

**Board of Chiropractic Examiners
MEETING MINUTES
Government Affairs Committee
July 16, 2015**

Teleconference Locations

Board of Chiropractic Examiners
901 P Street, Suite 142A
Sacramento, CA 95814

McClain Sports & Wellness Inc.
6360 Wilshire Blvd. #410
Los Angeles, CA 90048

Committee Members Present

Julie Elginer, Dr. PH, Chair
Dionne McClain, D.C.
Frank Ruffino, Public Member

Staff Present

Robert Puleo, Executive Officer
Linda Shaw, Assistant Executive Officer
Dixie Van Allen, Acting Licensing Manager
Brianna Lauziere, Staff Services Analyst

Call to Order & Establishment of a Quorum

Dr. Elginer called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Dr. McClain called the roll. All Board members were present at the locations listed on the Agenda.

Approval of Minutes

**MOTION: MR. RUFFINO MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 11, 2015 GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING.
SECOND: DR. MCCLAIN SECONDED THE MOTION
VOTE: (3-0) (MR. RUFFINO – AYE, DR. MCCLAIN – AYE, DR. ELGINER - AYE)**

MOTION CARRIED

Legislative Update

Ms. Van Allen provided the Committee with a summary and status update of the following legislative bills:

- AB 85 – Wilk (Open Meetings)

This bill passed out of the Governmental Organization Committee on July 14, 2015 and has been referred to Appropriations. The Committee agreed to maintain their recommended position of “OPPOSE” for the full Board’s consideration.

Dr. Elginer inquired whether it is necessary to testify on this bill. Mr. Puleo indicated that this Board’s position is the same as other Boards/Bureaus under DCA and doesn’t believe that having our Board testify will make a difference in the outcome.

- AB 1060 – Bonilla (Professions and Vocations: licensure)

Ms. Van Allen advised that this bill has been amended to cover another topic and is no longer a concern to the Board. This bill will be removed from the Committee’s active watch list.

- SB 277 - Pan (Public health: vaccinations)

SB 277 has been chaptered and will no longer remain on the Committee’s active watch list. Dr. Elginer advised of efforts underway to recall this piece of legislation.

- AB 12 – Cooley (State Govt.: administrative regulations: review)

Ms. Van Allen advised that this bill passed through the Governmental Organization Committee and has been referred to Appropriations. The Committee agreed to maintain their recommended position of “NEUTRAL” on this bill.

- AB 333 – Melendez (Healing Arts: continuing education)

Ms. Van Allen advised that clarifying changes were made to this bill which identifies when CE credit will be granted for the specified courses. Ms. Van Allen advised that the amendments made to this bill do not have an impact upon the Board and recommended that the position of “NEUTRAL” remain in effect. The committee agreed to continue the position of “NEUTRAL”.

- AB 410 – Obernolte (Documents submitted to legislative committees)

This bill passed through the Governmental Organization Committee on June 29, 2015 and has been re-referred to Appropriations with a Consent Calendar recommendation. The Committee agreed to continue the recommended position of “NEUTRAL.”

- SB 467– Hill (Professions and Vocations)

This bill was placed in the Appropriations suspense file on July 15, 2015. Dr. Elginer recommended moving this bill to the “Dead or 2-Year Bill” category on the Committee’s Legislative Summary Sheet.

- AB 179 - Bonilla (Healing arts)

Ms. Van Allen explained that the provision of this bill which affects the Board is in regards to the expansion of the licensee exemption for which the sexual abuse and misconduct statute (Business and Professions Code Section 726) would apply. This bill would codify the Board’s existing regulation (CCR Section 316).

Dr. Elginer inquired about the Dental Board’s fee schedule and when the last fee analysis was completed for the BCE. Mr. Puleo advised that an analysis was done several years ago when licensing fees were raised. Dr. Elginer also inquired about amounts of other healing arts board’s fees.

Dr. Elginer inquired about the purpose and whether the BCE should be included in the contingent fund included in this bill. Mr. Puleo volunteered to research this question.

MOTION: MR. RUFFINO MOVED TO RECOMMEND A “NEUTRAL” POSITION TO THE FULL BOARD ON AB 179.

SECOND: DR. ELGINER SECONDED THE MOTION

VOTE: (3-0) (MR. RUFFINO – AYE, DR. MCCLAIN – AYE, DR. ELGINER - AYE)

MOTION CARRIED

Update on BCE Communications Assessment

Cristina Valdivia-Aguilar, DCA’s Office of Public Affairs, provided the Committee members with a written document titled, “Board of Chiropractic Examiners Communications Assessment July 2015” and discussed the results of the Communications Assessment.

Dr. Elginer inquired about whether the Committee could get information on the number of followers on Facebook and Twitter for other healing arts boards. She also inquired about how the online chat feature works, how practitioners are selected to participate, how other boards engage with consumers and the profession, and whether stories or profiles of chiropractors should be shared.

Ms. Valdivia-Aguilar stated that she would provide answers to Dr. Elginer’s questions prior to the July board meeting.

Dr. Elginer inquired about whether DCA has considered providing a basic social media training for Board members and DCA staff.

Ms. Valdivia-Aguilar stated that she would discuss the possibility of social media training with her supervisor.

Review and Discussion of BCE Strategic Plan Goals Assigned to the Government Affairs & Strategic Plan Committee

Dr. Elgner covered the goals which have been completed by the Govt. Affairs Committee and reiterated that she will inquire at the July Board meeting about deliverables that the Board would like to see in order to complete Action Items 4.2.4 and 4.2.5.

Dr. Elgner addressed goal 7.2 and stated that interaction with the Office of Public Affairs has helped the committee complete this goal.

Public Comment – None

Future Agenda Items – None

Dr. Elgner adjourned the meeting at 12:16 p.m.