

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
South Carolina Board of Chiropractic Examiners Board Meeting
Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building
110 Centerview Drive
Columbia SC 29210
Room 105
Thursday, May 18, 2023

Board Members Present:

Michael L. Coon, D.C, Board Chair
Antony H. Kyles, D.C., Vice Chair
Beth R. Ehlich, D.C.
Patricia Garcia, Public Member
Mark W. Thayer, D.C.
Gene A. Garris, D.C.
Tammy Costello-Hales, D.C.
Martia Creighton Thigpen, D.C.

Board Members Not Present:

Douglas B. Hughes, Jr., 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. Coon, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. The meeting was held in Room 105 located at the Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building at 110 Centerview Drive, in Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes

Motion: In open session, Dr. Costello-Hales made a motion to approve the February 2, 2023 meeting minutes —no corrections noted. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval or Disapproval of Absent Members

Dr. Coon approved Dr. Hughes prior request to be dismissed from the Board meeting.

New Business:

Administrator Report:

Office of Investigations and Enforcement Reports (OIE/IRC)

Mr. Sanders presented the statistical report to the Board. The Board accepted the report as information.

Mr. Sanders presented the IRC report to the Board. Mr. Sanders presented three (3) Case #'s 2022-23, 2022-24, and 2023-1 and were recommended for dismissal.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Ehlich made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for Case #'s 2022-23, 2022-24, and 2023-1 for dismissal. The motion was seconded and approved.

Mr. Sanders presented one (1) Letter of Caution, Case # 2023-4 to the Board.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Ehlich made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for Case # 2023-4. The motion was seconded and approved.

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.

Board Chair Remarks:

Dr. Coon addressed the Board members about having more members attend the NBCE and FCLB meetings.

Rehearing on Request for Reinstatement:

Matthew Hunter, DC: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether the Board should reconsider Dr. Hunter's request of reinstatement of his license. Dr. Hunter made a personal appearance and was represented by Henry Asby Fulmer, III, Esq.

In open session, the Board closed the hearing to protect personal health information.

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

(10:51 am – 11:38 am) -- No votes were taken in executive session.

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

Motion: In closed session, Dr. Thayer made a motion that Dr. Hunter shall comply with the requirements known to the respondent and the Board. The motion was seconded and approved.

Application Hearings
Renewal Application

Matthew Michaud, DC: The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Dr. Michaud's should be granted license renewal. Dr. Michaud did not make a personal appearance and was not represented by counsel.

Motion: In open session, Dr. Thayer made a motion to request OIE conduct an evaluation of Dr. Michaud's office. The motion was seconded and approved.

Interpretation "Legal Representative" SC Reg. 25-6 B (1)

In open session, the Board discussed SC Reg. 25-6 B (1).

Motion: In open session, Dr. Costello-Hales made a motion to not change the regulation. The motion was seconded and approved.

Other Business

Appoint Hearing Officers

The Board discussed creating a list of recommended and qualified chiropractors for hearing officers.

Board Elections

Dr. Coon deferred the Board elections for the next meeting.

2023 FCLB / NBCE Annual Conference Update

Dr. Coon and Dr. Kyles updated the Board on their attendance to the 2023 FCLB/NBCE Annual Conference.

Adjournment

There being no other Board business, Dr. Coon adjourned the meeting at 12:46 pm.

Administrator

Date

8/3/2023