

Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Board Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2026

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Chiropractic Examiners met on **Friday, January 23, 2026** via Webex.

<u>Board Members Present:</u> Dr. Robert Alpert, D.C., Chairman Dr. Andrew Krantz, D.C., Vice Chairman Dr. Mary Watkins, D.C. Dr. David Wren, D.C. Dr. Norman Eng, D.C. Doug Hollandsworth <u>Attorney General Representative present:</u> Elizabeth Simpson, Assistant Attorney General	<u>Board Staff Present:</u> Laurie Elander, Executive Director Iris Waller, Licensing Supervisor Thishilyn Stubbs, Board Support Specialist Tamika Pennington, Licensure Analyst <u>Visitors:</u> Ajay Gohil Carolyn Fish Kaleb Scroggin Jack Bourla Drew Anderson Ben Oien Matt
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Open Session:

At 9:07 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 as presented, Doug Hollandsworth seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Dr. Robert Alpert presented a draft of the November 21, 2025 meeting minutes. Dr. David Wren made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Vice-Chairman Dr. Andrew Krantz seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Licenses Issued

Vice-Chairman Andrew Krantz made a motion to ratify the list of licenses issued and licenses reinstated, and licenses updated with modalities from November 19, 2025, to January 15, 2026. Doug Hollandsworth seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

License Issued

License Number	Licensee
CHIR066598	Tyler Edward Bensch
CHIR066599	Victor M Rivera

License Number	Licensee
CHIR066614	Mitchell Coughlin
CHIR066615	Samantha Trainor

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CHIR066600	Jodeci Ybarra
CHIR066601	Taylor Michelle Bordelon
CHIR066602	Allyn-Marie Evelyn Scott
CHIR066603	Varanda R. Lester
CHIR066604	Yamil O Bonilla Echevarria
CHIR066605	Emily Tara Coisnard
CHIR066606	Tyree Devonte' Allen
CHIR066607	Joyce Ming Yu DC
CHIR066608	Clint Karamath Jr
CHIR066609	Mirelka Marie Ingles Rosa
CHIR066610	Calvin Wayne Plumb
CHIR066611	Rhiannon L Hancock
CHIR066613	Walchade Joseph
CHIR066612	Bryonna Monique Williams

CHIR066616	Sterling Paul Turmon
CHIR066617	Becka Lazur
CHIR066618	Mariah Shaye Wenglewski
CHIR066619	David Levine
CHIR066620	John Tyler Williams
CHIR066621	Nicholas James Borchardt
CHIR066622	Justin Jenkins
CHIR066624	Noah Thomas Kilday
CHIR066623	Marcus Allen Thompson
CHIR066625	YJ KIM
CHIR066626	April Alice Grostic
CHIR066627	Jacob h Peterson
CHIR066628	Nicholas Bense McMullen
CHIR066629	Nathan Rambo

Licenses Reinstated

License Number	Licensee
CHIR009353	Ryan V McHugh
CHIR002191	Cassius Camden Clay
CHIR009001	Peng Li
CHIR006487	Edward Darrel Schneider
CHIR011126	Fabian Andres Berrios Cadiz
CHIR011075	Sharon Moyer
CHIR007583	Chirag G. Patel
CHIR006257	Kevin Crowder
CHIR002211	Linda Harriet Katz
CHIR005486	Ramon Forrest Watts
CHIR004774	Suzanne Michele Rivchun
CHIR006503	Luis Ricardo Rivera-Medina
CHIR008446	Shailesh S Kothari
CHIR008397	Jeffrey Brian Stratford
CHIR011042	Kendall Arasmith

Licenses Updated with Modalities

License Number	Licensee
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CHIR066608

Clint Karamath Jr.

Chiropractic Licensure Reform in Georgia Discussion:

Katrine Fraizer, Executive Director from Georgia Council of Chiropractic joined the meeting held on November 21, 2025, to discuss Licensure Reform in Georgia for proposed law changes for future consideration. The Board agreed to table this discussion until the next scheduled. Katrine Frazier was not present to discuss.

Discussion of Proposed NBCE-FCLB Merger Presented by Dr. Drew. Anderson:

Dr. Henderson summarized concerns regarding the proposed merger of NBCE and FCLB, emphasizing governance and statutory authority. Dr. Henderson wanted to know for the record has the Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners formally requested or received a published opinion from the Office of the Attorney of General addressing whether the board has statutory authority to require by rule rather than statute NBCE administered examinations such as part four, particularly in light of the proposed merger between NBCE and the FCLB. Elizabeth Simpson responded with the Attorney General's Office has no such inquiry to date.

Executive Directors Report:

The Board reviewed the Executive Director's report, which provided the Board with statistical data relevant to the processing of applications and complaints/compliance matters.

Discussion regarding continuing education requirements for reinstatements versus renewals, highlighting inconsistencies in policy application. The discussion included considerations for standardizing continuing education requirements for reinstatement separate from renewals. The board with think on continuing education requirements for reinstatement separate from renewals and requested it be put on the agenda for a future meeting.

Executive Session:

Vice-President, Dr. Andrew Krantz moved, Dr. Norman Eng seconded, and the Board voted to enter Executive Session at 9:35 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 10:48 a.m. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

Open Session:

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Vice-President Dr. Andrew Krantz made a motion to approve the recommendations made during Executive session. Doug Hollandsworth seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. The recommendations approved are as follows:

Approve November 21, 2025, Executive Session Meeting minutes as presented.

Approve the December 5, 2025 Investigative Committee Meeting Minutes, approve and ratify recommendations made by the committee on the following:

Complaints:

CHIR260038: Refer to investigations
CHIR260040: Close, no action
CHIR260036: Refer to investigations
CHIR260041: Refer to investigations
CHIR260039: Refer to investigations
CHIR260042 & CHIR260023: Refer to investigations
CHIR260043: Close, civil matter

Applications:

4373147: Approve
4404736: Approve with a letter of concern
4487466: Approve

Reinstatements:

3070900: Refer to Attorney General's Office
3203462: Refer to Attorney General's Office
4275912: Refer to Attorney General's Office
4333311: Refer to Attorney General's Office
4386256: Refer to Attorney General's Office
4410032: Refer to Attorney General's Office
4460185: No review. Amendment application to parent application 4410032.
4502402: Refer to Attorney General's Office
4502624: Refer to Attorney General's Office
4402807: Refer to Attorney General's Office

Complaints:

CHIR250110: Close, no action

Attorney General Report:

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The Board reviewed and accepted the Attorney General's report, which included information on any cases referred to for action and requests for advice.

CHIR260017: Close, withdraw incomplete application.

CHIR260051: Close, accept licensee request for license to lapse and withdraw current application for reinstatement

CHIR260014: Accept request, update AG referral

CHIR250059: Close with a letter of concern

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:52a.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be on March 20, 2026, 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
Signed by Laurie Elander with the
expressed permission of Dr. Robert Alpert
Dr. Robert Alpert, Chairman

Laurie Elander
Laurie Elander, Executive Director

These minutes were approved on: Friday, March 20, 2026

STATE OF GEORGIA

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 20, 2026, 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 8th
Day of July, 2026
Wanda M. Jaffe
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: _____

