



Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners

April 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

April 15th, 2025 | 9:00_{AM}

CALL TO ORDER

The board meeting was called to order by Elizabeth Jones, Executive Director at 9:04am.

ROLL CALL

Board Members present:

Joseph Long, D.C
Michael Courtney, D.C
Harold Gunter
Jack McCoy
Gregory Ungerank, D.C.
Tanya Holt, D.C.
Sarah Hays, D.C.

Staff present:

Elizabeth Jones, Executive Director
Heather Foster, Administrative Analyst
Sarah DeBusk, Assistant Attorney General

Guests present:

Dr. Randy Holt
Dr. Chris Cathey

NEW LICENSEE ORIENTATION

A welcome introduction was given by ASBCE Executive Director Elizabeth Jones followed by an introduction of staff member, Heather Foster. Each board member introduced themselves and gave words of encouragement and wisdom to the new licensees. Dr. Chris Cathey spoke on behalf of the Arkansas Chiropractic Society and Dr. Randy Holt spoke for the Arkansas Chiropractic Association. The director presented orientation materials to all new licensees.

A motion was made by Dr. Courtney to grant licenses to those qualifying applicants in attendance. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCoy and passed unanimously.



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Congratulations to the following applicants who received their license this day with their attendance at the April 2025 Orientation.

Aaron Austin, D.C.
Karmen Faucette, D.C.
Thomas Hall, D.C.
Whitney Owens, D.C.
John Rowley, D.C.
Matthey Sheppard, D.C.
Shelby Wilson, D.C.
Austin Erker, D.C.
Quentin Ford, D.C.

Board recessed at 9:51am and resumed at 10:05am.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Budget Report

Dr. Courtney asked at what point in our budget can we resume normal fees, meaning the ASBCE is no longer under a 95% fee reduction. The director explained that for the ASBCE to resume normal fees, we must first have at or less than three years' worth of operating expenses in our account.

A motion was made by Dr. Courtney to accept the directors report and was seconded by Mr. Gunter. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Externship & Supervisor Applications:

Corie Vaughan (extern) & Kevin Smith, D.C. (supervisor): Both meet the requirements to participate in the externship program. Dr. Courtney made a motion to accept the applications, seconded by Dr. Long. Motion passed unanimously.

Holden Byassee (extern) & Amanda Bledsoe (supervisor): The board expressed concern over the extern only having passed part I of his exams. Attorney Sarah DeBusk counseled the board on creating rules concerning the externship program. Dr. Long made a motion to accept the applications, seconded by Dr. Holt. Dr. Courtney abstained.



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Correspondence:

The board reviewed email correspondence from Parker Swiggart, D.C. concerning the scope of practice and Softwave. It was determined this practice is non-invasive and within the scope of chiropractors in Arkansas.

The board reviewed email correspondence from Ana Gildea concerning the acceptance of a chiropractic degree from Barcelona College of Chiropractic. It was determined that, in accordance with our rules, all chiropractic education must be accredited by CCE.

ADJOURN

Dr. Courtney moved to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Long. The Board adjourned at 10:32am.