

**GEORGIA BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS**  
**Board Teleconference Minutes**  
**Friday, February 1, 2019 – 12:00 p.m.**

The Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners met via teleconference on Friday, February 1, 2019. The following members were present:

**Board Members Present**

Dr. Mary Watkins, D.C., Chairperson  
Dr. David Wren, D.C., Board Member  
Dr. Robert Alpert, D.C., Board Member  
Dr. Joe Krzemien, D.C., Board Member

**Administrative Staff Present**

Adrienne Price, Executive Director  
Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor  
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist

**Board Members Not Present**

Dr. Andrew Krantz, D.C., Vice Chair  
Emily Campbell Marsh, Consumer Member

**Attorney General's Office Present**

Betsy Cohen, Assistant Attorney General

**Visitors Present**

No visitors present.

**Call To Order:** Dr. Watkins established a quorum of the Board was present called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

**OPEN SESSION**

**Agenda** The Board accepted the agenda as presented.

**Open Session Minutes**

**1. January 11, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Alpert motioned, Dr. Krzemien seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the January 11, 2019 open session Board meeting minutes as presented.

**2. February 11, 2019 Investigative Committee Teleconference Minutes**

Dr. Krzemien motioned, Dr. Wren seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the February 11, 2019 open session investigative committee teleconference minutes with the friendly amendment.

**Discussion – Georgia Chiropractic Association (GCA) Legislative Day at the Capitol February 14, 2019 – Board Representative**

Dr. Watkins apprised the Board that a taskforce for healthcare professionals has recently been created to discuss and educate the public regarding opioid alternatives. She announced that the taskforce will meet on February 14, 2019, which is GCA Legislative Day at the Capitol. She stated that the William Harris Foundation, of which she is the President, has recently allocated funds for the taskforce. Dr. Wren motioned, Dr. Krzemien seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to appoint Dr. Watkins and Dr. Alpert to represent the Board during these discussions at GCA Legislative Day at the Capitol.

**Petition for Rule Waiver – BR 100-5-.02. – Jeffrey Karl Rauch**

Table for Executive Session Discussion.

**Dr. Wren motioned, Dr. Krzemien seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k)(1) (2), O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k)(4), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19 (h)(2) & (4) to receive and review information pertaining to applications, complaints, and to receive the Assistant Attorney General's and Investigative Committee reports. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Dr. Mary Watkins, Dr. David Wren, Dr. Joe Krzemien and Dr. Robert Alpert.**

At the conclusion of Executive Session of Friday, February 1, 2019, Dr. Watkins declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were obtained during Executive Session.

**OPEN SESSION**

**Executive Session Minutes**

**1. January 11, 2019 Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Wren motioned, Dr. Alpert seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the January 11, 2019 executive session Board meeting minutes as presented.

**2. February 11, 2019 Investigative Committee Teleconference Minutes**

Dr. Krzemien motioned, Dr. Alpert seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the February 11, 2019 open session investigative committee teleconference minutes as presented.

**Investigative Committee Report – R. Alpert, D.C.**

Dr. Krzemien motioned, Dr. Wren seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following recommendations made in Executive Session.

**CHIR150015** Close Case and reinstate the license.

**CHIR160003** Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a Public Consent Order based on action by another licensing authority and a false attestation on the renewal application. Terms and conditions to include monitoring compliance with the terms of the sanction by the other licensing Board, a fine of \$500 to be paid at the time of the order, an additional hour of GA Law, in-person, within 90 days from the docket date.

**CHIR170041** Close.

**CHIR170049** Close the case, if attempt to reinstate, present to the Board to consider the facts of the case.

**CHIR180003** Schedule an Investigative Interview.

**CHIR180026** Close the case finding that the respondent has satisfied the requirements of the Board.

**CHIR180037** Close the case, no jurisdiction.

**CHIR180044** Schedule an Investigative Interview.

**CHIR180050** Table for review during the next Investigative Committee Meeting.

**CHIR190020** Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for review and guidance.

**CHIR190027** Close the case.

**CHIR190028** Close the case.

**CHIR190031** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order with Fine of \$500 to be paid within 90 days of docket date based on false attestation on renewal application. Must complete 2 Hours of CE approved by the Board, which may be done online within 30 days from docket date of the order. Hours submitted may not be applied towards meeting the requirements for future renewals. Flag for CE Audit.

**CHIR190037** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order with a fine of \$500 to be paid within 90 days of the docket date based on false attestation on renewal application. Flag for CE Audit.

- CHIR190038** Continuing Education Audit Approved, renew the license and close.
- CHIR190039** Continuing Education Audit Approved, renew the license and close.
- CHIR190042** Notify the applicant that application is incomplete. Must complete 31 hours of approved continuing education, 11 of which may be obtained from online sources. Hours must be completed before the expiration date of the application.

**Miscellaneous Executive Discussion**

Dr. Alpert motioned, Dr. Krzemien seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following recommendations made in Executive Session.

- CHIR190034** Accept order as received.
- CHIR190036** Refer to Legal Services for Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure for violation of O.C.G.A. § 43-9-11 and Board Rule 100-5-.02(1) & (1)b). Terms and conditions to include: a fine of \$500 to be paid within 90 days of the docket date of the order; proof of completion of (5) hours CE in Ethics or Risk Management and one (1) hour CE in GA Law within 90 days of the docket date; CE hours may be completed online; hours submitted to satisfy the terms of the order may not be used to satisfy the CE requirements for the current or future renewal cycles and flag for CE audit.
- CHIR190043** Refer to Legal Services for Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure per Policy 7 with a fine of \$500 for violation of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(2); 43-9-11; and Board Rule 100-5-.02(1). Terms and conditions to include: a fine of \$500 to be paid within 90 days of the docket date of the order; and flag for CE audit.
- CHIR190044** Offer the respondent the opportunity to withdraw the application for license renewal within ten (10) business days after the date of notification. If the respondent does not submit a request to withdraw the application within the designated timeframe, deny the license renewal application for failure to meet the requirements for the renewal of the license in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-9-11.
- CHIR190045** Refer to Legal Services for Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure for violation of O.C.G.A. O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(2); 43-9-11; and Board Rule 100-5-.02(1). Terms and conditions to include: a fine of \$500 to be paid within 90 days of the docket date of the order; proof of completion of 40 hours of Board Approved CE in compliance with BR 100-5-.02 within 90 days of the docket date; CE hours submitted to satisfy the terms of the order may not be used to satisfy the CE requirements for the current or future renewal cycles and flag for CE audit.

**Petition for Rule Waiver – BR 100-5-.02. – Jeffrey Karl Rauch**

Dr. Alpert motioned, Dr. Krzemien seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition to waive BR 100-5-.02 on the basis that the requirement to complete 20 hours of continuing education per year is statutory and cannot be waived by the Board [O.C.G.A. § 43-9-11].

**Adjournment** With there being no additional business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
<b>Minutes reviewed and edited by:</b>	Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director
<b>Minutes approved on:</b>	February 22, 2019

**DR. MARY WATKINS, D.C.**  
**BOARD CHAIR**

**MS. ADRIENNE PRICE**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**