

BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC

Open Session Minutes

May 9, 2023

1:33 pm-3:58pm

VIRTUAL MEETING

HYBRID MEETING NOTICE

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BOARD MISSION STATEMENT:

“To **serve** and **protect** the public and ensure high standards of chiropractic care and professionalism through best practices in regulation, education, and outreach.”

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MEETING PARTICIPANTS:

BOARD MEMBERS:	
Keita Vanterpool, DC (KV)	
Marsha Johnson (MJ)	Absent
Stephanie Johnson, DC (SJ)	
BOARD STAFF:	
Aisha Nixon, MPT, CPM – Associate Director	
Sithembile Chithenga, MD, MPH – Executive Director	
Mary Harris – Health Licensing Specialist	
Charles Annor – Health Licensing Specialist	Absent
Kimberly Quickley – Health Licensing Specialist	
Chiquita Badgett – Health Licensing Specialist	
Ashley Callaham – Health Licensing Specialist	
Rona Rawls – Health Licensing Specialist	
Lisa Robinson – Health Licensing Specialist	Absent
Sabrina Gillison – Health Licensing Specialist	
Emilia Moran – Investigator	
LEGAL STAFF:	
Ajay Gohil, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	
Suzanne Fenzel, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	Absent

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¹ The order in which the following agenda items are listed does not necessarily reflect the order in which the items were discussed during the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

OS-23-05-01	<u>INTRODUCTIONS</u>	
ALL	A. BOARD MEMBERS B. BOARD STAFF	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-23-05-02	<u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT</u>	
ALL	A. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Keita Vanterpool provided the Board Chair Report. She informed the Board that the FCLB held its 96th annual educational conference in West Palm Beach, FL, from April 26-29, 2023.• Dr. Keita Vanterpool also announced that she ran for president of the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards (FCLB) but was not elected.• Dr. Stephanie Johnson will attend Life University as an examiner from May 19-21, 2023.• Dr. Stephanie Johnson will also be an examiner for the Testing Board Committee in Geylang, CO, in June. B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. DC Health Updates<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Associate Director, Aisha Nixon, advised that this is her last Board Meeting as the Executive Director.• The Associate Director announced that the Public Health Emergency for the Country will expire on May 11, 2023.• The Associate Director advised that the interim Director, Dr. Sharon Lewis, is still in position. A new Director is yet to be named by the Mayor.• DC Health participated in the Budget Oversight Hearing held on April 12, 2023.	

ii. Introduction of the New Executive Director

- The Associate Director reported that Dr. Sithembile Chithenga was named Executive Director for the Board of Chiropractic and Medicine and started work on March 27, 2023
- Dr. Sithembile Chithenga introduced herself as the new Executive Director. She worked as a Public Health Physician and was a Medical Epidemiologist within the District for nearly three years.

iii. Recap of the FCLB/NBCE Conferences

- The Associate Director attended the FCLB Conference along with the Executive Director.

iv. Board Vacancies/MOTA Update

- The Associate Director provided an update on MOTA Vacancies. The Board currently has two vacancies, one vacancy for a Chiropractic member. There is an opening for a DC Health designee.
- A new MOTA liaison has been appointed, anyone interested in working with the Board should contact Aisha Nixon or Dr. Sithembile Chithenga.

v. Licensure Census

- The Associate Director provided an update on the current licensure census in the District.
- Active Chiropractor – 97
- Ancillary Procedures - PT-Active Licenses: 77
- Ancillary Procedures - AC-Active Licenses: 4

C. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT

- Board Attorney Advisor, Ajay Gohil, informed the Board that he also attended the FCLB Conference.
- The Board Attorney announced that a summer Intern would join and research the usage of CBD and Artificial Intelligence technology.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The FCLB District meeting will be held in Boston from September 21-24, 2023. • Next year’s FCLB Conference meeting will be held in Phoenix from May 1-4, 2024. 	
OS-23-05-03 ALL	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the March 14, 2023, meeting.</p> <p>Background: The Open Session Minutes are a record of the Board’s past meeting(s), describing the events, a list of attendees, a statement of the issues considered, and related responses or decisions of the Board.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Johnson to approve the minutes. Seconded by Dr. Vanterpool.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Johnson and Dr. Vanterpool voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.</p>	KQ

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MISC. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION		
OS-23-05-04 ALL	<p><u>CHIROPRACTIC REGULATION UPDATES</u></p> <p>Board Action: To continue the review of current regulations governing the practice of chiropractic for purposes of beginning discussion on potential updates.</p> <p>Background: The Board of Chiropractic recently provided feedback on changes to its governing statutes, however, the Board has not substantially reviewed its governing regulations. A copy of the regulations has been shared with the Board to begin discussions.</p>	AG
OS-23-05-05 ALL	<p><u>STATUS (AND CHANGES TO) THE CHIROPRACTIC ORTHOPEDIC DIPLOMATE PROGRAM (DABCO)</u></p> <p><u>FYI ONLY</u></p> <p>Background: The Associate Director announced that The American Board of Chiropractic (ABCO) no longer exists as a functioning organization. Doctors that previously achieved DABCO status still hold a valid credential; however, it is only current if they maintain their credentials with the International Academy of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine (IANM).</p>	AN
OS-23-05-06 AL	<p><u>AFFILIATED MONITORS PRESENTATION</u></p> <p>Background: Presentation by Jim Anliot of Affiliate Monitors.</p>	AG

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MOTION TO CLOSE

OS-23-05-07

MOTION TO CLOSE

ALL

Board Action:

To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).

Background:

Pursuant to DC Official Code § 2-575(b), the Board may move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting to discuss the following:

1. To consult with an attorney to obtain legal advice and to preserve the attorney-client privilege between an attorney and a public body, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4)(a);
2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6);
3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9);
4. To plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigation of alleged criminal or civil misconduct or violations of law or regulations, if disclosure to the public would harm the investigation pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(14).

Motion:

Motion made by Dr. Johnson to approve the minutes. Seconded by Dr. Vanterpool.

Vote:

Dr. Johnson and Dr. Vanterpool voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

OS-23-05-08	<u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u>	
ALL	<p>Board Action: To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>Background: At the end of every meeting a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Board.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Johnson to approve the minutes. Seconded by Dr. Vanterpool.</p> <p>Vote: Dr. Johnson and Dr. Vanterpool voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.</p>	

This ends the Open Session Minutes.

The next meeting is scheduled for **July 11, 2023 in Person.**

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