

**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, May 14, 2026**

**Board Members Present:**

Gene A. Garris, D.C., Board Chair  
Martia Creighton Thigpen, D.C., Vice Chair  
Michael L. Coon, D.C.  
Tammy Costello-Hales, D.C.  
Iva Battrell-Hughes, D.C.  
Lucian Henry, D.C.  
Thomas Stetson, D.C.  
Karen G. Canup, Ph.D.

**Board Members Absent:**

Mark W. Thayer, D.C.

**Staff Present:**

Mack Williams, Board Executive  
Hardwick Stuart, Office of Advice Counsel  
Jonathan Owens, Program Coordinator  
Prentiss Shealey, Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
Yarikza Alexander, Office of Investigation & Enforcement

**Others Present:**

Dr. Dwayne Hoskins, Executive Director, Palmetto State Chiropractic Association

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the South Carolina Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, SC 29210 and is provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

**Call to Order**

Dr. Garris, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 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:** Dr. Henry made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Battrell-Hughes and passed.

### **Approval or Disapproval of Absent Members**

**Motion:** Dr. Battrell-Hughes made a motion to approve Dr. Thayer's absence. The motion was seconded by Dr. Henry and passed.

### **Introduction of New Board Member**

Dr. Canup introduced herself to the current members of the Board.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

**Motion:** Dr. Henry made a motion to correct Michael Geran's name in the minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Battrell-Hughes and passed.

**Motion:** Dr. Battrell-Hughes made a motion to approve the February 5, 2026 meeting minute-with the correction. The motion was seconded by Dr. Costello-Hales and passed.

### **Administrator Report:**

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

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

Ms. Alexander presented the IRC report to the Board. Ms. Alexander presented Case #'s 2022-5, 2022-8, 2024-10, and 2024-19 for Formal Complaints.

**Motion:** Dr. Henry made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for Case #'s 2022-5, 2022-8, 2024-10, and 2024-19. The motion was seconded by Dr. Battrell-Hughes and passed.

**Office of Disciplinary Counsel:** Ms. Shealey, 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. The Board accepted the finance report as information.

### **Board Chair Remarks**

Dr. Garriss provided insights from the 2026 FCLB NBCE Annual Conference. Most of the Board was able to attend the conference. The board maintained its position with the Board's advice counsel.

### **Consent Agreements**

Ms. Shealey presented the Consent Agreements, Case #'s 2025-33 and 2025-36, to the Board.

**Motion:** Dr. Battrell-Hughes made a motion to go into closed session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Coon and passed.

**Motion:** Dr. Battrell-Hughes made a motion to come out of closed session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Henry and passed.

**Motion:** Dr. Coon made a motion to accept the Consent Agreements as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Henry and passed.

### **Application Hearing**

**Eino Ketola, D.C.:** Dr. Ketola appeared before the board and was not represented by counsel. Dr. Ketola appeared due to prior disciplinary action. The hearing will determine whether Dr. Ketola should be granted a license as a chiropractor.

**Motion:** Dr. Battrell-Hughes made a motion to go into executive session for legal advice. The motion was seconded by Dr. Coon and passed.

**Motion:** Dr. Coon made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Battrell-Hughes and passed.

**Motion:** Dr. Henry made a motion to grant the chiropractic licensure for Dr. Ketola. The motion was seconded by Dr. Battrell-Hughes and passed.

### **Disciplinary Hearing**

#### **Memorandum of Agreement and Stipulations**

**Case # 2025-28** Ms. Shealey presented the Memorandum of Agreement and Stipulations, Case # 2025-28, to the Board. The respondent appeared before the board and was not represented by counsel.

**Motion:** Dr. Costello-Hales made a motion to go into executive session for legal advice. The motion was seconded by Dr. Battrell-Hughes and passed.

**Motion:** Dr. Costello-Hales made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Battrell-Hughes and passed.

**Motion:** Dr. Coon made a motion to accept the Memorandum of Agreement and Stipulations with a civil penalty of \$1,500.00, probationary status for three (3) years, and a public reprimand. The motion was seconded by Dr. Battrell-Hughes and passed.

**Motion:** Dr. Costello-Hales made a motion to go into executive session for legal advice. The motion was seconded by Dr. Stetson and passed.

**Motion:** Dr. Henry made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was

seconded by Dr. Battrell-Hughes and passed.

### **2026-2028 Renewal Reminder**

Mr. Williams informed the Board that the renewal reminder email notice will be sent to active licensees in July.

### **CE Committee (Verify Members)**

Mr. Williams verified the members of the CE committee with the Board.

### **Hearing Officers**

Mr. Williams verified the current hearing officers with the Board.

### **Expert Reviewers**

Mr. Williams verified the current expert reviewers with the Board.

### **Endonasal/Cranial-Facial Release**

Dr. Hoskins addressed the Board to get clarification regarding the training required to perform Endonasal/Cranial Facial Release. The Board decided the Continuing Education Committee will establish and approve the specific training requirement

### **Foreign Educated Chiropractors**

The Board discussed the requirements for foreign educated chiropractors stated in Chapter 9, Section 40-9-40.

**Motion:** Dr. Henry made a motion to accept the foreign educational background that is accredited by the European Council on Chiropractic Education (ECCE) or International Agency for Chiropractic Evaluation (IACE) that meets equivalency standards. The motion was seconded by Dr. Stetson and passed.

### **NBCE/FCLB Annual Meeting-(Update)**

Dr. Garris, Dr. Coon, and Dr. Henry shared their experiences at the NBCE-FCLB Annual Meeting with the Board.

### **NBCE Part II Test Development Committee**

Dr. Stetson made a motion for Dr. Battrell-Hughes to attend the NBCE Part II Test Development Committee. The motion was seconded by Dr. Henry and passed.

### **NBCE Part I Test Development Committee**

Dr. Stetson made a motion for Dr. Henry to attend the NBCE Part I Test Development Committee and Dr. Garriss as the alternate. The motion was seconded by Dr. Battrell-Hughes and passed.

### **FCLB District III & V Meeting**

Dr. Battrell-Hughes made a motion for Dr. Garriss, Dr. Thigpen, Mr. Williams, and Ms. Theresa Brown to attend the FCLB District III & V Meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Stetson and passed.

### **Legislative Update**

Mr. Stuart and Mr. Williams discussed the legislative updates with the Board.

### **Adjournment**

There being no other Board business, Dr. Battrell-Hughes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:30pm. The motion was seconded by Dr. Henry and passed.