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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: 10:33 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

December 18, 2025

State Board of Chiropractic
December 18, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS:

Jonathan McCullough, D.C., Chairperson
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
Dr. Shannon David Smith, D.C.
Dr. Shannon Thieroff, D.C. - Absent
Dr. 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
Ronald Jackson, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
William A. Newport, Esquire, Board Prosecution
Liaison
Shakeena Chappelle, Board Administrator
Adrienne McClendon, Esquire, Department of State
Stephanie Dunkerley, Legal Analyst, Office of General
Counsel

ALSO PRESENT:

Mike Barba, Executive Director, Pennsylvania
Chiropractic Association
Andrew Heck, D.C., President, Pennsylvania
Chiropractic Association
George Khoury, D.C., UPMC
Doug Babin, CPCU, AIC, CIFI, FCLS, State Farm
Charlie Artz, Attorney, Managing Partner, Artz Health
Law LLC
Douglas Pfeiffer, D.C.
Theresa Russo, Chiropractor
William Aukerman, Chiropractor
Keith Miller, Chiropractor, Advanced Chiropractic and
Spine Center
Justin Miller, Chiropractor, Miller Sports and Family
Chiropractic LLC
Adam Maurer, Valley Sports Chiropractic
Larisse Ali
Allison Walker, Sargent's Court Reporting Service,
Inc.

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2 State Board of Chiropractic

3 December 18, 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 on
9 a number of matters that are currently before the
10 board and to receive the advice of counsel. The
11 Board returned to open session at 10:33 a.m.]

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13 Official Call to Order

14 [Dr. Jonathan McCullough, Chair, called the meeting
15 of the State Board of Chiropractic to order at 10:33
16 a.m.]

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18 Introduction of Board Members and Attendees

19 [Dr. Jonathan McCullough, Chair, requested an
20 introduction of Board members and attendees. A
21 quorum of Board members was present.]

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

1 consent to be recorded.

2 Mr. Jayman also noted the Board entered into
3 Executive Session this morning and conducted quasi-
4 judicial deliberations with the advice of counsel.]

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7 Approval of Minutes of the October 16, 2025 meeting.

8 CHAIR MCCULLOUGH:

9 The Chair would entertain a motion for
10 approval of the October 16, 2025
11 minutes.

12 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

13 So moved.

14 CHAIR MCCULLOUGH:

15 Do we have a second?

16 DR. MORELAND:

17 Second.

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19 Dr. McCullough, abstain; Acting
20 Commissioner Claggett, aye; Dr.
21 Moreland, aye; Ms. Oquendo, aye; Dr.
22 Smith, aye; Dr. Petruska, aye.

23 [The motion carried. Chair McCullough abstained from
24 voting on the matter.]

25

1 Approval of minutes of the November 14, 2025 Special
2 Meeting.

3 CHAIR MCCULLOUGH:

4 The Chair would entertain a motion to
5 accept the November 14, 2025 special
6 meeting.

7 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

8 So moved.

9 CHAIR MCCULLOUGH:

10 Is there a second?

11 DR. SMITH:

12 Second.

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14 Dr. McCullough, abstain; Acting
15 Commissioner Claggett, aye; Dr.
16 Moreland, aye; Ms. Oquendo, abstain;
17 Dr. Smith, aye; Dr. Petruska, aye.

18 [The motion carried. Chair McCullough and Ms.
19 Oquendo abstained from voting on the matter.]

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21 Report of Prosecution

22 [William A. Newport, Esquire, Board Prosecution
23 Liaison presented the Consent Agreement for Agenda
24 Item No. 3, Case No. 25-43-006919.]

25 MR. JAYMAN:

1 Based on Executive Session
2 deliberations, I believe the Chair
3 would entertain a motion to approve the
4 Consent Agreement for Case No. 25-43-
5 006919, Agenda Item No. 3.

6 CHAIR MCCULLOUGH:

7 Do we have a motion to accept this?

8 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

9 So moved.

10 DR. SMITH:

11 Second.

12 DR. MCCULLOUGH:

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14 Dr. McCullough, aye; Acting
15 Commissioner Claggett, aye; Ms.
16 Oquendo, abstain; Dr. Smith, aye; Dr.
17 Moreland, aye, Dr. Petruska, aye.

18 [The motion carried. Ms. Oquendo abstained from
19 voting on the matter. The Respondent at Agenda Item
20 No. 3, Case No. 25-43-006919, is Tyler Mitcheltree,
21 D.C.]

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23 [Adrienne McClendon, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
24 presented Item No. 4 on the Agenda, Consent Agreement
25 for Case No. 22-43-005563. The Respondent and his

1 attorney, Charlie Artz, Esquire, spoke briefly to the
2 board about the Consent Agreement prior to the vote
3 in this matter.]

4 MR. JAYMAN:

5 Does anybody have questions for counsel
6 and the Respondent or Attorney
7 McClendon?

8 Seeing no questions, based on
9 Executive Sessions deliberations, I
10 believe the Chair would entertain a
11 motion to reject the Consent Agreement
12 for Case No. 22-43-005563 as too harsh.

13 CHAIR MCCULLOUGH:

14 I make the motion.

15 DR. SMITH:

16 Second.

17

18 Dr. McCullough, aye; Acting
19 Commissioner Claggett, aye; Dr.
20 Moreland, aye; Ms. Oquendo, aye; Dr.
21 Smith, aye, Dr. Petruska, aye.

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

23

24 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

25

1 Report of Board Counsel

2 MR. JAYMAN:

3 I have one matter, No. 5 on the Agenda.

4 Based on Executive Session
5 deliberations, I believe the Chair
6 would entertain a motion to adopt the
7 Final Adjudication and Order as written
8 in the matter of Daniel Joseph Carr,
9 Case No. 19-43-003908.

10 CHAIR MCCULLOUGH:

11 I would make that motion.

12 DR. SMITH:

13 Second.

14 CHAIR MCCULLOUGH:

15 Any discussion? Seeing none, roll call
16 vote.

17

18 Dr. McCullough, aye; Acting
19 Commissioner Claggett, aye; Dr.
20 Moreland, aye; Ms. Oquendo, abstain;
21 Dr. Smith, aye, Dr. Petruska, aye.

22 [The motion carried. Ms. Oquendo abstained from
23 voting on the matter.]

24

25 Regulatory Report - Status of Regulations

1 [Thomas M. Davis, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel,
2 reported on an update for the licensure by
3 endorsement under Act 41, Regulation 16A-4334. Mr.
4 Davis informed the board that this regulation was
5 delivered to the Legislative Reference Bureau on
6 November 24, 2025 and will be published as proposed
7 in the December 20, 2025 issue of the *Pennsylvania*
8 *Bulletin*. This occurrence will open the 30-day
9 comment period for the public.

10 Mr. Davis suggested that anyone wanting to
11 comment on this regulation could do so by going
12 online to the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* website.]

13 ***

14 Old Business - PIAA and Trainers

15 [Shawn J. Jayman, Esquire, Board Counsel,
16 commented on adding to the Agenda discussion on the
17 Pennsylvania Chiropractic Association (PCA). PCA was
18 looking for clarity with trainers, chiropractic with
19 the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association
20 (PIAA).

21 Andrew Heck, D.C., President, Pennsylvania
22 Chiropractic Association, responded that PCA was
23 looking for three aspects within the purview of a
24 chiropractor to perform in a scholastic setting.
25 Those three criteria are as follows: Is a

1 chiropractor able to return an athlete to play back
2 to the athletic trainer; is a chiropractor able to
3 perform sideline care when they have additional
4 credentials; and is a chiropractor able to perform
5 pre-participation examinations?

6 Mr. Jayman then asked Mr. Davis if he could
7 explain how a statement of policy might work, even
8 procedurally.

9 Mr. Davis responded that the regulation was in
10 its very early stages and it typically takes about 18
11 months to promulgate. He was working on a policy
12 statement based on an earlier discussion. He
13 continued by asserting that the matter would be put
14 before the Board, and if everyone agreed with the
15 statement, the regulation could be completed and
16 published as proposed. However, he had no statement
17 to show the Board but could have a statement for the
18 Board in the early part of 2026.]

19

20 Report of Board Chair

21 [Jonathan McCullough, D.C., Chairperson, asked for
22 clarification on the proposed policy regarding
23 assistance by unlicensed support personnel and voted
24 on the State Board of Chiropractic in 2021.

25 It was noted discussion would have to wait until

1 the topic was advertised for a future meeting.]

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3 Report of Board Administrator - Update to August 2026

4 Board Meeting Date

5 [Shakeena Chappelle, Board Administrator, discussed
6 upcoming Board meeting dates. Ms. Chappelle stated
7 the meeting in August 2026, which was originally
8 scheduled for August 13th, 2025, had been moved to
9 August 6th, 2025.]

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11 DR. SMITH:

12 I'll make a motion to approve the
13 August 2026 Board meeting date.

14 CHAIR MCCULLOUGH:

15 I'll second.

16
17 Dr. McCullough, aye; Acting
18 Commissioner Claggett, aye; Dr.
19 Moreland, aye; Ms. Oquendo, aye; Dr.
20 Smith, aye, Dr. Petruska, aye.

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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23 Report of Board Administrator - 2027 Board Meeting

24 Dates

25 [The 2027 Board meeting dates were discussed amongst

1 the members. There was discussion about the
2 difficulty of having a meeting in December because of
3 Christmas and Hanukkah.

4 Chair McCullough asked if dates for 2027 could be
5 changed to odd months. Acting Commissioner Claggett
6 noted the room is shared amongst 29 Boards, so dates
7 had to be worked around all of the Boards. Ms.
8 Chappelle checked for 2027, and there were not
9 Thursday dates available in the odd months. It was
10 suggested the Board consider changing the months of
11 their meetings for 2028 at a future meeting.]

12 DR. SMITH:

13 I'd like to make a motion to approve
14 the 2027 board meeting dates.

15 COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

16 So moved.

17 DR. MORELAND:

18 Second.

19
20 Dr. McCullough, aye; Acting
21 Commissioner Claggett, aye; Dr.
22 Moreland, aye; Ms. Oquendo, aye; Dr.
23 Smith, aye, Dr. Petruska, aye.

24 [The motion carried unanimously.]

25

1 New Business - Election of Officers and Committee
2 Assignments

3 MR. JAYMAN:

4 Number 10 on the Agenda, Election of
5 Officers and Committee Assignments. Is
6 there a nomination for Chairperson for
7 the State Board of Chiropractic?

8 DR. SMITH:

9 I'd like to make a nomination for Dr.
10 McCullough.

11 MR. JAYMAN:

12 And is there a second?

13 DR. MORELAND:

14 Second.

15 MR. JAYMAN:

16 Are there any other nominations for
17 chairperson at the State Board of
18 Chiropractic?

19 Seeing none, roll call.

20
21 Dr. McCullough, aye; Acting
22 Commissioner Claggett, aye; Dr.
23 Moreland, aye; Ms. Oquendo, aye; Dr.
24 Smith, aye, Dr. Petruska, aye.

25 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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2 MR. JAYMAN:

3 Is there a nomination for Secretary for
4 the State Board of Chiropractic?

5 CHAIR MCCULLOUGH:

6 I'd like to make a nomination for Dr.
7 Brian Moreland to be the Secretary.

8 MR. JAYMAN:

9 Is there a second?

10 DR. SMITH:

11 I'll second.

12 MR. JAYMAN:

13 Are there any other nominations for
14 secretary at the State Board of
15 Chiropractic?

16 Seeing none, take a roll call
17 please.

18
19 Dr. McCullough, aye; Acting
20 Commissioner Claggett, aye; Dr.
21 Moreland, aye; Ms. Oquendo, aye; Dr.
22 Smith, aye, Dr. Petruska, aye.

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 [Chair McCullough informed the Board that it had a

1 new Attorney General representative who will become
2 the Chair of Probable Cause and he will remain as an
3 alternate. The CE Committee will be Dr. Smith and
4 Dr. Petruska with Dr. Moreland as a consultant. The
5 Application Committee will be Dr. Petruska and Dr.
6 Moreland. It was noted there would no longer be an
7 Opioid Committee.]

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9 Public Comment

10 [Mike Barba, Executive Director, Pennsylvania
11 Chiropractic Association, asked to follow-up on
12 utilizing reviewers for reviewing practices and
13 utilization of practices of chiropractors. He noted
14 Chair McCullough had previously pointed out the
15 reviewers should be people licensed in Pennsylvania
16 as opposed to outside of the state. He asked if
17 there were any updates.

18 Mr. Davis reported the related regulation was
19 still in the process of being drafted. He noted
20 there were a few regulations being worked on and
21 hoped to get to the independent chiropractic
22 examination regulation in the near future.]

23

24 [William Aukerman, Chiropractor, shared as a former
25 Board Member, he would be interested in attending the

1 Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards (FCLB)
2 national meeting. He volunteered to attend as a
3 delegate for the Board if needed. It was noted
4 discussion about the meeting could take place in
5 February 2026.

6 George Khoury, D.C., UPMC, noted he would be
7 attending the FCLB on his own accord. He offered to
8 take the Board's delegate to introduce them to the
9 national board and get them acclimated to the
10 process.]

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12 Adjournment

13 CHAIR MCCULLOUGH:

14 Do we have a motion for adjournment?

15 DR. SMITH:

16 I'll make a motion for adjourning.

17 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

18 Second. And we don't need to vote on
19 that so we are adjourned.

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21 [There being no further business, the State Board of
22 Chiropractic Meeting adjourned at 11:15 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.



Allison Walker,

Minute Clerk

Sargent's Court Reporting
Service, Inc.

STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC
REFERENCE INDEX

December 18, 2025

TIME

AGENDA

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10:49	Report of Regulatory Counsel
10:50	Old Business
10:54	Report of Chairperson
10:58	Report of Board Administrator
11:04	New Business
11:09	Public Comment
11:15	Adjournment