



STATE OF MARYLAND BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING

March 12, 2020 – 10:10 A.M. TO 11:20 A.M.

MDH METRO EXECUTIVE BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM 110
4201 PATTERSON AVENUE
BALTIMORE, MD 21215

Board Members Present

Gregory Lewis, D.C., President
Joshua Levin, D.C., Secretary
Robert Frieman, D.C., Past President
Kindra Ingram, D.C., Board Member
Nelson Miranda, Consumer Member
Karen Munter, Consumer Member

Non-Members Present

Sharon J. Oliver, MBA, Executive Director
Adrienne Congo, MS, Deputy Director
Grant D. Gerber, AAG, Board Counsel
Marc Ware, Investigator, Board Staff
Pamela Alston, Admin. Specialist, Board Staff
Lillian Reese, Legislative Coordinator
Keith Scott, D.C.
Donald Hirsch, D.C.

Board Member Absent:

Michael Moskowitz, D.C., Vice President

MINUTES

On March 12, 2020, the Maryland State Board of Chiropractic Examiners (the “Board”) met in Baltimore, Maryland at the MD Department of Health – Metro Executive Building. In accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, the regular meeting agenda was made available online at least 24 – hours prior to the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Dr. Gregory Lewis, President, called the Open Session Chiropractic Board Meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Six (6) out of Seven (7) Board Members were present. Michael Moskowitz, D.C., Vice President, was absent.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA - Dr. Frieman motioned to approve the agenda with amendments; 2nd by Karen Munter. The motion passed. Board vote: 6/0/0.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES –JANUARY 9, 2020 –Dr. Frieman motioned to approve the Open Session Minutes; 2nd by Dr. Levin.; The motion passed. Board vote: 6/0/0.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Due to the Covid-19 Virus Outbreak, and Governor Hogan’s mandate, all travel plans have been cancelled until further notice. The Board will use Zoom or another platform for the next meeting in May, if necessary.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CE Committee Reports/Recommendations

- 8 Hour-In Person CEU requirements per renewal cycle - The committee opined this requirement was reasonable and. Waiver due to extenuating circumstances such as medical or religious would be considered for approval.
- “Advanced Biostructural Correction-Advanced Seminar”, submitted by Dr. Charles Palamones (12 Hours) - The committee recommended approving this Course.
- Acupuncture Courses offered at the University of Bridgeport to satisfy dry needling requirements, submitted by Dr. Hilary Boetsch (60 Hours)
 - Acupuncture: Clinical Fundamentals – dates completed 10/22-23/2011
 - Acupuncture: Points Demystified –dates completed 11/12-13/2011
 - Acupuncture Points and Meridians I – dates completed 12/10-11/2011
 - Acupuncture Points and Meridians II – dates completed 01/07-08/2012

The committee recommended denying the above Courses. Acupuncture modalities do not fall under the Chiropractic scope of practice.

- Request to approve “blended learning setting” CPR course, submitted by Kristal Langner, Health & Safety Institute - The committee recommended approving the Course entitled, “Child/Infant CPR and AED Supplement.” Motion for the Board to allow online CPR Courses by Dr. Frieman. Discussion followed. Motion withdrawn by Dr. Frieman. Dr. Lewis recommended tabling this item. Send to the Regulation Committee for further review. Renewal period requires Board approved CPR certification.
- Request - Distance Online Learning -Sharon Oliver received an inquiry from MHEC regarding how licensing Boards will handle CEU Coursework during the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Lewis and Grant Gerber will deliberate on the appropriate response and respond by March 13, 2020.

The Board accepted and approved all of the CEU Committee recommendations. The motion passed. Board vote: 6/0/0.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Governor’s Out of State Travel Ban for State Employees – The State-wide travel ban is in effect until further notice.

Reminder – Check emails daily during Legislative Session Board Members were reminded of the importance of checking their emails daily during the Legislative Session.

House/Senate Bill Updates – Lillian Reese

Lillian Reese reported that Monday March 16, 2020 is crossover day in the Senate. All in-person testimonies will cease due to Covid-19 concerns.

SB067 (HB0042 Cross) PIA Response Time Reduction. – The PIA Response Time Reduction is only seven days. The Bill received much opposition. Eleven MDH Boards opposed this Bill.

HB0428 Health Occupations – Podiatric Physicians. Altering the term “podiatrist” to “podiatric physician.” The 2nd hearing on 03/09/20 was cancelled. There is opposition to this Bill.

SB0297 (HB0483 Cross) Administrative Procedure Act – Dispositions and Summary Suspensions – Time Periods. Unfavorable review by the Judiciary Committee

SB0402 (HB0448 Cross) Health Care Practitioners – Telehealth – The House version of this Bill was approved with amendments and has crossed over to the Senate.

HB0639 Public Health – Health Care Professionals - Cultural Competency Coursework or Training – HB0639 received an unfavorable review.

HB0751 State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners – License and Registration – Criminal History Records Checks. (RAP Back) - Waiting for vote in the House. Will cross over to the Senate.

HB616 Uniform Record-Keeping Requirements – Stuck in the Rules Committee.

HB616 Health Maryland Program Establishment – Stuck in the Rules Committee.

2019 Financial Disclosure Filing Due by April 30, 2020 – Ms. Oliver expressed thanks to all Board Members who completed their Financial Disclosure.

The 2020 NBCE Administrator Scholarship \$2,500 – The NBCE Annual Conference is to be held April 22-26, 2020 in Denver, Colorado. Ms. Oliver was awarded the NBCE Administrator Scholarship (\$2,500) which will be used to cover the cost of her attendance at this conference. Ms. Oliver thanked the Board for apprising her of the scholarship opportunity.

Coronavirus Information link on website for public access – The Board’s website has been updated with links to Governor Hogan’s and the CDC’s COVID-19 related websites.

Staffing Update Senior Investigator IV Position– Sharon Oliver announced that the request for recruitment has been sent to the HR Department.

BOARD COUNSEL

Grant Gerber offered to discuss his role as Counsel to the Board at a future meeting. He informed the Board that he is working to ensure the Board is complying with the Open Meetings Act when conducting meetings online.



RATIFICATION OF NEW LICENSEES & REGISTRANTS – JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2020
Chiropractors: January & February 2020

License No.	Name	Original License Date
S04050	RODRIGUEZ MOLINA, ROBERTO J.	01/02/2020
S04051	KEESEY, JENNIFER S.	01/30/2020
S04052	DARCUS, ANGELA	02/21/2020
S04053	BOELLSTORFF, DAKOTA J.	02/25/2020
04054	BISSET, PATRICIA	02/26/2020

Newly Registered Chiropractic Assistants: January & February 2020

License No.	Name	Original License Date
RC2360	WEBB, RUSSEL J.	02/21/2020
RC2361	HOFFMAN, ANNA F.	02/21/2020
RC2362	KANG, SARAH E.	02/21/2020
RC2363	KOPRAS, JENNA, E.	02/21/2020
RC2364	FURGASON, THOMAS M.	02/21/2020
RC2365	BOHRER, GEREMY L.	02/21/2020
RC2366	RAMOS, SIERRA A.	02/21/2020
RC2367	STONE, CHRISTINA M.	02/21/2020
RC2368	BONILLA, AMY C.	02/21/2020
RC2369	RAMIREZ, MADELIN E.	02/21/2020
RC2370	BOOKER, GABRIELLA C.	02/26/2020

Motion to accept the newly licensed Chiropractors and registered Chiropractic Assistants by Dr. Frieman; 2nd by Dr. Levin. The motion passed. Board vote: 6/0/0.

Congratulations to the New Registrants & Welcome to the State of Maryland!

CURRENT BOARD DATA

Licensee Category	Status Codes	Numbers
Chiropractor	Active	901
Chiropractor	Inactive	42
Chiropractic Assistant	Active	717
Chiropractic Assistant	Inactive	17

MISCELLANEOUS

FARB Conference Report – Dr. Ingram reported on the following Conference topics: Administrative Expungement, Regulatory Reactions, Smart Regulation - Convincing Arguments and Licensing & Eligibility. Sharon Oliver noted FARB Power Point presentation slides are stored on the Board Member’s thumb drives for their review.

Next Meeting Date – May 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Dr. Frieman moved to adjourn the Open Session Meeting at 11:20 a.m. and enter the Administrative Session Meeting; 2nd by Dr. Levin. The motion passed. Board vote: 6/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joshua Levin by SJD

Joshua Levin, D.C.
Secretary/Treasurer