

# BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE, CHIROPRACTOR AND NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS

## Open Session Minutes

July 08, 2025

1:45 pm- 3:52pm

### IN-PERSON MEETING

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**BOARD MISSION STATEMENT:**

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

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**MEETING PARTICIPANTS:**

<b>BOARD MEMBERS:</b>	
Keita Vanterpool, DC (KV)	
Stephanie Johnson, DC (SJ)	
William Elliott, MD, ACU (WE)	
Terrance Hunter, (TH)	
Nancy Aboulmouna, ND (NA)	
<b>BOARD STAFF:</b>	
Ayanna Bennett, MD, MSPH, FAAP- Director	Absent
J. Sam Hurley, MPH, EMPS, NRP- Senior Deputy Director	
Aisha Nixon, MPT, CPM- Associate Director	
Vito DelVento, DVM, MS- Executive Director	
Emilia Moran- Investigator	
Charles Annor – Health Licensing Specialist	
<b>LEGAL STAFF:</b>	
Matteo Lieb – Director of Government Affairs	Absent
Ajay Gohil, Esq. – Board Attorney Advisor	

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CALL TO ORDER		
OS-25-07-01	<p><b><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></b></p> <p>ALL</p> <p><b>A. BOARD MEMBERS</b> Keita Vanterpool, DC Stephanie Johnson, DC William Elliott, MD, ACU Terrance Hunter Nancy Aboulmouna, ND</p> <p><b>B. QUORUM</b> Quorum met</p> <p><b>C. BOARD STAFF MEMBERS</b> Vito DelVento, DVM, MS Ajay Gohil, Esq Charles Annor</p> <p><b>D. PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE</b> Asif Hashim, DC</p>	
APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA AND STAFF REPORTS		
OS-25-07-02	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION AGENDA</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Consideration of the July 08, 2025 Open Session Agenda.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Mr. Hunter to accept the Open Session agenda from the July 08, 2025, board meeting. Seconded by Dr. Aboulmouna.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Dr. Vanterpool, Dr. Johnson, Dr. Elliott, Dr. Aboulmouna and Mr. Hunter voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.</p>	
OS-25-07-03	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from May 13, 2025 meeting.</p> <p><b>Background:</b></p>	

	<p>The Open Session Minutes are a record of the Board’s past meeting(s), describing the events, list of attendees, a statement of the issues considered and related responses or decisions of the Board.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Dr. Johnson to accept the minutes from the May 13, 2025 Chiropractor board meeting. Seconded by Dr. Vanterpool.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Dr. Vanterpool and Dr. Johnson voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Elliott, Dr. Aboulmouna and Mr. Hunter abstained. The motion passed.</p>	
OS-25-07-04 ALL	<p><b><u>OPEN CONSENT AGENDA</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Consideration of the current open Consent Agenda items for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> The Open Consent Agenda is a record of the decisions and/or actions taken by the Board or its staff since the last meeting of the Board.</p> <p><b>Applications:</b> Steven Hill, DC- Approved on 5/11/2025 Miguel Millan- Approved on 5/11/2025</p>	
OS-25-07-05 ALL	<p><b><u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT</u></b></p> <p><b>A. BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT-</b> Keita Vanterpool, DC No Report</p> <p><b>B. SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR REPORT-</b> J. Sam Hurley, MPH The Senior Deputy Director welcomed the newly formed Board of Acupuncture, Chiropractor and Naturopathic Physician members and expressed his wishes to help the Board streamline processes to make systems efficient, sustainable and more responsive.</p> <p><b>C. ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR REPORT-</b> Aisha Nixon, MPT, CPM The Associate Director informed the Board of the budget hearing with the Committee on Health that took</p>	

	<p>place on 6/16/2025. She also informed the Board that the department has received its budget for FY 2026 which is vastly different from previous years. This is due to downsizing as it relates to some DC Health administrations. The Health Systems and Preparedness Administration (HSPA) budget as it relates to staffing remained the same. However, there were some changes to contracting and non-personal as it relates to funding. Currently, there is a hiring and travel freeze and due to this Board members cannot attend regulatory association meetings unless the association offers a scholarship.</p> <p>The Associate Director also informed the Board of the department's A3 (Strategic) Initiatives as it relates to the agency and how it plays into the administration. This initiative is mostly focused on the Board of Nursing as it has been highlighted by the city as having the highest challenge as it relates to the workforce. She also spoke on the proposed recommendation by the department to have licensees affected by the new license renewal rollout to be required to complete 50% of the standard CEU hours, including all mandatory content areas (such as LGBTQ+ cultural competency and DC Health public health priorities).</p> <p><b>D. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT- Vito DelVento, DVM, MS</b></p> <p><b>i. DC Health Updates</b> The Executive Director informed the Board that the New Board Member orientation was completed on 7/2/2025. All Board members signed the Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality forms.</p> <p><b>ii. Board Vacancies/MOTA Update</b> The Executive Director provided an update on the Board members assigned to the new Board. The new Board is composed of 7 members. MOTA is working on recruiting 2 Board members (One acupuncture member and one naturopathic member).</p>	
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**iii. Licensure Census**

The Executive Director provided an update on the current licensure census in the District.

ACUPUNCTURE	143
CHINESE HERBOLOGY	30
CHIROPRACTOR	102
ANCILLARY PROCEDURES - PHYSIOTHERAPY	76
ANCILLARY PROCEDURES - ACUPUNCTURE	4
NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS	65

**E. BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT- Ajay Gohil, Esq.**

The Board Attorney reported on the following during Open Session. He mentioned the upcoming regulatory conferences and meetings:

- I. Chiropractic - Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards**  
District Meeting: September 18-20, 2025, Portland, Maine: <https://fclb.org/district-meetings.php>  
Annual Meeting: April 30-May 2, 2025 - Atlanta, Georgia
- II. Medicine - Federation of State Medical Boards**  
Annual Meeting: April 30-May 2, 2025 - Baltimore, MD  
<https://www.fsmb.org/education/events/>
- III. Veterinary Medicine - September 17, 20, 2025, Cincinnati, OH**  
<https://www.aavsb.org/event/annualmeetingconference-2025/>

The Board Attorney reported that Chiropractic is licensed and regulated in every state. Only 4 states do not have separate and independent chiropractic boards (Virginia, Illinois, Kansas and D.C.). Currently, 47 out of 50 states in the United States regulate the practice of acupuncture, with Alabama, Oklahoma, and South Dakota being the exceptions. While specific licensure

	<p>requirements vary by state, most require graduation from an approved program in Acupuncture/Oriental Medicine and often use NCCAOM examinations for licensure. As of June 2025, 26 U.S. jurisdictions, including 23 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, have laws that regulate Naturopathic Doctors. Three U.S. states—Florida, South Carolina, and Tennessee—explicitly prohibit the practice of Naturopathy.</p> <p><b>F. DIRETOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT-</b> Matteo Lieb No Report</p>	
OS-25-07-06 ALL	<p><b><u>SELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Vote for Vice Chairperson of the Board.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Mr. Hunter to vote for Dr. Stephanie Johnson as Vice Chair of the Board of Acupuncture, Chiropractor and Naturopathic Physicians. Seconded by Dr. Elliott.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Dr. Vanterpool, Dr. Johnson, Dr. Elliott, Dr. Aboulmouna and Mr. Hunter voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.</p>	
OS-25-07-07 ALL	<p><b><u>DELEGATED AUTHORITY</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Consideration of the Delegated Authorities for staff for Acupuncture, Chiropractor and Naturopathic Physicians.</p> <p>Tabled for Board review</p>	
OS-25-07-08 ALL	<p><b><u>CEU REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSES TRANSITIONING TO BIRTH MONTH/BIRTH YEAR RENEWAL CYCLE</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To determine if the Board should prorate or adjust the required Continuing Education Unit (CEU) hours for licensees whose renewal cycles have been shortened due to the transition to a birth month/birth year renewal schedule.</p> <p><b>Background:</b></p>	



	<p>All health professional licensing boards in the District of Columbia transitioned to a birth month/birth year-based renewal cycle. This change was implemented to improve administrative efficiency and simplify license tracking for both the Board and licensees.</p> <p>As a result of this transition, some licensees have received license terms of less than the standard two years. This presents a challenge, as the Board's current policy assumes a two-year license cycle when evaluating CEU compliance. Given that CEUs are a requirement for license renewal, the Board must now determine an equitable policy for the affected licensees that ensures fairness while maintaining the integrity of continuing education expectations and public protection.</p> <p>One proposed recommendation is that affected licensees be required to complete 50% of the standard CEU hours, including all mandatory content areas (such as LGBTQ+ cultural competency and DC Health public health priorities).</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Dr. Johnson to accept proposed recommendation by the department to have licensees affected by the new license renewal rollout to be required to complete 50% of the standard CEU hours, including all mandatory content areas (such as LGBTQ+ cultural competency and DC Health public health priorities). Seconded by Mr. Hunter.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Dr. Vanterpool, Dr. Johnson, Dr. Elliott, Dr. Aboulmouna and Mr. Hunter voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.</p>	
OS-25-07-09 ALL	<p><b><u>RETIREMENT/UNEXPECTED INCAPACITY POLICY</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review proposed policy on retirement/unexpected incapacity for licensees.</p> <p><b>Tabled</b></p>	
OS-25-07-10 ALL	<p><b><u>MEETING DATES</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To determine future Board meeting dates.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b></p>	

	<p>Motion made by Mr. Hunter to have the Board of Acupuncture, Chiropractor and Naturopathic Physician meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every other month. The Open Session meeting time will be from 1:30 pm to 2:30pm and the Executive Session meeting time will be from 2:30pm to 4:00pm. Seconded by Dr. Johnson.</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> Dr. Vanterpool, Dr. Johnson, Dr. Elliott, Dr. Aboulmouna and Mr. Hunter voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.</p>	
OS-25-07-11 ALL	<p><b><u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></b></p> <p><b>Background:</b> The Board provided the public with the opportunity to comment on or provide feedback to the Board.</p> <p>No public comment.</p>	
OS-25-07-12 ALL	<p><b><u>HOUSEKEEPING</u></b></p>	
OS-25-07-13 ALL	<p><b><u>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</u></b></p>	
OS-25-07-14 ALL	<p><b><u>READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</u></b></p> <p>Reading of open session motions read by Charles Annor.</p>	

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## MOTION TO CLOSE

OS-25-07-15

### 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. Elliott to go into Executive Session at 3:52pm.  
Seconded by Dr. Aboulmouna

#### **Vote:**

Dr. Vanterpool, Dr. Johnson, Dr. Elliott, Dr. Aboulmouna and Mr. Hunter voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

The Open Session Agenda continues on the next page with 'Motion to Adjourn'. The next meeting is Virtual and is scheduled for **September 9, 2025**.

## MOTION TO ADJOURN

OS-25-07-16

### MOTION TO ADJOURN

ALL

#### **Board Action:**

To adjourn the meeting.

#### **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.

#### **Motion:**

Motion made by Dr. Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 4:56pm.  
Seconded by Dr. Elliott.

#### **Vote:**

Dr. Vanterpool, Dr. Johnson, Dr. Elliott, Dr. Aboulmouna and Mr. Hunter voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

**This ends the Open Session Minutes.**

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