

**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION**  
**South Carolina Board of Chiropractic Examiners Board Meeting**  
**Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building**  
**110 Centerview Drive**  
**Columbia SC 29210**  
**Room 108**  
**Thursday, May 20, 2021**

**Board Members Present:**

Beth R. Ehlich, D.C, Board Chair  
Michael L. Coon, D.C, Vice Chair  
Anthony H. Kyles, D.C.  
Douglas B. Hughes, Jr., D.C.  
Mark W. Thayer, D.C.  
Gene A. Garris, D.C.  
Patricia Garcia, Public Member

**Board Members Not Present:**

John R. McGinnis, D.C.  
Richard D. Heavner, D.C.

**Staff Present:**

Hardwick Stuart, Office of Advice Counsel  
Mack Williams, Board Administrator  
Jonathan Owens, Board Assistant

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**Call to Order**

Dr. Ehlich, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m. The meeting was held in Room 108 located at the Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building at 110 Centerview Drive, in Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

**Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Hughes made a motion to approve the Agenda. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Approval of the Minutes**

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Hughes made a motion to approve the February 4, 2021 meeting minutes—no corrections noted. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Thayer made a motion to approve the absences of Dr. McGinnis and Dr. Heavner. The motion was seconded and approved.

**New Business:**

**Administrator Report:**

**Office of Investigations and Enforcement Reports (OIE/IRC):** Mr. Pate presented the IRC report to the Board Case #'s 2019-45, 2020-33, 2020-35, 2020-40, 2020-41, 2020-43, and 2020-44 are recommended for dismissal.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Thayer made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for Case #'s 2019-45, 2020-33, 2020-35, 2020-40, 2020-41, 2020-43, and 2020-44 for dismissal. The motion was seconded and approved.

Mr. Pate presented one (1) Formal Complaint, Case #'s 2021-8 to the Board.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Thayer made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for Case # 2021-8. The motion was seconded and approved.

Mr. Pate presented three (3) Letters of Caution, Case #'s 2020-42, 2021-2, and 2021-3.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Hughes made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for Case #'s 2020-42, 2021-2, and 2021-3. The motion was seconded and approved.

Mr. Pate, Office of Investigation and Enforcement (OIE) presented the statistical report to the Board. From January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021, the OIE received ten (10) complaints, eight (8) open cases, seven (7) cases closed and as of April 26, 2021, there are nine (9) active cases.

The Board accepted the statistical report as information.

**Office of Disciplinary Counsel:** Ms. Baldwin, Office of Disciplinary Counsel presented the ODC report to the Board. The Board accepted the report as information.

**Office of Advice Counsel:**

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Thayer made a motion to go into executive session for legal counsel. The motion was seconded and approved.

(9:32 am – 10:14 am) -- No votes were taken in executive session.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Hughes made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Financial Report:** Mr. Williams, Board Administrator presented the financial report.

The Board accepted the finance report as information.

**Disciplinary Hearings:**

**Case# 2018-1:** Ms. Baldwin, Office of Disciplinary Counsel presented a Final Order to the Board. The Respondent made a personal appearance and was represented by counsel, Jack Gresh, Esq., and Lauren Gresh, Esq.

Ms. Baldwin and the Respondent's attorney requested that the hearing be a closed session to protect personal health information. The request was approved.

**Motion:** In closed session, Dr. Hughes made a motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

(11:42 am – 12:18 pm) -- No votes were taken in executive session.

**Motion:** In closed session, Dr. Thayer made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Motion:** In closed session, Dr. Garris made a motion to reinstate the license with the following conditions. The licensee would be under probation for twelve (12) months from the date of receipt of the Order, workplace supervision under a licensed chiropractor for twelve (12) months, follow the recommendations of the medical provider for twelve (12) months, submit four (4) quarterly reports from the medical provider, and maintain monitoring for the twelve (12) months. Upon completion of all of the foresaid conditions, the license may be reinstated without conditions. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Case# 2019-27:** Ms. Baldwin, Office of Disciplinary Counsel presented a Stipulations of Facts to the Board. The Respondent made a personal appearance and was not represented by counsel.

Ms. Baldwin and the Respondent requested that the hearing be a closed session to protect personal health information. The request was approved and seconded.

**Motion:** In closed session, Dr. Thayer made a motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

(12:51 pm – 12:58 pm) -- No votes were taken in executive session.

**Motion:** In closed session, Dr. Hughes made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Motion:** In closed session, Dr. Thayer made a motion to issue a private reprimand and must complete twelve (12) hours of continuing education in boundaries within twelve (12) months of receipt of the Order. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Bill Hannouche, DC:** The purpose of the hearing was to petition the Board to amend a prior Order. Dr. Hannouche did make a personal appearance and was not represented by counsel.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Hughes made a motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

(1:13 pm – 1:22 pm) -- No votes were taken in executive session.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Hughes made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Thayer made a motion to amend the previous Board Order and change the Order to a private reprimand. The motion was seconded and approved.

### **Renewal Applications**

**George Protz D.C.:** The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Dr. Protz should be granted a Chiropractic license renewal. Dr. Protz made a personal appearance and was represented by counsel, Derek Newberry, Esq.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Coon made a motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

(1:29 pm – 1:33 pm) -- No votes were taken in executive session.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Hughes made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Motion:** In open session, Mrs. Garcia made a motion to grant the license renewal. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Jeremy Wilson D.C.:** The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Dr. Wilson should be granted a Chiropractic license renewal. Dr. Wilson did not make a personal appearance.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Coon made a motion to defer the hearing and extend Dr. Wilson's license until the next Board meeting. The motion was seconded and approved

#### **Initial Application**

**Stephen Offenburger D.C.:** The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Dr. Offenburger should be granted a Chiropractic license. Dr. Offenburger made an appearance by video conference and was not represented by counsel.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Garris made a motion to grant the license. The motion was seconded and approved.

#### **Other Business**

#### **Jurisprudence and Rules and Regulations Exam Update**

The Board discussed the updates regarding the Jurisprudence exam and the Rules and Regulations exam.

#### **FAA Statement**

The Board reviewed the FAA statement.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Kyles made a motion to accept the statement as written. The motion was seconded and approved.

#### **2021 NBCE / FCLB Annual Conference Update**

Dr. Ehlich and Dr. Coon updated the Board on the NBCE and FCLB annual conferences.

#### **2021 District III and V Meeting**

The Board discussed the District III & V meeting and decided to appoint members to attend at the upcoming Board meeting.

#### **Part IV Fall Exam**

The Board discussed the Part IV Exam and decided to appoint members to attend at the upcoming Board meeting.

#### **Legislative Update**

The Board discussed the legislative updates.

#### **Approved Therapeutic Modalities and Supervision**

Dr. Coon and Dr. Hughes were selected for the committee on Approved Therapeutic Modalities and Supervision.

**Delegate To Staff the Authority to Approve Applications Regarding Criminal History or Disciplinary Action**

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Thayer made a motion to allow staff to approve applications with “Yes” answer for criminal history or Board sanction beyond five years. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Adjournment**

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Kyles made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

There being no other Board business, Dr. Ehlich adjourned the meeting at 2:47pm.

Mark Williams  
Administrator

8-6-21  
Date