

Georgia State Board of Chiropractors

Board Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2025

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Chiropractors met on **Friday, January 17, 2025 via Webex.**

<p><u>Board Members Present:</u> Dr. Robert Alpert, D.C., Chairman Dr. Andrew Krantz, D.C., Vice Chairman Dr. Mary Watkins, D.C. Dr. Norman Eng, D.C Doug Hollandsworth</p> <p><u>Absent Members:</u> Dr. David Wren, D.C.</p> <p><u>Attorney General Representative present:</u> Elizabeth Simpson, Assistant Attorney General</p>	<p><u>Board Staff Present:</u> Laurie Elander, Executive Director Iris Waller, Licensure Supervisor Thishilyn Stubbs, Board Support Specialist Tamika Pennington, Licensure Analyst</p> <p><u>Visitors:</u> Aubrey Villines David Radaszewski Aracelly Martinez Kaleb Scroggin Daniel Tew Chris Walker Anna Walker Drew Henderson Ajay (no last name) Call-in User_1 Carolyn Call-in User_2 Seiver Call-in User_3 Call-in User_5</p>
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Open Session:

At 9:05 a.m., Chairman Dr. Robert Alpert established that there was a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

Vice-Chairman Dr. Andrew Krantz made a motion to accept the agenda with amendments to add renewal application #2647002, Doug Hollandsworth seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Dr. Robert Alpert presented a draft of the November 1, 2024 meeting minutes. Vice-Chairman Dr. Andrew Krantz made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Dr. Mary Watkins seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Dr. Robert Alpert presented a draft of the December 20,2024 Public Hearing Minutes. Dr. Mary Watkins made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Doug Hollandsworth seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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Licenses Issued

Vice-Chairman Andrew Krantz made a motion for the Board to approve the list of licenses issued and licenses reinstated from October 30, 2024 to January 14, 2025. Dr. Norman Eng seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

License Issued

License No	Licensee
CHIR011302	Turner Dwayne Vincent
CHIR011303	Kelsey Krier
CHIR011304	Tanya McClendon
CHIR011305	Wilfredo Sanchez
CHIR011306	Dominique Turpeau
CHIR011307	Patrick Krier
CHIR011308	William Fletcher Payne
CHIR011309	Nikolas Joseph Romage
CHIR011310	Barbara Betancourt
CHIR011311	Dwayne Irwin Parker, II
CHIR011312	Ryan Lucas
CHIR011313	Nicholas Reyes
CHIR011314	Brett A Caminez
CHIR011315	Mikhail Atkins
CHIR011316	Colin Grey Ritsick
CHIR011317	Devon Michael Rosseau
CHIR011318	DeJa Andrews
CHIR011319	Alyssa Marie Kurtiak
CHIR011320	Jesse Elijah McCord
CHIR011321	Nick George Bakalis
CHIR011322	Drew Austin Kline
CHIR011323	Ravi Barry Jitta
CHIR011324	Matthew Jeffrey Smolen
CHIR011325	Jaelee Hansen Carlton
CHIR011326	Caleb Ryan Brewer
CHIR011327	Drew Sari Vapnek
CHIR011328	Tatiana Sinkfield
CHIR011329	Bernadette Andrenise Webb
CHIR011330	Shatterian Flounory
CHIR011331	Nina Sutton
CHIR011332	Linsey Grant

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Licenses Reinstated

License No	Licensee
CHIR004982	Deborah Entwistle Heairlston
CHIR005857	Troy Reed Fortin

Aubrey Villines spoke on behalf of David A Radaszewski in reference to renewal application filed back in 2020. Mr. Radaszewski was audited in 2021 and assumed his license was good. He learned in 2024 he was not licensed. Dr. Robert Alpert asked the Executive Director Laurie Elander if he was on the agenda for today. Executive Director Laurie Elander advised that the application is incomplete and cannot be reviewed by the Board until the application process is complete.

There was an introduction of the Board Members, Board Staff, the Assistance Attorney General, and visitors attending open session the meeting.

Kaleb Scroggins on the Board of the Georgia Chiropractor Council (GCC) addressed the Board in response to the proposed rule amendment of rule 100-5-.02 (g) to raise the hours from 8 to 15 and there is no issue from the GCC with that change. The GCC would like to see CCE as the accreditation body removed from the rules. The GCC would like to recommend bringing the rules back to allow the Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners to make the decision which accreditation companies are approved. Suggested use verbiage to remove “equivalent” from the rules to “schools accredited by the CCE or agency approved by the Board”. Dr. Robert Alpert noted that only the CCE is the only accrediting agency at this time. Any agency can reach out to the Board to become an approved accrediting agency, but none have done that. The Board would have to set standards for accrediting agencies and currently the only functioning agency to compare it to is the CCE. Others mentioned this has been an issue in Georgia with only having one accrediting agency mentioned in rules and removing the name of a specific accrediting agency in the rules would give the Board more autonomy. Dr. Robert Alpert agreed to work with the GCC on possible future proposed rules amendments regarding verbiage for accrediting agencies.

Discussion of Rules:

Chairman Dr. Robert Alpert, 100-5-.02 (g) requested to separate this rule from the other rules when voting.

Vice-Chairman Dr. Andrew Krantz made a motion to set a new Public Hearing to adopt the following rules as is 100-3-.02, 100-5-.02, 100-9-.01, and 100-12-.01. Dr. Norman Eng seconded none opposed, and the motion carried unanimously.

MPE List Discussion:

The Board agreed that Laurie Elander, Executive Director will draft a list of the doctors for the Board members to vet and make a recommendation.

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Per Reviewers Discussion:

Dr. Andrew Krantz Vice- Chairman made a motion to draft a letter to send to the 16 Peer Reviewers to re-credential them. Dr. Mary Watkins seconded none opposed, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Dr. Robert Alpert and Vice-Chairman Dr. Andrew Krantz granted Executive Director Laurie Elander expressed permission to sign routine board documents on their behalf.

Executive Session:

Vice-Chairman Dr. Andrew Krantz moved, Doug Hollandsworth seconded, and the Board voted to enter Executive Session at 10:09 a.m. in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2 (k) and 43-1-19 (h) to deliberate on applications, complaints, and to receive the Attorney General's Report.

At the conclusion of Executive Session, Dr. Robert Alpert, Chairman declared the meeting to be "open" pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq at 12:08 p.m. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

Open Session:

Dr. Andrew Krantz, Vice Chairman made a motion to approve the recommendations made on the following during Executive session. Doug Hollandsworth seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

November 1, 2024 Executive Session Meeting minutes approved as presented.

Applications

3175469: Tabled

2840833: Approved

Renewals:

1199404: Renew with a letter of concern

159966: Refer to AG office

160776: Renew

160816: Refer to AG office

160896: Renew with a letter of concern

161060: Remove consent order and refer incident #2 to AG for an informal opinion

161199: Refer to AG office

161372: Refer to AG office

161465: Renew with a letter of concern

161968: Refer to AG office

1739264: Refer to investigations and request additional information

1745248: Refer to AG office

1784824: Renew with a letter of concern

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1819238: Renew with a letter of concern
2602337: Renew
2746763: Refer to AG office
2765557: Renew
2926327: Renew
2948331: Renew with a letter of concern
2972390: Refer to AG office
2985260: Renew with a letter of concern
2999974: Refer to AG office
3015722: Refer to investigations
3035972: Renew with a letter of concern
3047131: Refer to AG office
3129102: Refer to AG office
915021: Table-request additional information
2647002: Refer to AG office

Board agreed to allow staff to act on Cognizant recommendations for renewals and board may vote to ratify at the next meeting. Cognizant will be responsible for noting "Full Board Review" if the Cognizant is not comfortable making a recommendation.

Complaints

CHIR250030: Table pending interview with applicant
CHIR220043: Issue license and close case
CHIR220044: Issue license and close case
CHIR220045: Issue license and close case
CHIR240005: Refer to AG
CHIR240025: Refer to AG
CHIR240053: Close, no action
CHIR250029: Close, no action
CHIR250032: Close, no jurisdiction

Preceptorship:

Application 2746763 R.W.: Deny Preceptorship.

Attorney General Report:

Elizabeth Simpson gave the Attorney General's report during executive session. The Board voted to accept the report as presented.

Norman Eng left meeting at 11:30 am.

Petition for Rule Waiver/ Variance:

CHIR009921: Denied-request additional information

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Executive Director Report:

Nothing to report.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be on March 21, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Thishilyn Stubbs, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Laurie Elander, Executive Director

Dr. Robert Alpert

Dr. Robert Alpert, Chairman

Signed by Laurie Elander with expressed
permission of Dr. Robert Alpert

Laurie Elander

Laurie Elander, Executive Director

These minutes were approved on: Friday, March 21, 2025

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COUNTY OF BIBB

AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A 50-14-1 et seq., requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specified exemptions relied upon. O.C.G. A. 50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meetings in question.

Comes Dr. Robert Alpert the Board Chair identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

1. I am the presiding officer of the Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and subject to penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On March 21, 2025, this entity, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of members present voted to close the meeting or a portion hereof of the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.
4. The legal authority for closure of this meeting was: O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k).
5. The subjects discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closing of this meeting are as follows:

Applications and other personal information submitted by the applicants, information, Favorable or unfavorable, submitted by a reference source concerning an applicant; and Deliberations of the Board with respect to an application, an examination, a complaint, an Investigation, or a disciplinary proceeding.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Dr. Robert Alpert

PRESIDING OFFICER

Dr. Robert Alpert

Signed by Laurie Elander with expressed permission of Dr. Robert Alpert

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th
Day of March, 25.
Wanda M Jaffe
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 04-16-27

