

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, August 4, 2022

Board Members Present:

Michael L. Coon, D.C, Board Chair
Antony H. Kyles, D.C., Vice Chair
Beth R. Ehlich, D.C.
Douglas B. Hughes, Jr., D.C.
Mark W. Thayer, D.C.
Gene A. Garris, D.C.
Tammy Costello-Hales, D.C.
Martia Creighton Thigpen, D.C.

Board Members Not Present:

Patricia Garcia, Public Member

Staff Present:

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

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Call to Order

Dr. Coon, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:11 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. Kyles 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 May 19, 2022 meeting minutes —no corrections noted. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval or Disapproval of Absent Members

Motion: In open session, Dr. Thayer made a motion to approve Mrs. Garcia's absence. The motion was seconded and approved.

New Business:

Administrator Report:

Office of Investigations and Enforcement Reports (OIE/IRC)

IRC Recommendations

No recommendations at this time.

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

Financial Report: Mr. Williams, Board Administrator presented the financial report. The Board accepted the finance report as information.

Application Hearings

Jeremy Wilson, DC: The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Dr. Wilson should be granted a Chiropractic license renewal. Dr. Wilson made a personal appearance and was represented by counsel, Leigh Ellen Gray, Esq.

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

Executive Session: (9:19 am – 9:36 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.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Thayer made a motion to grant the chiropractic license renewal with the condition that if Dr. Wilson pleads guilty or is convicted, that he must notify the Board and reappear before the Board. The motion was seconded and approved.

Heath Hishon, DC: The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Dr. Hishon should be granted a Chiropractic license. Dr. Hishon made a personal appearance and was not represented by counsel.

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

Executive Session: (9:49 am – 9:54 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.

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

Thomas Cole, DC: The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Dr. Cole should be granted a Chiropractic license. Dr. Cole made 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.

Executive Session: (10:04am – 11:13 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.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Costello-Hales made a motion to grant the chiropractic license with the condition of taking and passing the SPEC exam within six months. The motion was seconded and approved.

Other Business

Petition for CE Waiver / Extension

DC 812: The purpose of the hearing was to determine if Dr. Stewart's petition for CE extension should be granted. Dr. Stewart did not make a personal appearance and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Ehlich made a motion to close the hearing to protect personal health information. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In closed session, Dr. Ehlich made a motion to grant Dr. Stewart a two year extension of completing the thirty-six hours of CE's under the same guidelines due to COVID-19. The motion was seconded and approved.

DC 1280: The purpose of the hearing was to determine if Dr. Duncan's petition for CE waiver should be approved. Dr. Duncan did not make a personal appearance and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In closed session, Dr. Ehlich made a motion to allow Dr. Duncan to complete the thirty-six CE requirement in any combination of virtual or online. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In closed session, Dr. Kyles made a motion to come out of the closed hearing. The motion was seconded and approved.

Appoint Expert Reviewers

Motion: In open session, Dr. Kyles made a motion to appoint Dr. Hughes and Dr. Annette Coon as expert reviewers for the Board. The motion was seconded and approved.

Appoint Hearing Officers

The Board discussed appointing hearing officers.

Review Rules and Regulations Presentation

Dr. Ehlich provided the Board updates to the Rules and Regulations PowerPoint Presentation.

2022 District III & V Annual Meeting

Motion: In open session, Dr. Thayer made a motion to approve Dr. Coon and Dr. Kyles to attend FCLB District III and V Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

NBCE Part IV Fall Exam

Motion: In open session, Dr. Hughes made a motion for Dr. Garris and Dr. Costello-Hales to attend Part IV Fall Exam. The motion was seconded and approved.

Regulatory Review

Mr. Stuart discussed the regulatory review with the Board and forming a review committee.

Update 2022 NBCE Part IV Test Committee

Dr. Costello-Hales updated the Board on her attendance to the Part IV Test Committee.

Adjournment

There being no other Board business, Dr. Coon adjourned the meeting at 12:00pm.



Administrator

11-4-2022
Date