

NEW YORK STATE BOARD FOR CHIROPRACTIC
MINUTES OF MEETING
Albany Regional Office
80 Wolf Road
Albany, NY 12205
Rooms A and B, 3rd Floor
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Thursday, June 16, 2022

PRESENT: Fiona Jarrett-Thelwell, D.C., Chair; Mark Craft, D.C., Gary DiBenedetto, D.C.;
Caroline Maher, PM; Anthony Morgante, D.C.; Elaina Pirro-Lombardi, D.C.; Michael Zumpano, Ph.D.,
D.C.

ABSENT: Bruce Steinberg, D.C

STAFF: Dolores Cottrell, Executive Secretary; Michael Puspurs, Timothy Winner

Extended

Board Members: Anne Reid

Guests: Karl Kranz, D.C., New York State Chiropractic Association, Antoinette Kranz,
Perry Ochacher, Tim Kelly, D.C.

Welcome and Review of Agenda:

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Dr. Jarrett-Thelwell.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the January 27, 2022 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the
minutes as amended (DiBenedetto/Morgante).

BOARD CHAIR REPORT:

Dr. Jarrett-Thelwell began her report thanking Dr. Craft for his service as a chair. Dr. Jarrett-
Thelwell gave an overview of COVID-19 and the impacts it had on the Chiropractic profession.
Educational institutes experienced a decline in enrollment and the NBCE examinations were delayed.
Dr. Jarrett-Thelwell shared various COVID-19 Chiropractic articles that provide input on how to modify
services at chiropractic practices and new ways to teach the students.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT:

Dr. Cottrell started her report by thanking Dr. Craft for his exemplary service during COVID.
She also gave Dr. Craft time to comment on his service as Chair. Dr. Cottrell introduced new Board
Office staff member Timothy Winner. Dr. Cottrell thanked Dr. Zumpano for representing the Board in
Greeley Colorado at the NBCE exam development meeting.
Dr. Cottrell stated that the Open meetings Law is set by Governor Hochul and that it was too short a
notice to set up a virtual platform for this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative Committee – Dr. Morgante, Chair, stated that the Opioid Bill has passed both houses and is
with the Governor Dr. Morgante stated that the Scope Modernization Bill and Practice Bill are still in
review and have not moved forward.

Practice Committee – Dr. Craft, Chair, discussed a “Law, Regulations, and Rule” test questions document from the OP website. The Board had a lengthy discussion about updating the questions to be a beneficial document for new chiropractic graduates. The Board discussed having a jurisprudence exam to be added to the testing requirements. The Board decided to discuss topics for the exam at the next board meeting.

Public Information Committee - Dr. Steinberg, Chair, was absent however Dr. Jarrett-Thelwell gave the report he submitted Northeast College of Health Sciences was sent the last two Practice Alerts for peripheral neuropathy and concussions and the College emailed them out to their list of chiropractors. They were also sent to the Association and Council.

Outreach Committee - Dr. DiBenedetto, Chair, will ask NYCC and NYSCA to provide a monthly update and then compile them, to then give the outreach committee report at the next meeting.

Program Review Committee extension of the practice committee) – Dr. Jarrett-Thelwell, Chair, stated that the Board Office approves all the CE courses and that the same subject matters are being denied for: functional medicine, practice management, concussion- return to play and nutrition to treat diseases.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Practice Alert-Unlicensed Aides- Dr. Cottrell stated it is with the legal department being reviewed.

- Scope Modernization update – In the legislative committee report.

- Part IV Boards update-. Dr. Morgante and Dr. DiBenedetto stated that they will be the examiners for the November Part IV Exam. Dr. Craft agreed to serve as a backup.

- Practice Alert-Diagnostic Ultrasound- The Board agreed to look at the practice alert we had and to revise it electronically, then it will be submitted to Legal for review.

NEW BUSINESS

- Practice Survey- Dr. Cottrell informed members that Dr. Mestan had sent a practice survey on the decline in chiropractors in NYS. The Board had a lengthy discussion about the results of the survey as to why chiropractors are not staying to practice in NYS.

- Practice Alert-Acupuncture- The Board agreed to look at the Acupuncture Board decision and create a new Practice alert electronically using track changes with the revised suggestions. Then we will discuss it at the next Board meeting. Dr. Craft will start the revisions.

- Election of Vice-Chair- Dr. Pirro-Lombardi nominated Dr. Morgante to be Vice-Chair. Dr. Jarrett-Thelwell seconds. Dr. Morgante accepts to be Vice-Chair. The vote was unanimous to elect Dr. Morgante as Vice-Chair.

- Open Meetings Law- The Board had a lengthy discussion about whether Board meetings should be live, virtual or a hybrid option. The Board agreed that the Board members would meet in person and that there would then be a virtual option for the public and extended board members to attend

the meetings. Dr. Cottrell stated she will put their recommendation forth however, the Board has to adhere to Open Meetings Laws.

Questions and Answers: Dr. Kranz informed members that the New York Chiropractic Council and the New York State Chiropractic Association may be consolidating into one organization.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 29, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 1411 Broadway in New York City.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: There were no disciplinary cases to be reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Jarrett-Thelwell, Chair, thanked all for their participation and asked for a motion to adjourn at 12:20 p.m. (Pirro-Lombardi/Dibenedetto). Motion unanimously approved.