



# STATE OF MARYLAND BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

MDH Metro Executive Building  
4201 PATTERSON AVENUE  
BALTIMORE, MD 21215

## OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING

**VIRTUAL**

**November 4, 2021– 10:02 a.m. to 10:54 a.m.**

### **Board Members Present**

Joshua Levin, D.C., President  
Kindra Ingram D.C., Vice President  
Paul Abosh, D.C., Secretary  
Gregory Lewis, D.C. Board Member  
Karen Munter, Consumer Member  
Ella E. Pantazis, D.C. Board Member  
Nelson Miranda, Consumer Member

### **Non-Members Present**

Sharon J. Oliver, MBA, Executive Director  
Christopher Hawkins, Sr., Licensing Unit Manager  
Tony DeFranco, AAG, Board Counsel  
Pamela Alston, Admin. Specialist, Board Staff  
Marc Ware, Senior Investigator  
Lillian Reese, Legislative Specialist  
Kimberly Link, MDH Liaison

\*See attached list of call in participants

## MINUTES

On November 4, 2021, the Maryland State Board of Chiropractic Examiners (the “Board”) met virtually for the Open Session Meeting.

**Call to Order, Roll Call** – Dr. Joshua Levin, President, called the Open Session Chiropractic Board Meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Roll was called and all Board Members were present.

**The Amended Open Session Agenda was approved** – Motion to approve the Amended Open Session Agenda by Dr. Abosh; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Lewis. The motion passed; Board Vote: 7/0/0.

**Review/Approval of Open Session Minutes – September 9, 2021** – Motion to approve the Open Session Minutes by Dr. Abosh; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Lewis. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT** (*Dr. Levin*) – Nothing to report.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**FCLB District III Conference Update** (*Gregory Lewis, DC*) – Sharon Oliver, Kindra Ingram, D.C. and Greg Lewis D.C. attended the FCLB District III Conference in October. Dr. Lewis gave a report on the function of the FCLB as well as topics discussed at the conference. The next FCLB Conference will be held in Denver, CO in May 2022.

**Acupuncture Regulations withdrawn by Secretary of Health** – After several associations expressed opposition to regulations submitted by the Acupuncture Board, the Secretary decision to withdraw those regulations.

**Masks Policy** – Dr. Levin asked about the current policy regarding masks in the office setting – Kimberly Link advised that the Department of Health does not have jurisdiction over this policy. This is enforced by each County. She will research the policy and report back to the Board.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **DC Renewals Updates** (*Christopher Hawkins*)

- \$655,877.00 Revenue Collected. Thirty-One (31) did not renew. – Renewals are complete and reinstatements are coming in daily. To date, the Board has received \$4,000 in Late Renewal fees.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** – (*Sharon Oliver, MBA*)

**Board Member Appointments for 2022 Constitutional Provision Affecting Appointments** – There are two Board Members who are eligible for reappointment: Dr. Levin & Nelson Miranda. Due to the provisions pertaining to the upcoming Gubernatorial Election, reappointments will commence after the election. Reference *Maryland Cons. Article II. 5 IOA (2013)*.

**Year to Date Revenue Report** – The Board has collected a total of \$705,244.00 in revenue for Fiscal Year 2022.

**2023 Appropriation Budget** – The estimated budget for fiscal year 2023 has been prepared. The projected figure to cover the operating expenses of the Board is \$517,664.

**2022 Legislative Session** (*Lillian Reese*) – The 2022 Legislative Session begins January 12, 2022 and ends April 15, 2022. Lillian Reese reminded the Board to monitor their emails closely to respond to Bills. Lillian Reese will send a weekly report regarding the status of Bills to Sharon Oliver.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **CE Committee Report/Recommendations** – (*Dr. Pantazis*)

**“Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and Influenza: An Update for Health Professionals” from the Institute for Natural Resources requested by Maryjoyce Rotella, D.C. (CEU: 4 hrs.)**

The recommendation of the Committee is to approve this course. The Board accepted the recommendation of the Committee.

**“Dry Needling Certification for Spine and Upper Extremity, submitted by Dr. Allen Manison” (CEU: 12 hrs.)** The recommendation of the Committee is to approve this course. The Board accepted the recommendation of the Committee.

**Request for Dry Needling Certification based on Acupuncture Course previously taken submitted by Dr. Erik Korzen:** This request was denied; does not meet CEU requirements. The recommendation of the Committee is to approve this course. The Board accepted the recommendation of the Committee.





## **Legislative /Regulations Committee – (Dr. Abosh)**

### **10.43.10 Continuing Education Requirements – Proposed Updates**

Proposed deletions in language for the Continuing Education Requirements have been submitted. The Board is in favor of the proposed updates to the Continuing Education Requirements.

**CA Training Program: Hands on Training Requirements** – The current regulations do not specify the training requirements required for CA Trainees. The Board opined on whether or not to place these requirements in the regulations. Board Discussion.

### **Ad Hoc CA Training Program Committee – (Dr. Pantazis)**

Many of the ongoing issues have been addressed with spot checking on the problem program. Information has been collected on other training programs; the Committee will convene to evaluate and make recommendations. Board Discussion.

### **Ad Hoc JP Committee– (Dr. Abosh)**

A vendor has been chosen to administer the Jurisprudence examinations for the DC's and CA's. The process has begun with reviewing prospective test questions for relevancy with current regulations & statutes. The goal is to have online testing in place through the Hub by September 2022.

### **RATIFICATION OF NEW LICENSEES AND REGISTRANTS – SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2021**

The Board voted to accept the following Licensees and Registrants. Motion by Dr. Abosh; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen Munter to approve Chiropractors & CA Assistants as whole. The motion passed; Board Vote: 7/0/0. *Welcome to the State of Maryland!*

#### **CHIROPRACTORS: September and October 2021**

<b>LICENSE NO.</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>ORIGINAL LICENSE DATE</b>
04103	Balza, Robert D.	09/03/2021
04105	Byrd, Julius E.	09/03/2021
S04104	Leipold, Felicia T.	09/03/2021
S04107	Roland, Demond	09/08/2021
S04106	Zijerdi, Igin	09/08/2021
04108	Scanlon, Jennifer R.	09/09/2021
S04109	Kuhl, Nicholas T.	09/20/2021
04110	Herger-Reguero, Angielle M.	09/22/2021
S04111	Belmont, Daniel	10/20/2021
04113	Ghatreh Samany, Pezhman P.G.	10/22/2021
S04112	Rosa, Peter A.	10/22/2021

**Total 11**

## CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANTS: September and October 2021

REGISTRATION NO.	NAME	ORIGINAL LICENSE DATE
RC2506	Bernilla, Maria P.	09/02/2021
RC2505	Felmar, Jennifer E.	09/02/2021
RC2507	Fullmer, Addison	09/02/2021
RC2508	Isom, Chynna C.	09/03/2021
RC2509	Charlebois, Matthew	09/08/2021
RC2510	Wilson, Samantha	09/08/2021
RC2511	Lee, Chaniece	09/09/2021
RC2513	Altamirano, Jennifer	09/10/2021
RC2512	Black, Kayla S.	09/10/2021
RC2514	Armwood, Stacey S.	09/14/2021
RC2515	Matthews, Ariana	09/17/2021
RC2516	Melson, LaCrystal M.	09/21/2021
RC2517	Walker, Frantessa L.	10/22/2021

**Total 13**

## CURRENT BOARD DATA as of 10/25/2021

BOARD	STATUS CODES	PRIOR PERIOD NUMBERS REPORTED	CURRENT NUMBERS
<b>Chiropractor</b>	<b>Active</b>	936	900
Chiropractor	Inactive	57	50
<b>Chiropractic Assistant</b>	<b>Active</b>	594	612
Chiropractic Assistant	Inactive	36	36

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Next Meeting Date – January 13, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.**

Dr. Abosh moved to adjourn the Open Session Meeting at 10:54 a.m.; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen Munter. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Paul Abosh by SPV*

Paul Abosh, D.C.  
Secretary/Treasurer



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**CALL IN PARTICIPANTS**

Keith Scott, D.C., MCA

Marc Gulitz, D.C.