

NEW YORK STATE BOARD FOR CHIROPRACTIC
MINUTES OF MEETING
State Board for Chiropractic
Thursday, March 14, 2024
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
New York State Education Department
Albany Regional OPD Office
80 Wolf Road, 3rd Floor Rooms A and B
Albany, NY 12205

PRESENT: Anthony Morgante, D.C., Chair, Fiona Jarrett-Thelwell, D.C.; Bruce Steinberg, D.C.; Michael Zumpano, Ph.D., D.C.; Joshua Handt, D.C., Douglas Taber, D.C.; Kentia Jean-Charles, D.C., Caroline Maher, PM

STAFF: Dolores Cottrell, Executive Secretary; Michael Puspurs, Lisa (Penni) Newman, Azriel Paris

Extended Board Members:

Guests: Gary DiBenedetto, D.C., NBCE; Amy Kellogg, Harter & Secrest, Caiti Anderson, Harter & Secrest, Mike Martin, NYSCA, Jason Brown, D.C., NYSCA, Bill Tackett, D.C., NYCC, Bryan Ludwig, D.C., NYCC, Rennie Statler, D.C., NYCC and Tim Kelly, D.C., NYCC, Bradley Guye, EBAS

Welcome and Review of Agenda:

Dr. Morgante welcomed everyone and made a motion to call the meeting to order at 10: 00 a.m. Formal introductions followed.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the November 7, 2024 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes as amended (Steinberg/Jarrett-Thelwell).

BOARD CHAIR REPORT:

Dr. Morgante began his report by calling for a motion to move agenda items (Zumpano/Jarrett-Thelwell). Dr. Morgante informed members that as state board members we advise and assist the Education Department, and the mission of the Board is to protect the public.

Dr. Morgante ended his report stating that we look forward to continuing to work with the Northeast College of Health Sciences, D'Youville University, NYCC and NYSCA.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT:

Dr. Cottrell started her report by introducing the Board staff. Dr. Cottrell informed members that NYS is in their legislative session.

Dr. Cottrell asked the board members if anyone is planning to go to the FCLB Annual Meeting in St. Louis Missouri on April 30- May 3, 2025. Dr. Cottrell will be the delegate for the FCLB meeting and Dr. Handt will be the alternate. Dr. Handt agreed to be a delegate and Dr. Steinberg agreed to be the alternate delegate for the NBCE portion of the meeting.

51 Dr. Cottrell presented a certificate to Dr. Jarrett-Thelwell for her exemplary service as Board
52 Chair.

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54 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

55 Legislative Committee – Dr. Morgante, Chair, stated the Scope Modernization Bill has an Assembly and
56 Senate sponsor. Ms. Kellogg stated that NYSCA is waiting for the Senate bill number and that
57 Assembly women Sarah Clarke from Rochester is the assembly sponsor for the Scope Modernization
58 Bill. Ms. Kellogg stated there is momentum with the Scope Modernization Bill. Dr. Ludwig stated that
59 NYCC is working on the Medicaid pilot program, an Anti-discrimination bill and a separate
60 Preceptorship bill to allow out of state chiropractic students to practice under the supervision of a NYS
61 licensed chiropractor. The Board had a lengthy discussion about the need for a Preceptorship Bill and
62 the impact it may have on the momentum of the Scope Modernization Bill.

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64 Practice Committee – Dr. Handt Chair, Dr. Handt spoke in favor of the Preceptorship Bill because it will
65 allow out of state chiropractic students to get experience in NYS. This could also widen the pool of
66 candidates for retiring chiropractors looking for a DC to take over their practice.

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68 Public Information Committee - Dr. Steinberg, Chair, stated that the Corrected Weight Loss
69 Management Practice Alert is still with Legal.

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71 Outreach Committee – Dr. Taber, Chair, stated that he is working with the prior chair to see what has
72 been done in the past. Dr. DiBenedetto, a former chair of the committee stated that Dr. Taber should
73 reach out to NYSCA, NYCC, Northeast and D'Youville to see what they are doing to promote the
74 chiropractic profession.

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76 Program Review Committee (extension of the practice committee) – Dr. Jarrett-Thelwell, Chair, stated
77 that the same subject matters are being denied for CE courses, for example injecting stem cells and
78 animal chiropractic.

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80 **OLD BUSINESS:**

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- 82 • Scope Modernization update – In the legislative committee report.

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- 84 • Part IV Boards update- Dr. Cottrell stated that Dr. Morgante and Dr Taber will be the Board
85 Examiners for the May 2025 Part IV exam at Northeast. Dr. DiBenedetto informed members that the
86 May 2026 Part IV exams will be offered at the chiropractic schools and in Greeley, Colorado. After
87 May 2026 the Part IV exams will only be held in Greeley, Colorado. The Board had a lengthy discussion
88 about the substantial costs for students to travel to Colorado to take the Part IV exam.

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- 92 • FAQ for Student Survey Questions- Dr. Cottrell stated that the FAQ's are still with Legal for
93 review.

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- 95 • Corrected Weight Loss Management Practice Alert- Dr. Cottrell stated that the Corrected
96 Weight Loss Management Practice Alert is still with Legal for review.

101 **NEW BUSINESS**

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103 • Ethics and Boundaries Assessment Services (EBAS) presentation Mr. Bradley Guye gave a
104 PowerPoint presentation about possibly using EBAS as a remedial tool for chiropractors who had
105 disciplinary actions. The Board asked questions of Mr .Guye after the presentation.

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107 • Adding PACE approval to the OP Chiropractic webpage- A motion was made to add PACE
108 approval to the Chiropractic Continuing Education Approved Sponsors and Providers webpage
109 (Taber/Jean-Charles). The motion carried with one abstention. Dr. Steinberg stated that he will send an
110 email to NYCC, NYSCA, Northeast College of Health Sciences and D'Youville University.
111 NYS accepting PACE chiropractic CE courses

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113 • Election of Vice-Chair- Dr. Michael Zumpano was elected to be the new Vice-Chair.

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115 **Questions and Answers:** Dr. Cottrell briefly went over the letter from the International Academy of
116 Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine, which referred to who can advertise specialty certification. Dr. Cottrell
117 informed members that we don't license by specialty for chiropractic in New York State and the letter is
118 for informational purposes.

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120 **Next Meeting Date:** May 15, 2025 in Seneca Falls at Northeast College of Health Sciences.

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122 **ADJOURNMENT:**

123 Dr. Morgante, Chair thanked all for their participation and asked for a motion to adjourn at 12:10
124 p.m. (Jarrett-Thelwell/Stenberg). Motion unanimously approved

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126 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

127 A motion was made to enter Executive Session at 12:12 p.m. (Morgante/Zumpano). The
128 disciplinary case was discussed. The Board motioned out of Executive Session at 12: 20 p.m.
129 (Steinberg/Jarrett-Thelwell).

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