

CHIROPRACTIC BOARD MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NAME OF BOARD/COMMISSION:

State Board of Chiropractic Examiners

MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION:

TOTAL NUMBER: 7

PROFESSIONAL: 5 Chiropractors

CONSUMER: 2 Consumer Members

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:

DAY: 2nd Thursday

TIME: 10:00 AM – 1 PM

LOCATION: 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215 or virtually

FUNCTION OF BOARD:

The Board of Chiropractic Examiners (the “Board”) is mandated to protect the public by regulating the practice of chiropractic in Maryland; by licensing, registering and certifying qualified chiropractors and chiropractic assistants; enforcing the Practice Act; and promulgating statute and regulations.

BOARD MEETINGS, COMMITTEE MEETINGS & TIME COMMITMENT:

A Board Member’s time commitment to the work of the Board varies depending on the number of committees to which a member is assigned. Board Members also devote time to review materials prior to Board or Committee meetings.

Board Open Session:	1.5 - 2 hours (every other odd-numbered month)
Board Administrative Session:	1.5 – 2 hours (every other odd-numbered month)
Discipline Committee:	1-1.5 hours (every month)
License Review Committee	1-1.5 hours (every month)
Legislative/Regulations Committee:	2 hours (meeting held as needed)
Continuing Education:	1-2 hours

Periodically the Board will conduct a disciplinary hearing on the same day as the Board Meeting. Hearings usually start at 1:00 pm and may last up to 3 hours.

BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION:

Board Members are compensated by per diem/travel allowances. Current per diem for meetings is \$150.00.

OTHER DUTIES OF MEMBERS:

The Board President and Vice President represent the State of Maryland at state/national level conferences to discuss the different legislation and educational initiatives of their respective locales. Additionally, by recommendation of the Board, members are tasked with writing legislation that governs the scope and practice the Chiropractic occupation.

For additional information please visit our website at:

<https://health.maryland.gov/chiropractic/Pages/about.aspx>

If you have other questions, please contact Sharon Oliver, Executive Director, at Sharon.oliver@maryland.gov or 410-764-5985.

Md. HEALTH OCCUPATIONS Code Ann. § 3-202

§ 3-202. Membership.

(a) Composition; appointment of members. --

- (1) The Board consists of 7 members.
- (2) Of the 7 members:
 - (i) 5 shall be licensed chiropractors; and
 - (ii) 2 shall be consumer members.
- (3)
 - (i) The Governor shall appoint the chiropractor members, with the advice of the Secretary, and with the advice and consent of the Senate, **from a list of qualified individuals submitted to the Governor by the Maryland Chiropractic Association.**
 - (ii) The number of names on the list shall be **five times the number of vacancies.**
 - (iii) The list shall include the name of the incumbent member unless the incumbent declines renomination.
- (4) **The Governor shall appoint the consumer members with the advice of the Secretary, and with the advice and consent of the Senate.**

(b) Qualifications of chiropractor members. -- Each chiropractor member of the Board shall be:

- (1) A resident of this State;
- (2) A licensed chiropractor of integrity and ability who is **in active practice**;
- (3) A graduate of a resident course in chiropractic; and
- (4) An individual who has practiced chiropractic in this State for at least 5 consecutive years.

(c) Qualifications of consumer members -- In general. -- Each consumer member of the Board:

- (1) Shall be a member of the general public;
 - (2) May not be or ever have been a chiropractor or in training to become a chiropractor;
 - (3) May not have a household member who is a chiropractor or in training to become a chiropractor;
 - (4) May not participate or ever have participated in a commercial or professional field related to chiropractic;
 - (5) May not have a household member who participates in a commercial or professional field related to chiropractic;
- and
- (6) May not have had, within 2 years before appointment, a substantial financial interest in a person regulated by the Board.

(d) Chiropractic members to be in good standing with Board. --

- (1) In addition to the requirements of subsection (b) of this section, each chiropractic member of the Board shall be a licensed chiropractor whose license is in good standing with the Board.
- (2) For purposes of this subsection, "good standing" means that the Board has not reprimanded the licensee, suspended or revoked the license of the chiropractor, or placed the licensee on probation within 5 years prior to or after confirmation to the Board.

(e) Consumer member -- Restriction. -- While a member of the Board, a consumer member may not have a substantial financial interest in a person regulated by the Board.

(f) Oath. -- Before taking office, each appointee to the Board shall take the oath required by Article I, § 9 of the Maryland Constitution.

(g) Tenure; vacancies. --

- (1) **The term of a member is 4 years.**
- (2) The terms of members are staggered as required by the terms provided for members of the Board on October 1, 2016.
- (3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.
- (4) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.
- (5) The Governor shall fill any vacancy on the Board within 60 days of the date of the vacancy.
- (6) **A member may not serve more than 2 consecutive full terms.**

(h) Removal. --

- (1) The Governor may remove a member for incompetence or misconduct.
- (2) Upon the recommendation of the Secretary, the Governor may remove a member whom the Secretary finds to have been absent from 2 successive Board meetings without adequate reason.