



# STATE OF MARYLAND BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

**OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING**  
September 9, 2021– 10:03 A.M. TO 10:47 A.M.

## **TELECONFERENCE CALL**

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

### **Board Members Present**

Joshua Levin, D.C., President  
Kindra Ingram D.C., Vice President  
Paul Abosh, D.C., Secretary  
Gregory Lewis, D.C. Board Member  
Karen Munter, Consumer Member  
Ella E. Pantazis, D.C. Board Member  
Nelson Miranda, Consumer Member

### **Non-Members Present**

Sharon J. Oliver, MBA, Executive Director  
Christopher Hawkins, Sr., Licensing Unit Manager  
Tony DeFranco, AAG, Board Counsel  
Pamela Alston, Admin. Specialist, Board Staff  
Marc Ware, Senior Investigator  
T. Nicole Cullings, Chiropractic Investigator

\*See attached list of call-in participants

## **MINUTES**

On September 9, 2021, the Maryland State Board of Chiropractic Examiners (the “Board”) met via Teleconference Call for the Open Session Meeting.

**Call to Order, Roll Call** – Dr. Joshua Levin, President, called the Open Session Chiropractic Board Meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. Roll was called & all Board Members were present.

**The Amended Open Session Agenda was approved** – Motion to approve the Amended Open Session Agenda by Dr. Lewis; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nelson Miranda. The motion passed; Board Vote: 7/0/0.

**Review/Approval of Open Session Minutes – July 8, 2021** – Motion to approve the Open Session Minutes by Dr. Lewis; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Abosh. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

**President’s Report** – (*Dr. Levin*)

**Welcome to Tony DeFranco** – Tony DeFranco has joined the Chiropractic Board as the official Board Counsel. He has extensive experience in the regulatory arena, having worked previously with several Health Occupations Boards. Welcome Tony DeFranco!

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – (*Sharon Oliver, MBA*)

**Jacob Becker, DC, Preceptor Sponsor Site Inspection Report:** 8838 Waltham Woods Road, Baltimore, MD, 21235. The office passed inspection and was found in satisfactory condition as an approved site.



Motion to approve the office of Dr. Jacob Becker as an approved site to accept preceptor students and externs by Dr. Pantazis; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Lewis. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

**FCLB District III Conference, October 7-10, 2021 in New Jersey.** Attendees: Dr. Lewis, Dr. Ingram and Sharon Oliver. Dr. Ingram and Sharon Oliver were the recipients of a \$1,500 NBCE Scholarship to attend to conference.

**NBCE Part IV Exams, November 12-14, 2021. Attendee: Dr. Joshua Levin** – Dr. Levin will represent the Chiropractic Board & attend the NBCE Examination.

**Joshua Brosh, D.C. Preceptor Sponsor Site Inspection Report:** The office did not pass. The recommendation is to continue the process and allow time to complete the noted items. Board upheld the recommendation.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Ethical Considerations for marketing and advertising (refer to Legislative/Regulations Committee).** The Board is considering possibilities for marketing and advertising for licensees. This item will be reviewed by the Legislative & Regulations Committee.

**Request to include SoftWave™ OrthoGold 100 Extracorporeal Shock Wave Therapy (ESWT) device, by Tissue Regeneration Technologies (TRT) within the Maryland Chiropractic Scope of Practice. Submitted by Dr. Allen Manison. (Dr. Pantazis)**

This device falls within the scope of practice for Chiropractors with physical therapy privileges (PT). The recommendation of the Board is to approve the Soft Wave OrthoGold Shock Wave Therapy Device. Board Discussion. The Board voted to accept the recommendation 7/0/0.

**CLEAR Training for Board Members & Staff – “So, You Think You Want to be a Regulator.” Virtual On Demand Courses. (Cost \$950.00)** The one-year program cost would cover up to 25 individuals; The cost can be shared between the Massage and Chiropractic Boards. Board Discussion. Motion to approve training for Chiropractic Board members by Dr. Ingram, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Lewis. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

**DC Renewals Update – (Christopher Hawkins)**

- 918 of 935 (98.18%) as of September 1, 2021. Revenue collected \$647,197.00

**Executive Director – (Sharon Oliver, MBA)**

**New Board Member Orientation** – The New Board Member Orientation will take place on October 1<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m. All board members are strongly encouraged to attend. Attendance to both sessions is important as varied information will be presented at each session. Interest participants are to RSVP to Kimberly Link by September 20, 2021.



## Staff Training & Development Update

### **MDH Leadership Development Program (LDP) Leadership Academy (4 Month Program): Participants are Christopher Hawkins & Marc Ware. Starting September 2021.**

Marc Ware and Christopher Hawkins are enrolled in the MDH Leadership Development Program. The program is 4 month long and designed to develop leadership and supervisory skills. Congratulations to Marc and Christopher for their participation!

**FCLB Summer School August 2021: Participant, Sharon Oliver** – Sharon Oliver has been participating in the online sessions. As other opportunities become available, the Board will be apprised.

**Staffing Update** – Tasha Nicole Cullings is relocating out of state. Therefore, she has resigned from her position as Chiropractic Board Investigator as of September 21, 2021. We wish Ms. Cullings much success in her endeavors.

**2021 Fiscal Year Report** – Sharon Oliver has compiled a report of the 2021 Fiscal Year's activities. The report includes a brief synopsis of fiscal activity, disciplinary actions, licensing statistical information, staff trainings, individual unit reports & 2021 Legislation outcomes.

## Committee Reports

### **CE Committee Report/Recommendations – (Dr. Pantazis)**

- Mandatory DC Core Courses: 3 Hr. Communicable Disease, 4 Hr. Risk Management, 4 Hr. Maryland Jurisprudence, 1 Hr. Cultural Competency & Diversity (12 CEU's)
- Ancillary Diagnostic Testing Procedures (12 CEU's)
- Chiropractic Sports Medicine (12 CEU's)
- Current Trends in Chiropractic Practice & Treatment (12 CEU's)
- Diagnosis & Treatment of Nutritional Deficiencies & Diseases (12 CEU's)
- Geriatric Health Care (12 CEU's)
- Guide to Acupuncture Pain Management (12 CEU's)
- Guide to Communicable Disease (12 CEU's)
- Guide to Contemporary Weight Loss & Fitness (12 CEU's)
- Guide to Sports Injury Treatment & Sports Performance (12 CEU's)
- Opioid Drug Abuse Awareness (12 CEU's)
- Pain Management (12 CEU's)
- Sports Injuries (12 CEU's)
- Trigger Point Therapy (12 CEU's)
- X-ray Fundamentals (12 CEU's)

The recommendation of the Committee is to approve all of the above courses by the Wise DC. & Dr. Camilli. The Board accepted the recommendation of the CEU Committee.



**Request to retroactively approve CEU's submitted by a licensee:** This request was denied. The licensee took CEU credits prior to July 2019 and asked for retroactive approval. [50 hours of Dry Needling instruction from National University on July 26-28, 2019 & August 16-18, 2019 & 60 hours of the 120-hr. Primary Spine Practitioner Program through the University of Pittsburgh]. DC licensed was issued. Board Discussion. The Board accepted the recommendation of the CEU Committee.

**Legislative /Regulations Committee – (Dr. Abosh)**

**Scope of Practice Question: Recommending OTC Medications –** The Board will confer with Board Counsel regarding the recommendations of over-the-counter medications for patients and report next board meeting.

**Ad Hoc CA Training Program Committee –** The recommendation of the Committee is to resume enrollment for new students. To ensure program success, enrollment cannot exceed 25 students per month through the end of December. Board Discussion. The Board accepted the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee.

**Ratification of New Licensees and Registrants – July and August 2021**

The Board Voted to accept the following Licensees and Registrants. Motion by Dr. Abosh; 2<sup>nd</sup> b Dr. Lewis to approve Chiropractors & CA Assistants as whole. The motion passed; Board Vote: 7/0/0. *Welcome to the State of Maryland!*

**CHIROPRACTORS: JULY & AUGUST 2021**

LICENSE NO.	NAME	ORIGINAL LICENSE DATE
04095	Offenburger, Stephen	07/16/2021
S04094	Shaverdi, Shahrokh	07/16/2021
S04096	Becker, Austin	08/04/2021
S04097	Rouhani, Sanaz	08/19/2021
04098	Phillips, Matthew J.	08/24/2021
04099	Anderson, Kristina	08/26/2021
S04100	Martinez, Cristobal	08/26/2021
S04102	Ellis, Evan L	08/27/2021
S04101	Korzen, Erik M.	08/27/2021

**Total 9**

**CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANTS: JULY & AUGUST 2021**

REGISTRATION No.	NAME	ORIGINAL LICENSE DATE
RC2494	Johnson, Cassily B.	05/20/2021
RC2495	Lee, Angelina R.	05/20/2021
RC2497	Castellon, Heryka M.	05/20/2021



RC2498	Coello, Christopher	05/24/2021
RC2496	Potter, Brittany	05/24/2021
RC2500	Shaw, Brittany	05/24/2021
RC2499	Shaw, Kristen	05/24/2021
RC2501	Cabrera, Marisa	05/26/2021
RC2502	Kongsted, Casey A.	05/26/2021
RC2503	Holt, Nancy F.	05/26/2021

**Total 10**

**CURRENT BOARD DATA as of 06/30/2021**

BOARD	STATUS CODES	PRIOR PERIOD NUMBERS REPORTED	CURRENT NUMBERS
<b>Chiropractor</b>	<b>Active</b>	944	936
Chiropractor	Inactive	40	57
<b>Chiropractic Assistant</b>	<b>Active</b>	577	594
Chiropractic Assistant	Inactive	36	36

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Next Meeting Date – November 4, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.** Due to the Veteran’s Day Holiday, the Board meeting will occur on the first Thursday of the month.

Dr. Lewis moved to adjourn the Open Session Meeting at 10:47 a.m.; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Abosh. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Paul Abosh by ssv*

Paul Abosh, D.C.  
Secretary/Treasurer



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**CALL IN PARTICIPANTS**

Kimberly Link, MDH

Robert Frieman, D.C., MCA Liaison

Keith Scott, D.C., MCA

Marc Gulitz, D.C.