



STATE OF MARYLAND
BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
4201 PATTERSON AVENUE, BALTIMORE, MD 21215

OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING
May 11, 2023 – 10:00 a.m. to 11:11 a.m.

VIRTUAL

Board Members Present

Joshua Levin, D.C., President
Paul Abosh, D.C., Vice President
Karen Munter, BSN, RN., Secretary/Treasurer
Gregory Lewis, D.C., Board Member
Ella E. Pantazis, D.C., Board Member
Nelson Miranda, Consumer Member
Enid Cruise, D.C., Board Member

Non-Members Present

Sharon J. Oliver, MBA, Executive Director
Christopher Hawkins, Sr., Licensing Unit Manager
Tony DeFranco, AAG, Board Counsel
Brandy Gray, AAG, Board Counsel
Mae Mgbaja, Licensing Coordinator
T. Nicole Cullings, Investigator
Pamela Alston, Admin. Specialist

*See attached list of call-in participants

MINUTES

On May 11, 2023, the Maryland State Board of Chiropractic Examiners (the “Board”) met virtually for the Open Session.

Call to Order, Roll Call – Dr. Joshua Levin, President, called the Open Session to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll was called & all Board Members were present.

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

Review/Approval of Open Session Minutes – March 9, 2023 – Motion to approve the Open Session Minutes by Dr. Abosh; 2nd by Dr. Lewis. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – (*Dr. Levin*)

Dr. Levin’s last board meeting as President is May 11th. The results of the Executive Committee Members will be announced at the end of the open session. Dr. Levin expressed his sentiments working with the Board as President and thanked everyone for their hard work.

Sharon Oliver was temporarily disconnected from the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- **SB200/HB234 Chiropractic Discipline Bill** – SB200 & HB234 passed in the House and Senate; authorizes the Board to take disciplinary action against an applicant or a licensee for failing to comply with a Board order and grant a stay of enforcement order in

accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act; authorizes the Board to reinstate a suspended or revoked license. SB200/HB234 goes into effect October 1, 2023.

- **SB187 Health Occupations – Licenses, Certificates, and Registrations – Immigrants.** SB187 Prohibits a health occupation board from requiring that an applicant provide proof that the applicant is lawfully present in the United States, taxpayer number or have a Social Security Number as a condition for licensure or registration. SB187 goes into effect October 1, 2023.
- **HB636 Public Information Act – Inspection of E-Mail Addresses and Telephone Numbers** – HB636 will allow business contact information such as email addresses to be disseminated to persons of interest if provided by a licensee or registrant. HB636 goes into effect October 1, 2023.
- **HB172/SB232 – An act concerning Health Occupations - Licensed Athletic Trainers Dry Needling Approval Bill** - for the purpose of authorizing the State Board of Physicians to approve licensed athletic trainers to perform dry needling as a specialized task; and generally relating to licensed athletic trainers and dry needling. HB172/SB232 goes into effect October 1, 2023.

Sharon Oliver returned to the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Sharon Oliver announced the Licensing Unit will reformat all applications to be in compliance with the law.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE – (Lillian Reese)

Lillian Reese gave an update on the 2023 Legislative Session. 2,300 Bills were introduced in the session, however, only 800 passed. Concept Papers submissions for the 2024 legislative session are due on June 2nd. Sharon Oliver thanked the staff and all who testified during the 2023 Legislative Session. An eblast will be disseminated to all licensees regarding SB200/HB234 Chiropractic Discipline Bill.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (Sharon Oliver, MBA)

Preceptor Sponsor Applications and Site Inspection Reports for Approval:

Dr. Russell Antico, 8894 Stanford Blvd., Suite 102, Columbia, MD 21042 – (Dr. Levin) – The office was found to be in acceptable condition for externs and preceptor students. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Dr. Douglas Miller, 405 Frederick Road, Suite 258, Catonsville, MD 21228 – (Dr. Abosh) – The office was found to be in acceptable condition for externs and preceptor students. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

FCLB/NBCE Annual Conference Report – (Dr. Abosh & Sharon Oliver, MBA)

Sharon Oliver and Dr. Abosh attended the FCLB/NBCE Annual Conference April 26-30, 2023, in West Palm Beach, Florida. Dr. Abosh reported on the following salient topics: Leadership, Regulation, Threats to the Profession, Advances in Technology, Keeping Up with Trends, Competitors in Higher Education, and Expert Witnesses: Standard of Care. Sharon Oliver reported on the following salient topics: The Role of the Public Member on Organizational Boards, Portability of Licensure, and Efficiencies of Operations.

MCA Annual Meeting Report – (Dr. Abosh & Dr. Cruise)

Drs. Abosh and Cruise spoke about procedures & requirements for licensees at the MCA Annual Meeting. During the meeting, Dr. Abosh discussed the following items: CA Renewals, Preceptor Rules & Procedures, Renewal Preceptor Status for Preceptors (10 + years), Dry Needling Regulations/Procedures, CEU Course Approval Procedures, CEU Course Guidelines and Record Keeping Federal Laws.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Committee Elections – Vote Casting –The ballots have been distributed. The results of the Executive Committee will be announced at the end of the open session meeting.

New Board Member – May 11th is Dr. Lewis' final meeting as a Board Member as his term ends in June. Dr. Daniel Kraus has received his appointment letter and is schedule to be sworn in on July 5th. Sharon Oliver will reach out to the appointments office to obtain an update on the Consumer Member Position appointment. Thank you to Dr. Lewis for your service.

Dry Needling Instructor Qualification – This item will be referred to the Legislative Committee to review regulatory language. This review is being conducted to ensure all instructors and licensees are in compliance with the Dry Needling Regulations.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – (Sharon Oliver, MBA)

CCE (Informational Only) – An action accreditation report from the Council on Chiropractic Education regarding Chiropractic Schools on probation is included in the board packets. Keiser University College of Chiropractic Medicine is currently on probation. Board Discussion.

Online Jurisprudence Examination Update – In April, Sharon Oliver and Christopher Hawkins met with David Marks of the Training Division to discuss the preliminary set up of the online JP Examination. The discussion entailed creating an option to combine the general and supervisory exam for Chiropractors and finalizing an appropriate sum of test bank questions.

District III Meeting September 21-24 in Boston – The District III Meeting is open to all board members. A scholarship is available for those who are interested in applying.

Staffing Update: Investigator Supervisor Position – Three candidates were interviewed however the candidate of choice was not available to accept the offer. The Investigator

Supervisor posting request will be resubmitted to HR with a request to post the position on approved social media platforms to attract more candidates. The Health Occupation Investigator positions are being upgraded to pay a higher, more competitive salary. Board Discussion.

Licensing Unit Manager Report – (Christopher Hawkins)

Preceptor Sponsor Audit – The Licensing Unit reached out to current preceptor sponsors to determine continued interest in the program and clear up any misconceptions. The current preceptor list contains 80 preceptor sponsors.

CA Renewals Update – The Licensing Unit reported that 521 CA's have actively renewed. The late renewal period was April 1- April 30. If a licensee reinstates, they must retake the JP Examination. The Licensing Unit is gearing up for D.C. license renewal period which begins in August. Special thanks to Chiropractic Licensing Coordinator, Mae Mgbaja for a successful renewal period!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CE Committee Report/Recommendations – (Dr. Pantazis)

- **“Lifestyle Medicine – Tools for Promoting a Healthy Change,” Submitted by Dr. Robert Stein for 14.5 CEU Credit Hrs.** The Board voted to accept the committee's recommendation to approve this course.
- **“Diagnosing Ligament Injuries Using Digital Motion X-Ray,” Submitted by James Winberry, D.C. for 15 CEU Credit Hrs.** The Board voted to accept the committee's recommendation to approve this course.

Legislative /Regulations Committee – (Dr. Levin & Dr. Abosh)

Drs. Levin and Abosh, Sharon Oliver and Tony DeFranco met to discuss and reformat regulatory language for preceptor sponsor inspections and reinspection procedures. Tony DeFranco and Brandy Gray are working on finalizing a draft of the proposed regulation. Once committee reassignments have been established, the Legislative Committee will reconvene to discuss regulations for dry needling instructors and requirements for graduating chiropractors. Board Discussion.

Licensing Committee (Dr. Abosh) – Dr. Abosh emphasized prompt licensure renewal for the upcoming renewal period.

Ratification of New Licensees and Registrants – March & April 2023

The Board voted to accept the following Licensees and Registrants. Motion by Dr. Abosh; 2nd by Dr. Lewis to approve Chiropractors & CA Assistants as whole. The motion passed; Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Chiropractors: March & April 2023

LICENSE NO.	NAME	ORIGINAL LICENSE DATE
S04173	BOEBINGER, JONATHAN N.	03/16/2023
S04174	EDET, LAURA S.	04/20/2023
S04176	RIVERA SANCHEZ, HIRAM B.	04/24/2023
S04177	MERHI, ABIGAIL B.	04/28/2023

Total 4

CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANTS: March & April 2023

REGISTRATION No.	NAME	ORIGINAL LICENSE DATE
RC2670	AKINAMDE, JOSEPH	03/03/2023
RC2668	HERNANDEZ, ALEXIS, A.	03/03/2023
RC2669	WARE, BETHANY K.	03/03/2023
RC2671	GRAHAM, SELINA E.	03/06/2023
RC2672	HERNANDEZ, EMELY M.	03/14/2023

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President: Dr. Paul M. Abosh, **Vice President:** Dr. Ella Pantazis and **Secretary/Treasurer:** Dr. Enid Cruise. Congratulations to the new Executive Committee and the Nominations Committee for their work!

Next Meeting Date – July 13, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. (Hybrid).

Dr. Lewis moved to adjourn the Open Session Meeting at 11:11 a.m.; 2nd by Dr. Pantazis. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Enid Cruise, D.C.
Secretary/Treasurer



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VIRTUAL PARTICIPANTS

Kimberly Link, Senior Advisor to Secretary

Zakiyyah Holmes, Office of the Secretary, Boards and Commissions

Lillian Reese, Legislative Liaison

Kacey Morris

Keith Scott, D.C.