

1 NEW YORK STATE BOARD FOR CHIROPRACTIC
2 MINUTES OF MEETING
3 State Board for Chiropractic
4 Thursday, June 11, 2026
5 Tour-9:30am
6 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
7 D’Youville University
8 Health Professions Hub, 3rd Floor, Room 306
9 301 Connecticut Street
10 Buffalo, NY 14213
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14 **PRESENT:** Michael Zumpano, Ph.D., D.C.; Chair, Douglas Taber, D.C.; Vice-Chair, Rita
15 Capaccio, D.C.; Ricky Cavallaro, D.C.

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17 **ABSENT:** Joshua Handt, D.C., Kentia Jean-Charles, D.C.

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19 **STAFF:** Steven Calderon, Executive Secretary, Faylee Frazier
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21 **Extended**

22 **Board Members:** Anthony Morgante, D.C.
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24 **Guests:** Nicole McVeen, NYCC, Steve Niemiec, D.C, NYCC, Kevin Phalen, D.C.,
25 NYCC, Rennie Statker, D.C., NYCC, Rachel Ersing, D.C., D’Youville University
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27 **Welcome and Review of Agenda:**

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29 Dr. Zumpano welcomed everyone and made a motion to call the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.
30 Formal introductions followed.
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32 **MINUTES:**

33 The minutes of the January 15, 2026 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the
34 minutes as amended (Taber/ Capaccio) .
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36 **BOARD CHAIR REPORT:**

37 Dr. Zumpano began his report by making a motion to approve the agenda. (Taber/Capaccio).
38 Dr. Zumpano reviewed his chairman’s report.
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40 **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT:**

41 Dr. Calderon began his report by giving thanks to Dr. Ersing for hosting the meeting at
42 D’Youville University’s Chiropractic school and providing the board with a tour. Dr. Calderon spoke
43 about how the scope of practice legislation did not pass. The bill faced opposition from medical societies
44 and specialty groups.

45 Dr. Calderon concluded his report by expressing appreciation to the Chiropractic Board for its continued
46 assistance with scope of practice inquiries and professional guidance, which enables the Board office to
47 respond effectively to questions submitted by licenses throughout the State.

48 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

49 Legislative Committee – Dr. Zumpano, Chair, Dr. Calderon delivered NYSCA’s report for Amy.
50 NYSCA reported that the scope bill’s final amendments were being made based on feedback from the
51 assembly. In the assembly, the bill advanced through several committees and was close to final passage.

52 Medical societies and specialty groups put out memos of opposition. The new bill will have to be
53 introduced because the bill will not roll over. Dr Calderon then states that the look back bill did not
54 move. Partnership bill will have a new assembly sponsor for next year. The credit card bill chapter
55 amendment was passed, and the law will take effect June 17th.

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57 The Council was recognized by the board chair. The Council stated they were watching the scope bill
58 closely. The Council stated they would like a meeting with NYSCA to work out differences to come to a
59 collaborative approach. The Council is saying we need to act as one to get bill across the finish line. The
60 council then discussed the Nondiscrimination act, which will help chiropractors and help entice more
61 chiropractors to come practice in NY. The Pilot program was then discussed as they are currently
62 looking for sponsors, but it has taken the back seat. The Council stated that the Preceptorship bill will
63 help expand opportunities for students to come into NY for a preceptorship.

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65 Practice Committee – Dr. Handt Chair, No report.

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67 Public Information Committee - Dr. Jean-Charles, Chair, No report.

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69 Outreach Committee – Dr. Taber, Chair, no report. Moved to once a year.

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71 Program Review Committee (extension of the practice committee) – Dr. Capaccio. Chair. No report.

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73 **OLD BUSINESS:**

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75 ● Part IV Boards update- Gary is not in attendance for the meeting so Dr. Calderon discussed
76 that everything from this point is moving to Greeley. Dr. Jean-Charles attended the last board exam
77 offered at Northeast College of Health Sciences as an examiner and said she enjoyed being apart of the
78 examinations.

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80 ● FAQ's for Student Survey- Dr. Calderon reported that the Legal had raised a question
81 regarding the FAQ's treatment of laboratory tests, and that the FAQ has not yet cleared legal review. He
82 noted that the board provided a revised response and resubmitted it to the Legal. Dr. Calderon requested
83 that Victoria provide additional information regarding the board office's comment on this matter.

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85 ● Motion by Dr. Taber, seconded by Dr. Cavallaro, that Outreach Committee reports be
86 presented to the Board on an annual basis only. The Board voted; motion carried.

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88 **NEW BUSINESS**

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90 ● Scope Modernization Bill Update- Dr. Morgante was recognized by the chair and discussed
91 the Big Beautiful Big and asks if it could affect scope modernization bill passing. Dr. Zumpano
92 discusses chiropractic college's reaction to the Big Beautiful Bill and how they are moving towards
93 reducing time spent in programs so tuition would be lowered to make the average tuition under 180,000.
94 He states that Northeast is not there yet but is one of the schools that passed the metric. He also states
95 that schools that passed/did not pass were not made public, the presidents were informed.

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97 **Questions and Answers:**

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99 Dr. Taber and Dr. Zumpano discussed comparison of cost of tuition to cost of running the college within
100 NYS regulations.

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102 Dr. Niemiec states that students are choosing most affordable pathway to become licensed. He had an
103 experience with a student that went to South Carolina for schooling due to expenses like where they are
104 living and did not return to New York to practice.

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106 Dr. Zumpano discusses the idea of shortening the chiropractic track and how it has been discussed for
107 years at the presidential level.

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109 Dr. Capaccio states debt to income ratio is making it so students are not qualifying for loans so students
110 cannot buy practices. This led to the discussion between the board and the guests, how students would
111 rather work for a larger organization than open their own practice.

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113 Next Meeting Date: September 17th at 1411 Broadway, New York, NY.

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115 **ADJOURNMENT:**

116 Dr. Zumpano, Chair, thanked all for their participation and asked for a motion to adjourn at 11:09
117 am. (Capaccio/Taber). Motion unanimously approved

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119 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

120 A motion was made to enter Executive Session at 11:13AM (Zumpano / Taber) The disciplinary
121 case was discussed. The Board motioned out of Executive Session at 11:48 pm. (Capaccio/Taber).

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