

**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**  
**Low Country Room**  
**Thursday, August 1, 2024**

**Board Members Present:**

Gene A. Garris, D.C., Board Chair  
Martia Creighton Thigpen, D.C., Vice Chair  
Michael L. Coon, D.C.  
Mark W. Thayer, D.C.  
Tammy Costello-Hales, D.C.  
Iva Battrell-Hughes, D.C.  
Lucian Henry, D.C.  
Thomas Stetson, D.C.

**Board Members Absent:**

Patricia Garcia, Public Member

**Staff Present:**

Mack Williams, Board Executive  
Hardwick Stuart, Office of Advice Counsel  
Jonathan Owens, Program Coordinator  
Erin Baldwin, Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
Donnell Jennings, Assistant Deputy Director of Office of Investigation & Enforcement  
Amelia Leeks, Program Manager / Office of Investigation & Enforcement

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**Call to Order**

Dr. Garris, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. The meeting was held in the Low Country Room 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. Costello-Hales made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Approval or Disapproval of Absent Members**

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Battrell-Hughes made a motion to approve Mrs. Garcia's absence. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. Costello-Hales.

**Approval of the Minutes**

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Thayer made a motion to approve the May 16, 2024 meeting minutes —no corrections noted. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. Thigpen.

## **Introduction of New Board Members**

Dr. Henry and Dr. Stetson introduced themselves to the current members.

## **Administrator Report:**

### **Office of Investigations and Enforcement Reports (OIE/IRC)**

Ms. Leeks presented the statistical report to the Board. The Board accepted the report as information.

Ms. Leeks presented the IRC report to the Board. Ms. Leeks presented four (4) Cases, # 2023-19, # 2023-24, #2024-3, and 2024-4 for dismissal.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Thayer made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for Case, #'s 2023-19, 2023-24, 2024-3, and 2024-4 for dismissal. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. Costello-Hales.

**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 Executive, presented the financial report to the Board. The Board accepted the finance report as information.

**Board Chair Remarks:** Dr. Garris spoke about his experience being a Board member to the new Board members, Dr. Henry and Dr. Stetson.

**Board Member Training:** Mr. Jennings, Ms. Baldwin, and Mr. Stuart presented the Board member training. Mr. Jennings presented the OIE and investigative process. Ms. Baldwin presented the ODC and legal process. Mr. Stuart presented the Office of Advice Counsel (OAC) and the hearing process.

## **Disciplinary Hearing**

**Case #2021-21:** Ms. Baldwin presented the Memorandum of Agreement. Dr. Kane made a personal appearance and was not represented by counsel.

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

**Motion:** In closed session, Dr. Thigpen made a motion to go into executive session. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. Costello-Hales.

(11:45 am – 12:05 pm)—No votes were taken in executive session.

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

**Motion:** In closed session, Dr. Costello-Hales made a motion to not grant reinstatement of license, the license shall remain suspended. Dr. Kane may reappear before the Board after complying with certain conditions known to him and the Board. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. Coon.

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

**Ethics & Jurisprudence PowerPoint (Review): & Rules & Regulations PowerPoint (Review):**

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Garris made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice on the Jurisprudence and Rules and Regulations PowerPoints. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. Henry.

(12:10 pm – 12:18 pm)—No votes were taken in executive session.

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

The Board reaffirmed that Dr. Ehlich, Dr. Costello, and Mrs. Garcia are members of the Ethics & Jurisprudence and Rules and Regulations PowerPoint committees.

**Discussion Item:**

**2024 Part IV Spring Exam Update**

Dr. Costello-Hales and Dr. Battrell-Hughes discussed the Part IV Spring Exam and their experiences with the Board. Dr. Garris discussed the Board member’s role and opportunities for the Part IV exam to Dr. Henry and Dr. Stetson.

**2024 District III & V Annual Meeting (Approve Members to Attend)**

Dr. Coon and Dr. Garris discussed the District III & V Annual Meeting with the new Board members. Dr. Garris, Dr. Coon, Dr. Battrell-Hughes, Mrs. Garcia, Dr. Henry, Dr. Stetson, and Mr. Williams confirmed their attendance at the 2024 District III & V Annual Meeting.

**2024 Part IV Fall Exam (Approve Members to Attend)**

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Garris made a motion for Dr. Battrell-Hughes and Dr. Costello-Hales to attend and Dr. Garris as the alternate. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. Coon.

**Board Elections**

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Coon made a motion for Dr. Garris as Chair. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. Costello-Hales.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Costello-Hales made a motion for Dr. Thigpen as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. Coon.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Garris made a motion to close the nominations. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. Coon.

**2025 Board Meeting Dates**

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Costello-Hales made a motion to approve the 2025 Board meeting dates. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. Thigpen.

**Adjournment**

There being no other Board business, Dr. Costello-Hales made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:40pm. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. Battrell-Hughes.

