



**BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
June 28, 2021**

In accordance with [Executive Order N-29-20](#), issued by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17, 2020, the Government and Public Affairs Committee of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners (Board) met via teleconference/Webex Events with no physical public locations on June 28, 2021.

Committee Members Present

Frank Ruffino, Chair
Rafael Sweet

Staff Present

Robert Puleo, Executive Officer
Kristin Walker, Assistant Executive Officer
Dixie Van Allen, Licensing & Administration Manager
Andreia McMillen, Policy Analyst
Michael Kanotz, Board Counsel, Attorney III, Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA)

1. Call to Order & Establishment of a Quorum

Mr. Ruffino called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. Mr. Sweet called the roll. All members were present, and a quorum was established.

2. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

There were no public comments.

3. Approval of April 13, 2021, Meeting Minutes

Motion: Mr. Sweet moved to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2021 Government and Public Affairs Committee meeting.

Second: Mr. Ruffino seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Vote: 2-0 (Mr. Ruffino-AYE and Mr. Sweet-AYE).

Motion: Carried.

4. Update, Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Legislation

- a. AB 29 (Cooper) State Bodies: Meetings
- b. AB 305 (Maienschein) Veteran Services: Notice
- c. AB 646 (Low) Department of Consumer Affairs: Boards: Expunged Convictions
- d. AB 885 (Quirk) Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: Teleconferencing
- e. AB 1026 (Smith) Business Licenses: Veterans
- f. AB 1236 (Ting) Healing Arts: Data Collection
- g. AB 1386 (Cunningham) License Fees: Military Partners and Spouses
- h. AB 1468 (Cunningham) Prior Authorization
- i. SB 607 (Roth) Professions and Vocations
- j. SB 731 (Durazo) Criminal Records: Relief
- k. SB 772 (Ochoa-Bogh) Professions and Vocations: Citations: Minor Violations

Mr. Puleo explained the meeting agenda contained 11 bills staff had been tracking through this legislative session, but only three bills – AB 305 (Maienschein), SB 607 (Roth), and SB 731 (Durazo) – were still active.

Ms. McMillen stated AB 29 (Cooper) was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee and would have required materials for a public meeting to be provided to the public at the same time they are provided to board members or at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. The Committee took a “watch” position on the bill at its April 13, 2021 meeting.

Mr. Ruffino requested a summary of AB 885 (Quirk) and the three active bills.

Ms. McMillen stated AB 885 (Quirk) remained in the Assembly Committee on Governmental Organization and would have amended the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act to require public meetings to be held by teleconference. Mr. Ruffino asked staff to monitor for similar legislation in the future.

Ms. McMillen explained AB 305 (Maienschein) was referred to the Senate Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs and would require specified state agencies to inquire whether an applicant is a veteran and request their permission to submit their information to the Department of Veterans Affairs. She shared staff is supportive of the intent to increase awareness of services and benefits available to veterans, but the bill does not directly affect DCA or the Board, so staff recommends a neutral position. Mr. Puleo clarified the bill includes 13 state agencies, including the Department of Motor Vehicles, and various universities and colleges, but it is not applicable to DCA or any of the boards and bureaus, so it does not impact the Board.

Mr. Puleo recommended a “watch” position on AB 305. Mr. Ruffino and Mr. Sweet concurred.

Ms. McMillen informed the Committee that SB 607 (Roth) was referred to the Assembly Committee on Business and Professions and would require DCA boards and bureaus to waive all application and initial license fees for the spouses and domestic partners of

active-duty military members. She shared the bill would result in a slight reduction in the Board's annual revenue, but staff is supportive of the intent to assist military personnel and their families in relocating to California and recommends a neutral position. Mr. Puleo added the fiscal impact of the bill is estimated to be less than \$3,000 per year and the Board can absorb those costs within existing resources.

Mr. Sweet asked if there is a potential risk of the fiscal impact increasing significantly in the future. Mr. Puleo stated based on the Board's historical data on military personnel and spouses seeking licensure in California, he does not anticipate a high volume of requests to waive the application fees for military spouses. He also noted the revenue from the annual license renewals after these individuals obtain licensure will help offset these costs.

Motion: Mr. Sweet moved to take a neutral position on SB 607.

Second: Mr. Ruffino seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Vote: 2-0 (Mr. Ruffino-AYE and Mr. Sweet-AYE).

Motion: Carried.

Ms. McMillen stated SB 731 (Durazo) was referred to the Senate Committee on Public Safety and would require the Department of Justice to automatically dismiss or seal records related to felony arrests and convictions. She shared staff recommends a "watch" position on this bill. Mr. Puleo noted the bill broadly impacts all entities that conduct criminal background checks, not just DCA boards and bureaus. He explained this is a significant public policy issue and he is inclined to defer to the Legislature and the Governor to make the decision on whether public agencies and private employers should have access to that information.

Mr. Sweet acknowledged the potential ramifications for consumers and recommended continuing to monitor this bill.

Motion: Mr. Sweet moved to take a watch position on SB 731.

Second: Mr. Ruffino seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Vote: 2-0 (Mr. Ruffino-AYE and Mr. Sweet-AYE).

Motion: Carried.

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

5. Discussion of Dates for Future Committee Meetings

The Committee tentatively scheduled the next meeting for September 28, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. by teleconference.

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

6. Future Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

7. Adjournment

Mr. Ruffino adjourned the meeting at 2:41 p.m.