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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

F I N A L M I N U T E S

MEETING OF:

STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC

TIME: 10:30 A.M.

Held at

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

2525 North 7th Street

CoPA HUB, Eaton Conference Room

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

October 16, 2025

State Board of Chiropractic
October 16, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS:

Jonathan McCullough, D.C., Chairperson - Absent
Thomas Eaton, Designee, Deputy Commissioner, for
Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
Professional and Occupational Affairs
Brian Moreland, D.C., Secretary
Elizabeth Oquendo, Senior Deputy Attorney General,
Consumer Protection Member
Shannon David Smith, D.C.
Shannon Thieroff, D.C.
George Petruska, D.C.

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Shawn J. Jayman, Esquire, Board Counsel
Thomas M. Davis, Esquire, Regulatory Board Counsel
J. Karl Geschwindt, Board Prosecution, Liaison
William Newport, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Liliana Fisher, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Shakeena Chappelle, Board Administrator
Jason Giurintano, Esquire, Deputy Chief Counsel,
Counsel Division
Shana Walter, Esquire, Deputy Chief Counsel,
Prosecution Division
Thomas Leech, II, Administrative Officer
Stephanie Dunkerley, Legal Analyst, Office of General
Counsel

ALSO PRESENT:

George Khoury, D.C., UPMC
Doug Babin, CPCU, AIC, CIFI, FCLS, State Farm
Mike Barba, Executive Director, Pennsylvania
Chiropractic Association
Justin Miller, DC
Theresa Russo
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Andrew Heck, D.C., President, Pennsylvania
Chiropractic Association
Erin Badstuebner, Sargent's Court Reporting Service,
Inc.

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2 State Board of Chiropractic

3 October 16, 2025

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5 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
6 at 9:30 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session
7 with Shawn J. Jayman, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the
8 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations
9 and to receive the advice of counsel. The Board
10 returned to open session at 10:30 a.m.]

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12 Official Call to Order

13 [Brian Moreland, D.C., Secretary, assumed the Chair
14 and called the meeting of the State Board of
15 Chiropractic to order at 10:39 a.m.]

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17 Introduction of Board Members and Attendees

18 [Brian Moreland, D.C., Secretary, requested an
19 introduction of Board members and attendees. A
20 quorum of Board members was present.]

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22 [Shawn J. Jayman, Esquire, Board Counsel, informed
23 everyone that the meeting was being recorded, and
24 those who continued to participate were giving their
25 consent to be recorded.]

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Approval of minutes of the August 14, 2025 meeting

DR. MORELAND:

I would entertain a motion to
adopt and approve the minutes
of August 14, 2025, meeting of
the State Board of
Chiropractic.

DR. SMITH:

So moved.

DR. THIEROFF:

Second.

Dr. Moreland, aye; Deputy Commissioner
Eaton, abstain; Elizabeth Oquendo, aye;
Dr. Smith, aye; Dr. Thieroff, aye, Dr.
Petruska, abstain.

[The motion carried. Deputy Commissioner Eaton and
Dr. Petruska abstained from voting on the motion.]

Report of Prosecution

[William Newport, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 25-43-
008697.]

MR. JAYMAN:

1 Regarding Agenda Item No. 2, based on
2 Executive Session deliberation, I
3 believe the Board would entertain a
4 motion to adopt the VRP Consent
5 Agreement for Case No. 25-43-008697.

6 DR. SMITH:

7 So moved.

8 DR. THIEROFF:

9 Second.

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11 Dr. Moreland, aye; Deputy Commissioner
12 Eaton, aye; Elizabeth Oquendo, aye; Dr.
13 Smith, aye; Dr. Thieroff, aye, Dr.
14 Petruska, abstain.

15 [The motion carried. Dr. Petruska abstained from
16 voting on the motion.]

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18 [Liliana Fisher, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented
19 the Consent Agreement for Case No. 22-43-018087.]

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21 [The Board entered into Executive Session from 10:46
22 a.m. until 10:57 a.m.]

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24 MR. JAYMAN:

25 Regarding Agenda Item No. 3, based on

1 discussions in Executive Session
2 deliberation, I believe the Board would
3 entertain a motion to approve the
4 Consent Agreement and Order at Case No.
5 22-43-018087.

6 DR. SMITH:

7 So moved.

8 DR. THIEROFF:

9 Second.

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11 Dr. Moreland, aye; Deputy Commissioner
12 Eaton, aye; Elizabeth Oquendo, nay; Dr.
13 Smith, aye; Dr. Thieroff, aye, Dr.
14 Petruska, abstain.

15 [The motion carried. Dr. Oquendo opposed the motion.
16 Dr. Petruska abstained from voting on the motion.
17 The Respondent's name at Case No. 22-43-018087 is
18 Blake E. Tressler, D.C.]

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20 [Liliana Fisher, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented
21 the Consent Agreement for Case No. 21-43-006661.]

22 MR. JAYMAN:

23 Regarding Agenda Item No. 4, based on
24 discussions in Executive Session,
25 I believe the Board would entertain a

1 motion to approve the Consent Agreement
2 and Order at Case No. 21-43-006661.

3 DR. SMITH:

4 So moved.

5 DR. THIEROFF:

6 Second.

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8 Dr. Moreland, aye; Deputy Commissioner
9 Eaton, aye; Elizabeth Oquendo, aye; Dr.
10 Smith, aye; Dr. Thieroff, aye, Dr.
11 Petruska, abstain.

12 [The motion carried. Dr. Petruska abstained from
13 voting on the motion. The Respondent's name at Case
14 No. 21-43-006661 is Joseph Robert Verna, D.C.]

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16 Appointment - Introduction of Shana Walter

17 [Ms. Walter introduced herself to the Board as the
18 new Deputy Chief Counsel for the Prosecution
19 Division. She provided a summary of her professional
20 background. She was welcomed by the Board.]

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22 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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24 Report of Board Counsel - Shawn Jayman, Esquire
25 Final Adjudication and Order

1 MR. JAYMAN:

2 Regarding Agenda Item No. 5, based upon
3 the discussions in Executive Session, I
4 believe the Board would entertain a
5 motion to accept the Final Adjudication
6 and Order as drafted in the case of
7 Kathleen Ledet, Case No. 22-43-001112.

8 DR. SMITH:

9 So moved.

10 DR. THIEROFF:

11 Second.

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13 Dr. Moreland, aye; Deputy Commissioner
14 Eaton, aye; Elizabeth Oquendo, aye; Dr.
15 Smith, aye; Dr. Thieroff, aye, Dr.
16 Petruska, abstain.

17 [The motion carried. Dr. Petruska abstained from
18 voting on the motion.]

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20 MR. JAYMAN:

21 Regarding Agenda Item No. 6, based upon
22 the discussions in Executive Session, I
23 believe the Board would entertain a
24 motion to accept the Final Adjudication
25 and Order as drafted in the case of

1 Jonathan Paul Wiktorchik, Jr., Case No.
2 24-43-015460.

3 DR. SMITH:

4 So moved.

5 DR. THIEROFF:

6 Second.

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8 Dr. Moreland, aye; Deputy Commissioner
9 Eaton, aye; Elizabeth Oquendo, aye; Dr.
10 Smith, aye; Dr. Thieroff, aye, Dr.
11 Petruska, abstain.

12 [The motion carried. Dr. Petruska abstained from
13 voting on the motion.]

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15 Report of Board Administrator - Application Review

16 MR. JAYMAN:

17 Regarding Agenda Item No. 10, based
18 upon the discussions in Executive
19 Session, I believe the Board would
20 entertain a motion to provisionally
21 deny the application for reactivation
22 in the matter of Michael Stickloon,
23 application number AA0006520195.

24 DR. SMITH:

25 So moved.

1 DR. THIEROFF:

2 Second.

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4 Dr. Moreland, aye; Deputy Commissioner
5 Eaton, aye; Elizabeth Oquendo, aye; Dr.
6 Smith, aye; Dr. Thieroff, aye, Dr.
7 Petruska, abstain.

8 [The motion carried. Dr. Petruska abstained from
9 voting on the motion.]

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11 MR. JAYMAN:

12 Regarding Agenda Item No. 11, based
13 upon the discussions in Executive
14 Session, I believe the Board would
15 entertain a motion to provisionally deny
16 the application for reactivation in the
17 matter of Moon Joon Choi, application
18 number AA0006499762.

19 DR. SMITH:

20 So moved.

21 DR. THIEROFF:

22 Second.

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24 Dr. Moreland, aye; Deputy Commissioner
25 Eaton, aye; Elizabeth Oquendo, aye; Dr.

1 Smith, aye; Dr. Thieroff, aye, Dr.
2 Petruska, abstain.

3 [The motion carried. Dr. Petruska abstained from
4 voting on the motion.]

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6 Report of Board Counsel - Motion to Deem Facts
7 Admitted

8 MR. JAYMAN:

9 Regarding Agenda Item No.7, based upon
10 the discussion in Executive Session, I
11 believe the enter the Board would
12 entertain a motion to grant the motion
13 and instruct Board Counsel to draft a
14 Final Adjudication in accordance with
15 Executive Session deliberations in the
16 matter of Daniel Joseph Carr, Case No.
17 19-43-003908.

18 DR. SMITH:

19 So moved.

20 DR. THIEROFF:

21 Second.

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23 Dr. Moreland, aye; Deputy Commissioner
24 Eaton, aye; Elizabeth Oquendo, aye; Dr.
25 Smith, aye; Dr. Thieroff, aye, Dr.

1 Petruska, abstain.

2 [The motion carried. Dr. Petruska abstained from
3 voting on the motion.]

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5 Report of Regulatory Counsel

6 [Thomas M. Davis, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel,
7 provided an update to the written status report
8 provided to the Board.]

9 Mr. Davis discussed 16A-4334, Licensure by
10 Endorsement (Act 41). As of September 25th, 2025,
11 the Office of the General Counsel had approved the
12 rulemaking. The Governor's Policy Office submitted
13 their approval on October 14, 2025. Mr. Davis asked
14 the Office of the General Counsel to forward it to
15 the Office of the Attorney General, since the
16 regulation had now been given all approvals to enable
17 same. He anticipated a response sometime in November
18 2025 and hoped the regulation would be ready for
19 publishing in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* sometime in
20 early December 2025.]

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22 Report of Board Chairman - No Report

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24 Old Business / New Business - 2026 Meeting Dates

25 [A vote was taken on the 2026 Board Meeting Dates.]

1 SECRETARY MORELAND:

2 Do I have a motion to approve the 2026
3 State Board meeting dates?

4 DR. SMITH:

5 So moved.

6 DR. THIEROFF:

7 Second.

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9 Dr. Moreland, aye; Deputy Commissioner
10 Eaton, aye; Elizabeth Oquendo, aye; Dr.
11 Smith, aye; Dr. Thieroff, aye, Dr.
12 Petruska, abstain.

13 [The motion carried. Dr. Petruska abstained from
14 voting on the motion. Board meeting dates for 2026
15 are as follows: February 12th, April 16th, June
16 25th, August 13th, October 15th and December 17th.]

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18 Public Comment Period - No Report

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20 Miscellaneous

21 [Mr. Jayman reviewed. the Sunshine Act and Recusal
22 Guidelines. He explained the Sunshine Act is the
23 right of the public to be present at all meetings of
24 agencies and to witness the deliberations, and policy
25 formulation and decision making. It is vital to the

1 enhancement and proper functioning of the democratic
2 process. It was established for the purpose of
3 communicating clarity, openness, truth, accuracy, and
4 transparency.

5 Mr. Jayman stated when an agency holds a meeting
6 at which deliberations or official action takes
7 place, the meeting must be open to the public. A
8 public notice, not less than three days before the
9 meeting, is advertised.

10 He outlined in detail some of the terms used to
11 define the Act, including but not limited to,
12 deliberations, official action, proposals,
13 resolutions, rules, and regulations. He stated every
14 action taken by at Board at any open meeting was
15 considered an official action.

16 Mr. Jayman reviewed the process by which all
17 agencies were required to notify the public of
18 special meetings and rescheduled meetings. A public
19 notice is not required in case of an emergency
20 meeting or conference. Public notices needed to
21 advise to the public the place, date and time of the
22 meeting, as well as in a newspaper of general
23 circulation. Meeting notices were required to be
24 advertised at the principal office of the agency
25 meeting as well. Agendas for the meeting were to be

1 given out and a listing of topics to be potentially
2 discussed must be in the agenda.

3 Meeting minutes were also addressed by Mr.
4 Jayman. A document summarizing the meeting is
5 prepared by a court reporter and provided to the
6 Board. Meeting minutes shall be kept at all open
7 meetings, including the date and time of the meeting,
8 the names of all Board members, the substance and
9 record of all official actions, roll call votes, the
10 names of citizens who appeared officially and the
11 subject of their testimony.

12 Mr. Jayman noted the exceptions in which the
13 public was restricted from being present at a
14 meeting. These exceptions are executive sessions,
15 conferences, seminars, and agency business.
16 Executive sessions can be held before, during or
17 after an open meeting, and are primarily used for
18 discussing personnel issues, consulting with Board
19 Counsel regarding information or strategy as pertains
20 to litigation.

21 Mr. Jayman advised there were legal consequences
22 for violations of the Sunshine Act, some criminal in
23 nature. Should a violation of the Sunshine Act occur
24 a court could declare that all official actions
25 having taken place at the meeting in which the

1 violation occurred would become null and void. The
2 party that committed the violation could be
3 responsible to pay the other party's attorney fees
4 and cost of litigation for same.

5 Board members should not discuss any agency
6 business outside of an official Board meeting,
7 whether by person, phone, email or any other means of
8 communication.

9 Any committee role delegated by the Board for
10 formulating policy regulations should take place at
11 an open meeting. If a committee is performing
12 administrative functions or reviewing same, it cannot
13 take place in a public forum.

14 Mandatory recusal involves recusing oneself from
15 the voting process if one had some prosecutorial role
16 in the matter being voted on, a direct personal
17 financial interest in the outcome of the case, or a
18 personal affection for someone directly involved in
19 the matter. Discretionary recusals exist as well. If
20 a Board member feels that they cannot hear a
21 dispositive case without bias or the ability to
22 objectively decide on the outcome, they may recuse
23 themselves as well. Any Board member uncertain of
24 whether they should participate in the decision-
25 making process should speak with a Board Counsel, who

1 will provide legal guidance.

2 Mr. Jayman commented on the differences between
3 being absent from the voting process versus recusing
4 oneself from same. He explained, when a Board member
5 is absent from the meeting, it seldom affects the
6 quorum requirements for voting on an agency matter.
7 The quorum for the Chiropractic Board is a majority
8 of the servant members. If a member has to abstain
9 from voting, that does not affect the quorum
10 requirements. A recusal can affect the quorum
11 requirements, and the individual recusing themself
12 from an agency matter cannot vote.

13 Mr. Jayman advised the standards for becoming a
14 public member of the Board require that any
15 individual applying for a Board membership shall not
16 be a member of the profession. If they are a member
17 of a profession of any other profession, they cannot
18 be a public member or be related to or part of an
19 immediate family of any member of the profession or
20 occupation to be licensed and regulated by a
21 particular workforce commission. Public board
22 members cannot be affiliated in any way with the
23 profession appointed by the Governor for a position.
24 Any individual not meeting the standards set forth
25 for membership will not be eligible for Board

1 membership.

2 He strongly advised that the Sunshine Act and
3 recusal process are two important items that members
4 should be aware of.]

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6 [Secretary Moreland welcomed Dr. George Petruska,
7 D.C., to the Board.]

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9 Public Comment Period - No Report

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11 Adjournment

12 SECRETARY MORELAND:

13 I would like to entertain a motion to
14 adjourn today's meeting.

15 DR. SMITH:

16 So moved.

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18 [There being no further business, the State Board of
19 Chiropractic Meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.]

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing summary minutes of the State Board of Chiropractic meeting, was reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and that the minutes accurately summarize the substance of the State Board of Chiropractic meeting.



Erin Badstuebner,
Minute Clerk
Sargent's Court Reporting
Service, Inc.

STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC
REFERENCE INDEX

October 16, 2025

TIME

AGENDA

9:30	Executive Session
10:30	Return to Open Session
10:39	Official Call to Order
10:39	Introduction of Board Members/Attendees
10:40	Approval of Minutes
10:41	Report of Prosecution
10:46	Return to Executive Session
10:57	Return to Open Meeting
11:01	Appointment - Shana Walter
11:03	Report of Board/Counsel
11:08	Report of Regulatory Counsel
11:12	Old Business / New Business
11:15	Appointment - Sunshine Act
11:30	Miscellaneous - Dr. George Petruska
11:32	Adjournment