



Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners

January 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

January 13th, 2026 | 9:00_{AM}

CALL TO ORDER

The board meeting was called to order by the Administrative Analyst, Heather Foster, at 9:08 am.

ROLL CALL

Board Members present:

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

Staff present:

Heather Owen, Executive Director (1st meeting)
Will Puddephatt, Assistant Attorney General

Guests present:

Dr. Pat Clary
Bonnie Hicks
Dr. Randy Holt

New License Orientation

A welcome introduction was given by Heather Foster followed by the new Board Director, Heather Owen. Each board member introduced themselves and gave words of encouragement and wisdom to the new licensees. Dr. Pat Clary spoke on behalf of the Arkansas Chiropractic Society and Bonnie Hicks spoke for the Arkansas Chiropractic Association. The administrative analyst 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. Gunter and passed unanimously.



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Congratulations to the following applicants who received their license on this day with their attendance at the January 2026 Orientation.

Landon Blake, D.C.
Alexander Corjay, D.C.
Tymia Carrasquillo Marsh, D.C.
Timothy McHaffie, D.C.
Brooke Menke, D.C.
Sean Milam, D.C.
Olivia Myers Bunce, D.C.
Trevor Overbay, D.C.
Jack Rader, D.C.
Bryce Van Kooten D.C.
Ariel Wakefield, D.C.
Alexis Yarboro, D.C.
Jose Zamora, D.C.
Kelly Cato, D.C.

The Board recessed at 9:41am and resumed at 9:57am.

Director's Report

Heather Owen reminded the board that their yearly financial report needed to be submitted. An update on the status of outstanding license renewals was given.

Dr. Courtney made a motion to accept the directors report, seconded by Dr. Holt. Motion passed unanimously.

October Minutes

The board reviewed the minutes and had no questions.

Dr. Long made a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Dr. Holt. The motion passed unanimously.



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New Business:

Externship & Supervisor Applications:

Mariana Magana (extern) & Eric Santos D.C. (supervisor): Both meet the requirements to participate in the externship program. Dr. Long made a motion to accept the applications, seconded by Dr. Holt. Motion passed unanimously.

Transfer of License:

Jennifer Beisker meets requirements for a transfer of license. Dr. Long made a motion to approve application with the condition that the licensee does in fact attend the April orientation and if not, the license automatically expires April 14, 2026. It was seconded by Dr. Courtney and passed unanimously.

Alexandria Gordon meets requirements for a transfer of license pending results of background check. Dr. Long made a motion to approve Alexandria Gordon for licensure pending background check and agrees to attend the orientation in April in which her license will expire if she fails to do so. Dr. Courtney seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Correspondence and Questions:

The board reviewed email from Dr. Shawn Fletcher. It was the decision of the board that statutes would have to be changed to allow licensing without orientation. No further action was taken.

Clarification was given on dry needling. A licensee must be certified in acupuncture to practice dry needling.

Continuing Education Application

The board reviewed The Urgency of Brain Health: A Call to Action for Lifelong Vitality sponsored by Northeast College of Health Sciences. Dr. Holt made a motion not to approve the application due to no confirmation of speaker being an expert in the field. A second was from Dr. Hays and it passed unanimously.



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Complaint Committee Report

The board was given a list of open complaints:

- **800-04-17-24** - complaint committee recommended that the complaint be closed due to no findings of a violation.
- **801-04-22-24** - complaint committee recommended that the complaint be closed due to no findings of a violation.
- **803-07-30-24** - complaint committee recommended that the complaint be closed due to no findings of a violation.
- **806-10-15-24** - complaint committee recommended that the complaint be closed due to no findings of a violation.

Dr. Hays made a motion to accept the complaint committee's recommendation and the above complaints be closed. Dr. Long seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Stipends/Reimbursements

A motion was made by Dr. Hays to approved stipends and reimbursements for the year and was seconded by Dr. Holt. It passed unanimously.


Additional Issues:

Meeting time: The board discussed changing the board times due to traffic early in the morning and the longer commutes. A motion was made by Dr. Hays to change board meetings times to 10:00am, a second from Dr. Courtney. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

Dr. Holt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Courtney. The Board adjourned at 10:46 am.

Attest:



Heather Owen
Director



Gregory Ungerank
President