

Georgia State Board of Chiropractors

Board Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2025

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Chiropractors met on **Friday, May 16, 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. Dr. David Wren Doug Hollandsworth</p> <p><u>Attorney General Representative present:</u> Elizabeth Simpson, Assistant Attorney General</p>	<p><u>Board Staff Present:</u> Laurie Elander, Executive Director Thishilyn Stubbs, Board Support Specialist Tamika Pennington, Licensure Analyst</p> <p><u>Visitors:</u> Kyle Fogel Victor Strickland Micheal Ho Caleb Scroggins Aracelly Martinez, Florida Chiropractic Magen Henry Eddie Martinex Jeff Matt</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.

Attorney General Elizabeth Simpson requested licensee Magen Henry address the board regarding her concerns of the Board’s previous decision to renew her license. Chairman Robert Alpert made motion to rescind previous decision and renew license, Vice- Chairman Dr. Andrew Krantz seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Mary Watkins made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, Vice-Chairmen Dr. Andrew Krantz seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing for Proposed Rule Amendments:

The Board reviews a statement from Paul Powers, Caleb Scroggin from Restoration Chiropractic will be sending considerations for the rules to the board for review.

Vote to adopt and submit to Governor’s Office for review:

Chairman, Dr. Robert Alpert motioned to approve and adopt the following proposed rules amendments to be submitted to the Governor’s office for review: 100-3-.02, 100-5-.02, 100-5-.03, 100-5-.04, 100-9-.01, and 100-12-.01 Vice- Chairmen Dr. Andrew Krantz seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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Rule 100-3-.02 Accompanying Documents

All applications must be completed fully and accompanied by the following:

(a) A photograph taken within one (1) year prior to submission of the application. Unfinished proofs are not acceptable.

(b) Certification of General College Training. All applicants for licensure shall submit proof of having completed two (2) years of general college training in schools or colleges approved by the Southern Association of Accredited Colleges or schools approved by virtue of reciprocity through such association. A full year consists of forty-five (45) quarter hours or thirty (30) semester hours. The Certification of General College Training form should be mailed to the college(s) attended by the applicant for the college to complete the number of quarter or semester hours earned by the applicant. No educational credit will be granted for any home extension or correspondence study.

1. All applicants for licensure who obtain general college training from foreign schools or colleges not approved by the Southern Association of Accredited Colleges shall submit proof that general college training is equivalent to that offered by the Council of Chiropractic Education (CCE) approved college from a Doctor of Chiropractic Program accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) or an equivalent as determined by the Board as evidenced by its use for admission purposes. The Certification of Foreign General College Training form should be mailed to the college(s) attended by the applicant to be completed by the college.

(c) All applicants for licensure shall submit proof of graduation from a chiropractic school or college accredited by the Council of Chiropractic Education (CCE) or a Board-approved successor or a chiropractic school or college which is actively seeking accreditation from the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) or a Board-approved successor from a Doctor of Chiropractic Program accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) or an equivalent as determined by the Board., which requires a four-year standard college course and is approved by the Board.

1. Proof of graduation from a chiropractic school or college shall be a certified transcript of the applicant's grades attesting graduation from an approved chiropractic school or college. Such certified transcript shall be sent directly to the Board from the chiropractic school or college.

(d) All applicants (initial and re-examination) for licensure, after January 1, 1998, shall submit proof of having successfully passed Parts 1, II, III and IV of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners examination.

1. Proof of having passed Parts I, II, III and IV of the National Board examination shall be a certified copy of the applicant's transcript of scores from the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

2. Any graduate between January 1, 1988, and January 1, 1998, are required to have passed Parts I, II, and III.

3. Applicants who graduated prior to January 1, 1988, are required to have passed Parts I and II. Please contact the National Board Administrative Offices and have them certify your scores to Georgia.

(e) Application fee as provided for in Rule 100-11-.01.

Rule 100-5-.02 Approval of Educational Programs

(1) A chiropractor must obtain a minimum of twenty (20) hours of continuing education per annum. Of these twenty (20) hours, fifteen (15) must be in chiropractic clinical science and must be on a topic in compliance with the current scope of practice, four (4) hours must be in ethics or risk management, and one (1) hour must be in Georgia Laws and Rules (NOTE: non-resident chiropractors, licensed but not

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practicing in Georgia, may take an additional hour of continuing education in the chiropractic clinical sciences or risk management in lieu of the required hour in Georgia Laws and Rules).

(a) Approved areas of study to satisfy the fifteen (15) hours in chiropractic clinical science are:

1. Examination Procedures/Diagnoses
2. Adjustive Technique
3. Radiographic Technique/Safety
4. Diagnostic Imaging Interpretation
5. Nutrition
6. Research Trends
7. Physiological Therapeutics
8. Chiropractic Philosophy; a maximum of 3 hours credit in chiropractic philosophy will be considered by the Board for continuing education approval.
9. Clinical documentation which includes insurance billing/reporting/coding and procedures; a maximum of 4 hours credit in clinical documentation will be considered by the Board for continuing education approval.

(b) Approved areas of study to satisfy the four (4) hours in ethics or risk management are:

1. Risk Management
2. Chiropractic Medical/Legal
3. Public Health Issues
4. Professional Conduct/Boundaries Issues
5. Scope of Practice.

(c) Non-resident chiropractors, licensed but not practicing in Georgia, may take an additional hour of continuing education in the chiropractic clinical sciences or risk management in lieu of the required hour in Georgia Laws and Rules

(d) Courses specifically excluded from continuing education approval include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Practice Management or Practice Building.
2. Courses which have content beyond the scope of practice as defined by Georgia law.

(e) Current members of the Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners shall receive four (4) hours of continuing education credit in ethics or risk management and one (1) hour of continuing education credit in Georgia laws and rules during each year they serve on the Board.

(f) Licensees that assist with the administration of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners National Board Examination shall receive fifteen (15) hours of clinical science continuing education credit per each examination administration, four (4) hours of continuing education credit in ethics or risk management and one (1) hour of continuing education credit in Georgia laws and rules.

(g) Up to eight fifteen (815) hours of continuing education in clinical sciences may be obtained per year by teaching clinical or chiropractic sciences courses at any CCE-accredited college or school Doctor of Chiropractic Program accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) or an equivalent as determined by the Board.

These hours shall be awarded in writing by the course director/dean at the college or school.

(2) Courses must be those in which actual attendance by the licensee shall be required. However, distance based learning courses offered via audio/visual electronic media, such as the internet, may be approved by the Board if the course meets the following criteria:

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- (a) The course must meet all of the requirements as cited in this Rule.
- (b) The program must be test and time monitored to insure active participation by the licensee.
- (c) No more than twenty (20) hours per biennial renewal period can be taken via audio/visual/electronic media, such as on-line/internet courses.

Rule 100-5-.03 Reporting and Auditing of Hours

- (1) At the time of license renewal, each licensee shall certify to the Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners that he/she has completed the continuing education required for license renewal by submitting proof to the third-party vendor of the official, Board-approved compliance system.
- (2) The staff of the State Examining Boards shall audit the continuing education of a percentage of licensees determined by the Board, not to exceed 15%, of the licensed chiropractors, randomly selected, in the state per biennium for compliance with all rules and regulations.

Rule 100-5-.04 Application for Approval and Responsibilities of Providers

- (1) Chiropractic Colleges and/or schools accredited by the Commission on Chiropractic Education are awarded blanket approval to provide continuing education programs on topics which fall within the current scope of practice in Georgia.
- (2) Professional associations (Georgia Chiropractic Association and Georgia Council on Chiropractic or their subsequent organizations) in Georgia are awarded blanket approval to provide continuing education programs on topics which fall within the current scope of practice in Georgia.
- (3) All continuing education providers must assure that the courses taught are on a topic in compliance with the current scope of practice.
- (4) All other continuing education providers must apply to the third-party vendor of the official, Board-approved compliance system for approval by the Georgia Board and must provide the following information to the board for consideration:
 - (a) Each sponsor or provider shall have an administrator whose responsibility is to maintain the criteria for quality in programming.
 - (b) Providers shall use qualified personnel to develop and present the programs, which shall utilize appropriate instructional materials and resources.
 - (c) Providers shall provide to the Board adequate advanced promotional information, material about target audiences, program content, and faculty credentials.
 - (d) Providers shall provide a means of registration of the participants at each program and maintain a record of attendance for a period of three years from the date of the program.
 - (e) Providers shall develop policies and procedures for the management of grievances.
- (5) All continuing education providers seeking approval of the continuing education program by the Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners shall submit a Program Approval Form application to the third-party vendor of the official, Board-approved compliance system for each program presented. These forms Program Approval applications should be submitted 60 days in advance of the program to be considered for approval.
- (6) Providers shall provide each participant with adequate documentation of his/her successful completion of the program. The documentation shall include but is not limited to:
 - (a) Name and license number of participant;
 - (b) Name of provider;
 - (c) Name and title of program;

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- (d) Hours/CEU's completed;
 - (e) Date of completion;
 - (f) Authorizing signature; and
 - (g) Board issued Third-party vendor program approval number.
- (7) Per O.C.G.A. § 43-9-11, the Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners reserves the right to audit and/or deny any continuing education provider who does not meet the criteria, laws, rules and regulations of the board pertaining to continuing education.
- (8) The Board reserves the right for its representative to attend or conduct any on-sight audit of any continuing education program. Any fees associated with such audit must be waived by the provider. No continuing education credit would be awarded for such participation.

Rule 100-9-.01 Electrical and Therapeutic Modalities

- (1) Doctors of Chiropractic may utilize, in conjunction with adjustments, electrical and therapeutic modalities.
- (a) Each chiropractor, who utilizes electrical and therapeutic modalities as listed in O.C.G.A. § 43-9-16(b), must be certified as required in Code Section 43-9-16(c).
 - (b) The responsibility for treatment using electrical and therapeutic modalities rests with the licensed Doctor of Chiropractic responsible for the patient receiving such care.
 - (c) Only chiropractors who are certified may administer electrical and therapeutic modalities.
 - (d) To become certified by the Board for use of electrical and therapeutic modalities, a license Doctor of Chiropractic must:
 - (2) Submit to the Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners official documentation of having obtained a minimum of 120 classroom hours of instruction in the proper utilization of electrical and therapeutic modalities.
 - (3) Official documentation shall mean transcripts or letters of certification from the institution or organization providing training.
 - (4) Courses Programs taught by institutions accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) or an equivalent as determined by the Board are approved for purposes of this regulation.
 - (5) Courses Programs taught by entities other than not accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) accredited institutions must be approved by the Board prior to the course being offered and must provide instruction in the proper utilization of those procedures in accordance with the standards utilized by chiropractic schools.

Rule 100-12-.01 Approved Chiropractic Schools or Colleges

- (1) The Board shall accept graduates of chiropractic schools and colleges accredited a Doctor of Chiropractic Program accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) or an equivalent as determined by the Board.
- (2) As required from a Doctor of Chiropractic Program accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) or an equivalent as determined by the Board, all faculty of Board approved chiropractic schools and colleges must possess a Doctor of Chiropractic degree or a related first professional degree that has been earned from a college or university accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the U. S. Secretary of Education or its foreign equivalent.
- (3) The Board's list of approved foreign chiropractic schools and colleges presently includes the following foreign institutions:

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(a) Anglo-European College of Chiropractic
13/15 Parkwood Road

Bournemouth, Dorset ENGLAND BH5 2DF

(b) Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College

1900 Bayview Avenue

Toronto, Ontario CANADA M4G 3E6

(c) Macquarie University

Chiropractic Program

Centre for Chiropractic and Osteopathy

P.O. Box 178

Summerhill, New South Wales, AUSTRALIA 2130

(d) Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology

School of Chiropractic and Osteopathy

Plenty Road, P.O. Box 96

Bundoora, Victoria, AUSTRALIA 3083

(4) The failure of any of these schools or colleges to maintain accreditation from a Doctor of Chiropractic Program accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) or an equivalent as determined by the Board or a Board approved successor, if any, or to comply with the rules and regulations established by the Board shall be grounds for removal from the Board's approved list.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Dr. Robert Alpert presented a draft of the March 21, 2025 meeting minutes. Chairman Dr. Robert Alpert made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Doug Hollandsworth seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Licenses Issued

Chairmen Dr. Robert Alpert made a motion for the Board to approve the list of licenses issued and licenses reinstated from March 18, 2025, to May 13, 2025. Vice-President Andrew Krantz seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

License Issued

License No	Licensee
CHIR011374	Sam Goepper
CHIR011375	Jared Paul Elms
CHIR011376	Katie Jean Gable
CHIR011377	ReAnna Untener
CHIR011378	Amanda Elizabeth Brown
CHIR011379	Rosemary M DePasque
CHIR011380	Shelby Britt
CHIR011381	Emmanuel Reese Turner

License No	Licensee
CHIR011395	Dalton Jeffrey Scott
CHIR011396	Dillan J Lakhu
CHIR011397	Neil Jordan Kjos
CHIR011398	Erick Adair Simpson
CHIR011399	Caroline Crawford Wood
CHIR011400	Kayla Salene Dowling
CHIR011401	Collin Odane Sewell
CHIR011402	Cole Thornton Stuart

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CHIR011382	Beau Destiny Doyle
CHIR011383	Joshua Wortel
CHIR011384	Miguel A Meraz
CHIR011385	Duy Thanh Phan
CHIR011386	Jessie Prichard
CHIR011388	Elyssa Marie Wright
CHIR011389	Kaitlin Fogarty
CHIR011390	Keighley Kathleen Hudziak
CHIR011391	Cole Liam Amdur
CHIR011392	Alyssa Marie Gaines
CHIR011393	Nicole Alyssa Hlebec
CHIR011394	Danielle Corey Varn

CHIR011403	Julia Marie Renaud
CHIR011404	Bethany Provencial
CHIR011405	Zachary Bryant Thomas
CHIR011406	Ashley Maria Laframboise
CHIR011407	Ashley Nicole Halcomb
CHIR011408	Scott Willis McCormick
CHIR011409	Frances Diane Rivera Reyes
CHIR011410	Grace Anne Jett
CHIR011411	Gabrielle Ruth Wesemeyer
CHIR011412	James William Tickel
CHIR011413	Christina Rose Taglienti

Licenses Reinstated

License No	Licensee
CHIR006361	Bryan Jeffrey Salminen
CHIR009335	Camille Justine Bowden
CHIR006444	James T Tucker, Jr
CHIR006919	Michael Andrew Cone
CHIR006915	Stephanie Joy Rimka
CHIR011244	Steven Feliciano Velez

Executive Session:

Vice-Chairmen, Andrew Krantz moved, Doug Hollandsworth seconded, and the Board voted to enter Executive Session at 9:24 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 12:52 p.m. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

Open Session:

Vice-Chairmen, Dr. Andrew Krantz made a motion to approve the recommendations made on the following during Executive session. Dr. David Wren seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

March 21, 2025 Executive Session Meeting minutes approved as presented.

Applications:

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3193929: Issue license with a letter of concern.

Renewals:

854716: Approve

880412: Refer to Attorney General's office for a public consent agreement for renewal.

979290: Renew with a letter of concern.

998605: Refer to Attorney General's office to renew with a public consent order.

1110782: Refer to Attorney General's office for a public consent agreement for renewal.

1283561: Refer to Attorney General's office for a private consent agreement for renewal.

1793456: Refer to Attorney General's office for a public consent agreement for renewal.

2487043: Refer to Attorney General's office for a public consent agreement for renewal.

2611732: Refer to Attorney General's office for a public consent agreement for renewal.

2746763: Rescind previous decision and approve license.

2820625: Refer to Attorney General's office for a public consent agreement for renewal.

2882954: Refer to Attorney General's office for a public consent agreement for renewal.

3030746: Refer to Attorney General's office for a public consent agreement for renewal.

Reinstatements:

3190924: Approve.

3192596: Refer to Attorney General's office for a public consent agreement for reinstatement.

3193344: Refer to Attorney General's office for a public consent agreement for reinstatement.

3193347: Refer to the Attorney General's office for a public consent agreement for reinstatement.

3194159: Refer to the Attorney General's office for a public consent agreement for reinstatement.

3194468: Refer to Attorney General's office for a public consent agreement for reinstatement.

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3196115: Refer to Attorney General's office for a public consent agreement for reinstatement.

3201451: Refer to Attorney General's office for a public consent agreement for reinstatement.

3201625: Approve.

3201945: Refer to the Attorney General's office for a public consent agreement for reinstatement.

Complaints:

CHIR230023: Refer to investigations .

CHIR230040: Set up an appointment for an interview at the next IC meeting.

CHIR240004: Set up an appointment for an interview at the next IC meeting.

CHIR240012: Close, no violation.

CHIR240013: Close, lack of evidence.

CHIR240023: Close, no violation

CHIR240028: Set up an appointment for an interview at the next IC meeting.

CHIR240031: Set up an appointment for an interview at the next IC meeting.

CHIR240035: Send an investigative letter.

CHIR240041: Close, no action

CHIR240044: Refer to Attorney General's office for revocation of license.

CHIR250011: Close, no violation.

CHIR250023: Close, no violation.

CHIR250027: Close, no action.

CHIR250057: Refer to Attorney General's office for Private order for evaluation.

CHIR250071: Refer to investigations.

CHIR250078: Refer to investigations.

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CHIR250082: Close.

CHIR250083: Send investigative letter.

CHIR250084: Refer to investigations.

CHIR250085: Close case, no violation.

CHIR250090: Refer to investigation.

Attorney General Report:

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

Dr. Norman Eng left meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Doug Hollandsworth left meeting at 11:32 a.m.

Rule Waiver Request:

CHIR007542: Dr. Mary Watkins made a motion to approve the request for a rule waiver/variance, Vice-President, Andrew Krantz seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director 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.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be on July 18, 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, Chairman

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



Laurie Elander, Executive Director

These minutes were approved on: Friday, July 18, 2025

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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 July 18, 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 28
Day of AUGUST, 2025
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 11/02/2027

Iris Waller
NOTARY PUBLIC
Bibb County, GEORGIA
My Commission Expires 11/02/2027