# Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners

## APRIL 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

### April 14th, 2026 | 10:00AM

**CALL TO ORDER**

The board meeting was called to order by Heather Owen, Executive Director at 9:59 AM.

**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:

Heather Owen, Executive Director
Heather Foster, Administrative Analyst
Jessica Kloss, Assistant Attorney General
Luke Woolman, Assistant Attorney General

**NEW LICENSEE ORIENTATION**

The following applicants were approved for licensure with a motion from Dr. Courtney and seconded by Dr. Long. Motion passed:

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| Alexandria | **GORDON** | Landry | **GANNON** |
| Matthew | **BAUER** | Don | **HARRISON** |
| Jennifer | **BEISKER** | Brett | **LUX** |
| Joy | **DENIGAN** | Madison | **NEELY** |
| Grant | **ERICKSON** | Madison | **RALSTON** |
| Jayden | **EXZABE** | Gail | **SAVAGE** |
| Chad | **GANNON** | Eliana | **SEIDNER** |
| | | Barry | **St. ONGE** |

The Board recessed at 10:57 am and resumed at 11:08 am.

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**DIRECTOR'S REPORT-**
A motion to approve the Budget and FOIA Report was made by Dr. Courtney, seconded by Dr. Long. Motion passed.

**MINUTES**
Dr. Holt motioned to approve minutes from meetings conducted since the last Board meeting (seconded by Dr. Long). Motion passed. Approved minutes for the following:

- January 13, 2026
- February 17, 2026 (Called meeting)
- March 17, 2026 (Called meeting)

**NEW BUSINESS**
An application was submitted for Extern Mariah Gray and Preceptor Amanda Bledsoe. A motion to approve Preceptor/Extern relationship was made by Dr. Holt, seconded by Dr. Long. Motion passed.

Heather Foster presented the Complaint Committee Report.

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| Complaint # 810-01-28-25 | Complaint # 820-07-25-25 |
| Complaint # 811-02-12-25 | Complaint # 825-09-08-25 |
| Complaint # 812-03-22-25 | Complaint # 827-10-06-25 |
| Complaint # 817-05-20-25 | Complaint # 831-12-15-25 |
| After a review of the facts, the complaint committee found no violation and recommends no further action be taken and this complaint be closed. | |
| Complaint # 832-01-14-26 | |
| The complainant reached out to ask that we drop the complaint. The complaint committee recommends no further action be taken and this complaint be closed. | |

A motion to approve recommendations was made by Dr. Courtney, seconded by Dr. Hays. Motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND QUESTIONS** – None

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**DISCUSSIONS:**

26-01 – A question was submitted via written letter requesting clarification from the Board as to whether a licensed AR Chiropractor may direct or order licensed nurses (or trained phlebotomists) to perform blood draws or whether they must be performed by the Chiropractor. The Board determined was that there is no issue with hiring a nurse to delegate these tasks to. No conflict. AR Chiropractors are noted as physicians so they can instruct the blood draw. Dr. Courtney stated that no motion was needed for this clarification.

26-02 – Reactivation request was submitted to the Board for Dr. who self-reported his expired license. A motion to place Dr. under Consent Agreement was made by Dr. Hays, seconded by Dr. Holt. Motion passed. Consent Agreement (with fine) will be created by AR AG Jessica Kloss.

26-03 – Expired licensee wants to reactivate expired license. Board determined if he chooses to re-apply, extensive research must be performed to ensure no disciplinary issues in other states. The applicant must re-apply because their license was forfeited. A new license number will be issued.

26-04 – Expired licensee wants to reactivate expired license. Board determined if he chooses to re-apply, extensive research must be performed to ensure no disciplinary issues in other states. The applicant must re-apply because their license was forfeited. A new license number will be issued

26-05 – A California Chiropractor is reaching out to this office to request allowance to apply for licensure without the NBCE Exam series. He graduated from Chiropractic College in 1965 and took the State Board Exam (which was the NBCE Exam predecessor). No motion was made, however the Board determined that if he has an active license, he should apply as a Transfer of License. AR Juris Prudence will be required and Board interview (ZOOM) may be required for application. SPEC is something that may be needed, but that will be determined after interview with Board. No motion was needed for this guidance.

**ISSUES:**

26-01 – Request was submitted from equipment company to sit outside the Orientation meetings to give new licensees promotional/informational items. Motion that request be denied due to inclusivity/exclusivity. Board does not want to appear to show favoritism. Dr. Ungerank states to refer him to the Association and Society. No motion needed.

**PROCEDURAL CLARIFICATION:**

a. **Preceptorship-** Educational source is accepting responsibility for relationship. Board supports Board staff (Administrative Analyst/Director) signing preceptorship acceptance letter. Dr. Long motioned that staff can sign letter, seconded by Mr. Gunter.

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b. **Transfer of License** – motion by Dr. Holt to call meeting at 45 days for any completed licenses and housekeeping, seconded by Dr. Long – if additional meeting is needed prior to the 30 day deadline, it will be created.

c. **Reciprocity (temp/provisional license)** – Staff determines if they meet qualifications and if the boxes are checked, they issue license to cover until next meeting to determine full licensure.

**ADDITIONAL ISSUES**

Directive from Board to update the Request for Reactivation form found on the website. Add (inactive licenses only) at top of form for clarification.

**ADJOURN**

Dr. Hays made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Long. The Board adjourned at 12:11 pm.

Gregory Ungerank, D.C
President

**ATTEST:**

Heather Owen
Board Director