited to work history, start date, end date, rehire date, termination, etc., not to exceed \$2,700. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

XVI. Approval of Expenses

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

A. April 9, 2024, through July 11, 2024


Vendor	Period	Total Amount
J-Bar and Associates, Inc.	April, May, June, 2025	\$12,000.00
J-Bar and Associates, Inc. Reimbursable Expenses	April, May, June, 2025	
Postage (\$9.96)	June, 2025	\$9.96
Office Supplies Unique to the MSBCE	April, May, June, 2025	\$0.00
CSpire Bill (\$53.18, \$53.18, \$53.18)	Jan., Feb. & March 2025	\$159.54
Board Meeting Expense (Meal: \$325.77; Mtg Room Rental: \$550.00)	April 2025	\$875.77
FCLB Educational Conference Registration - Felicia King	April 2025	\$550.00
Bond for Executive Secretary (MCA Section 73-6-7)	June, 2025	\$100.00
U.S. Next (\$140.00 & 140.00 & \$140.00)	April, May, June, 2025	\$420.00
MSBCE Travel Card (Hotel rooms \$129.00 x)	April 10, 2025	\$911.03
Court Reporter	April 10, 2025	\$587.50
Eric Hospodor, Special Assistant Attorney General	April 10, 2025	\$21.14
Brian Wells, D.C.- Investigator	April 10, 2025	\$3,406.24
Cornerstone (\$750.00 & \$750.00)	Jan., Feb., & March, 2025	\$2,407.50
DFA Teleconference Access Fee	April, May, June, 2025	\$15.00
DFA (MMRS Charges)	Jan.-June 2025	\$2,721.00

The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Dr. King moved, with a second by Dr. Armstrong, to adjourn the regularly scheduled meeting of the Mississippi State Board of Chiropractic Examiners at 11:09 a.m. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON: 10/9/2025

By and on behalf of the Board  Desmond Hoda, Chair

Released to the Board for Review: June 11, 2025

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