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 6, 2026

Board Members Present:
Gene A. Garris, D.C., Board Chair
Martia Creighton Thigpen, D.C., Vice Chair
Thomas Stetson, D.C
Karen G. Canup, Ph.D.
Harvey Garcia, D.C.
Edward Rak, D.C.

Board Members Absent:
Lucian Henry, D.C.
Iva Battrell-Hughes, 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
Virginia Wetzel, Communications & Governmental Affairs

Others Present:
Dr. Dwayne Hoskins, Executive Director, Palmetto State Chiropractic Association

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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: Dr. Stetson made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thigpen and passed.

Approval or Disapproval of Absent Members

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

Approval of the Minutes

Motion: Dr. Canup made a motion to approve the May 14, 2026 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Stetson and passed.

Introduction of New Board Member

Dr. Garcia and Dr. Rak introduced themselves to the current members of the Board.

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 2025-38, 2025-53, 2025-54, and 2026-5 for Formal Complaints. Case # 2026-6 was presented for a Letter of Caution.

Motion: Dr. Stetson made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for Case #'s 2025-38, 2025-53, 2025-54, 2026-5, and 2026-7. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thigpen 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.

Legislative Update: Ms. Wetzel, Communications & Governmental Affairs, provided an update on the upcoming legislative session (2026-2027) and the new regulatory review bill., H.3021. The session will focus on budget resolution and the new bill will review LLR regulations every five to eight years. The new bill introduces a threshold for regulatory impact exceeding $1 million, requiring joint resolution approval, and amends judicial review provisions to allow courts to independently interpret laws and regulations without agency deferral. LLR will work closely with stakeholders during the implementation process, and Ms. Beeson will be the primary contact for questions. The Board accepted the update as information.

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

2026-2028 Renewals (Update): Mr. Williams reminded the Board that the license renewals are currently open through September 30, 2026. Mr. Williams provided the Board with the current number of renewals for active and inactive statuses.

Board Seat 7th Congressional District (Update): Mr. Williams updated the Board on the District 7 Advisory Election.

Board Chair Remarks

Dr. Garris shared a positive experience attending a pinning ceremony at Sherman College, highlighting the significance of these ceremonies for transitioning from academic to clinical roles and the positive impact on the speaker and attendees. Dr. Garris proposed sending some members of the Board to Sherman College's pinning ceremonies and annual graduations.

Dr. Guy Annunziata-Council for Distance Education Presentation

Dr. Annunziata presented the Council for Distance Education with the Board by WebEx video conference. The CDE is an independent organization created to support professional licensing Boards by improving the integrity and consistency of online continuing education delivery.

Motion: Dr. Rak made a motion to create a committee to review Dr. Annunziata's proposal The committee would consist of Dr, Thigpen, Dr. Garcia, Dr. Canup, and Dr. Rak. The motion was seconded by Dr. Garcia and passed.

Foreign Educated Chiropractors

The Board discussed the requirements for foreign educated chiropractors stated in Chapter 9, Section 40-9-40. The discussion revolved around the challenges of regulating foreign-educated chiropractors in South Carolina concerning accreditation and equivalency to the Council of Chiropractic Education (CCE) standards.

Endonasal / Cranial-Facial Release Committee (Clarify Adequate Training)

Motion: Dr. Garcia made a motion to go defer the item to the next Board meeting in November. The motion was seconded by Dr. Stetson and passed.

Motion: Dr. Stetson made a motion to take a ten (10) minute recess. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thigpen and passed.

IRC Members (Approve Additional Members)

Motion: Dr. Stetson made a motion to add Dr. Michael Coon and Dr. John McGinnis as the alternate to the IRC. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thigpen and passed.

Motion: Dr. Garris made a motion to take a ten (10) minute recess. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thigpen and passed.

SC. Reg 25-5 D. CE Waiver Request

Motion: Dr. Garris made a motion to go into closed session to protect personal health information. The motion was seconded by Dr. Stetson and passed.

Motion: Dr. Stetson made a motion to waive Dr. Carter's and Dr. Roger's CE requirement for the license renewal. The motion was seconded by Dr. Canup and passed.

Motion: Dr. Stetson made a motion to come out of closed session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Thigpen and passed.

2027 Board Meeting Dates-Approve Dates

Motion: Dr. Stetson made a motion to approve the 2027 Board meeting dates. The motion was seconded by Dr. Garcia and passed.

Adjournment

There being no other Board business, Dr. Rak made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:38am. The motion was seconded by Dr. Stetson and passed.