## GEORGIA BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

**Administrative Staff Present** 

Administrative Staff Absent

Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor

Adrienne Price, Executive Director

**Attorney General's Office Present** 

Betsy Cohen, Assistant Attorney General

Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist

**Board Teleconference Minutes** Friday, March 29, 2019 – 8:30 a.m.

The Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners met via teleconference on Friday, March 29, 2019. The following members were present:

## **Board Members Present**

Dr. Mary Watkins, D.C., Chairperson Dr. Andrew Krantz, D.C., Vice Chair Dr. Joe Krzemien, D.C., Board Member Emily Campbell Marsh, Consumer Member Dr. David Wren, D.C., Board Member

## **Board Members Not Present**

Dr. Robert Alpert, D.C., Board Member

# **Visitors Present**

No visitors present.

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

8:32 a.m.

## **OPEN SESSION**

Agenda The Board accepted the agenda as presented.

# **Open Session Minutes**

# 1. March 8, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

The Board tabled discussion for Executive Session.

# **Petitions for Rule Variance**

1. Rule Variance - BR 100-5-.01(1) & BR 100-6-.01 & BR 100-2-.02(2) - Cleopatra Peter - CHIR009177 Dr. Krantz motioned, Dr. Krzemien seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition for variance of Board Rule 100-5-.01(1) & BR 100-6-.01 & BR 100-2-.02(2) on the basis that the requirement to complete 20 hours of continuing education per year is statutory and cannot be waived by the Board and as a result the SPEC examination may not be submitted in lieu of meeting the statutory requirement [O.C.G.A. § 43-9-11; 50-13-9.1(c)].

## 2. Rule Variance - BR 100-9-.01(5) - Kenneth Curtis

Dr. Krantz motioned, Dr. Krzemien seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition for variance of Board Rule 100-9-.01(5) due to the fact that the applicant has not demonstrated a unique and substantial hardship.

Dr. Kranz 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. Andrew Krantz, Dr. Joe Krzemien and Mrs. Emily Marsh.

At the conclusion of Executive Session of Friday, March 29, 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**

Dr. Wren joined the meeting at 8:56 a.m.

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Dr. Krantz motioned, Dr. Krzemien seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the March 8, 2019 open session Board meeting minutes and the March 8, 2019 executive session Board meeting minutes as presented.

## **Miscellaneous Executive Discussion**

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

## 1. CE Audit

a) CHIR190018

Rescind the previous motion based on the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 43-9-11 and notify the applicant that the Board will grant the applicant's request to withdraw the application for license renewal if such request is received prior to April 5, 2019. Upon receipt of the letter, the license will be lapsed and the applicant may begin the reinstatement process. If the applicant's request is not received, the license will lapse by operation of law as of April 5, 2019 based a failure to meet the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 43-9-11.

b) CHIR190041

Rescind the previous motion based on the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 43-9-11 and notify the applicant that the Board will grant the applicant's request to withdraw the application for license renewal if such request is received prior to April 5, 2019. Upon receipt of the letter, the license will be lapsed and the applicant may begin the reinstatement process. If the applicant's request is not received, the license will lapse by operation of law as of April 5, 2019 based a failure to meet the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 43-9-11.

- c) CHIR190046
- Rescind the previous motion, renew the license and close the case.
- d) CHIR190064

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- e) CHIR190055
- Rescind the previous motion, renew the license and close the case.

## 2. CE Review

a) CHIR190042

Notify the applicant that the only courses submitted for reinstatement which are preapproved and accepted by the Board were those offered by DCHours.com. The applicant must obtain 31 hours of CE approved by the Board, 11 of which may be obtained from online sources.

b) CHIR190031

Rescind the previous motion based on the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 43-9-11 and notify the applicant that the Board will grant the applicant's request to withdraw the application for license renewal if such request is received prior to April 5, 2019. Upon receipt of the letter, the license will be lapsed and the applicant may begin the reinstatement process. If the applicant's request is not received, the license will lapse by operation of law as of April 5, 2019 based a failure to meet the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 43-9-11.

Dr. Wren left the meeting at 9:19 a.m.

**Adjournment** With there being no additional business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist Adrienne Price, Executive Director Minutes recorded by:

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

05/17/2019 Minutes approved on:

DR. MARY WATKINS, D.C. MS. ADRIENNE PRICE

**BOARD CHAIR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**