

NEW YORK STATE BOARD FOR CHIROPRACTIC  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
State Board for Chiropractic  
Thursday, January 15, 2025  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
New York State Education Department  
Manhattan Regional OPD Office  
1411 Broadway, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Regents Room  
New York, NY 10018

**PRESENT:** Michael Zumpano, Ph.D., D.C. (attended via zoom); Chair, Douglas Taber, D.C.; Vice-Chair (attended via zoom), Joshua Handt, D.C., Kentia Jean-Charles, D.C.; Rita Capaccio, D.C.; Ricky Cavallaro, D.C.

**STAFF:** Steven Calderon, Executive Secretary, Michael Puspurs

**Guests:** Gary DiBenedetto, D.C., NBCE; Joe Baudille, D.C., NYCC, Rennie Statler, D.C., NYCC

**Welcome and Review of Agenda:**

Dr. Zumpano welcomed everyone and made a motion to call the meeting to order at 10:41 a.m. Formal introductions followed.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of the September 11, 2025 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes as amended (Handt/Cavallaro).

**BOARD CHAIR REPORT:**

Dr. Zumpano began his report by making a Motion to approve the agenda (Handt/Capaccio). Dr. Zumpano stated that the Board uses Roberts' Rules of order as a guide for our board meetings. Dr. Zumpano discussed how many chiropractors in New York State were licensed in the different counties.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT:**

Dr. Calderon began his report by informing members that the updated mandated reporter training could be used for CE credit and he told members they will get a total of three CE credits. Dr. Calderon stated that this requirement needs to be completed by November 17, 2026.

Dr. Calderon stated that he attended the FLCB Meeting in Portland Maine from September 18-21, 2025. Dr. Calderon stated that he appreciated Dr. Little's presentation on college pricing, student debt, and the increasing competition for graduate education. He also informed the members that Dr. Little expressed concern about the potential impact of these trends on smaller chiropractic schools. Dr. Calderon stated that the Scope Modernization Bill passed the Senate, and the bill had a few recommended changes. NYSCA stated that the recommended changes have been addressed. Dr. Calderon informed members that he was informed that the Scope Modernization Bill will be called early in the Legislative session. Dr. Calderon stated that if the Scope Modernization Bill is enacted, the board office will need to draft new regulations. He advised the members that the regulations would be

developed by the board office with input from board members, through committee review, and with guidance from OP legal.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Legislative Committee – Dr. Zumpano, Chair, stated that he will invite New York Chiropractic Council to report first. Dr. Statler stated that not much has changed since September. Dr. Statler stated that the New York Chiropractic Council is focusing on the Non- discrimination Bill, IME reform legislation, a preceptorship bill and a CCE bill. Dr. Calderon delivered the NYSCA legislative report and noted that NYSCA is advancing a look back audit bill, A.3565B, which would limit audits to a three-month period. NYSCA amended the bill to address concerns raised by the Assembly. Dr. Calderon stated that NYSCA is also working on the Partnership Bill, where chiropractors can form business partnerships with medical doctors. NYSCA’s report stated that the Credit Card Bill passed both houses and was signed by the Governor in 2025.

Practice Committee – Dr. Handt Chair, informed members that chiropractors must complete the updated mandated reporter training by November 17, 2026.

Public Information Committee - Dr. Jean-Charles, Chair, stated that there is nothing new to report.

Outreach Committee – Dr. Taber, Chair, stated that he sent emails on November 13 to Northeast College of Health Sciences and D’Youville Chiropractic College. Dr. Taber stated that Dr. Mestan responded back that Northeast has scholarships, student clubs and other activities, but that they will be eliminating these activities due to political pressure.

Program Review Committee (extension of the practice committee) – Dr. Capaccio, Chair stated that there is nothing new to report.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Part IV Boards update- Dr. DiBenedetto stated that said this May 2026 will be the last time the Part IV exams will be given at the chiropractic colleges. Dr. DiBenedetto stated that the Part IV exams will also be given at Greeley Colorado too. Dr. DiBenedetto stated that after May 2026 the Part IV exams will only be given in Greeley, Colorado. Dr. Jean-Charles and Dr. Capaccio agreed to be the Part IV examiners for the May 2026 exam,

- FAQ’s for Student Survey- Dr. Calderon stated that the FAQ’s for Student Survey are still with Legal.

**Questions and Answers:** The Board discussed how preceptorship is included in the Scope Modernization Bill.

Next Meeting Date: June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at D’Youville Chiropractic College in Buffalo.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Dr. Zumpano, Chair, thanked all for their participation and asked for a motion to adjourn at 11:33 a.m. (Handt /Jean-Charles). Motion unanimously approved

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

99           A motion was made to enter Executive Session at 11:34 a.m. (Handt /Jean-Charles) The  
100 disciplinary case was discussed. The Board motioned out of Executive Session at 12:06 p.m. (Handt  
101 / Cavallaro).

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