



BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS MEETING MINUTES

January 16, 2026

The Board of Chiropractic Examiners (Board) met via teleconference/Webex Events on January 16, 2026, from the following locations:

3455 Knighton Road
Redding, CA 96002

1165 Park Avenue
San Jose, CA 95126

38 Blue Water Circle
Sacramento, CA 95831

101 Andrieux Street
Sonoma, CA 95476

1545 Broadway, Suite 1A
San Francisco, CA 94109

Board Members Present

Laurence Adams, D.C., Chair
Pamela Daniels, D.C., Vice Chair
Janette N.V. Cruz, Secretary
Sergio Azzolino, D.C.
David Paris, D.C.

Board Members Absent

Rafael Sweet (Excused)

Staff Present

Kristin Walker, Executive Officer
Tammi Herrera, Assistant Executive Officer
Jose Salud Diaz, Administration & Licensing Manager
Lynne Reinhardt, Enforcement Manager
Amanda Ah Po, Lead Licensing & Continuing Education Analyst
Becky Lyke, Lead Enforcement Analyst
Sabina Knight, Board Counsel, Attorney III, Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA)
Steven Vong, Regulatory Counsel, Attorney III, DCA

1. Open Session – Call to Order / Roll Call / Establishment of a Quorum

Dr. Adams called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Ms. Cruz called the roll. The Board members were present from the following teleconference locations: Dr. Adams in Sonoma; Dr. Daniels in San Jose; Ms. Cruz in Sacramento; Dr. Azzolino in San Francisco; and Dr. Paris in Redding. Mr. Sweet was excused from the meeting. A quorum was established.

2. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Public Comment: None.

3. Board Chair's Report

Dr. Adams acknowledged the retirement of former DCA Director Kimberly Kirchmeyer on December 30, 2025, and expressed appreciation for her years of service and support on the Board's regulatory initiatives. He congratulated Christine Lally on her appointment as Acting Director of DCA and shared that the Board looks forward to continued collaboration with DCA leadership.

He reported that the Board's 2026 Sunset Review Report was completed and submitted to the Legislature on January 5, 2026, and noted that the Board will participate in its sunset hearing in March 2026. He emphasized the importance of the report and hearing in advancing the Board's recommendations related to enforcement, continuing education (CE), and fees. He also shared that the distance learning CE proposal was approved by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on January 7, 2026, allowing synchronous videoconferencing platforms to be used for live CE and improving access and flexibility for licensees.

Dr. Adams highlighted outreach efforts throughout 2025, including participation in Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards (FCLB) events, the California Chiropractic Association's annual legislative day and chiropractic roundtable meeting, and other stakeholder engagements. He noted that the Board's strategic planning process is underway, with the Board's stakeholder survey open through January 31, 2026, and encouraged public participation. He closed by stating that nearly 20 regulatory packages remain in progress and shared that many will be completed within the next 12 to 18 months, positioning the Board to shift focus to new policy priorities.

Public Comment: None.

4. Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Report Which May Include Updates on DCA's Administrative Services, Human Resources, Enforcement, Information Technology, Communications and Outreach, and Legislative, Regulatory, or Policy Matters

Shelly Jones, Assistant Deputy Director of Board and Bureau Relations, provided an update from DCA. She shared that Chief Deputy Director Christine Lally has been named Acting Director of DCA following the retirement of former Director Kimberly Kirchmeyer and noted Ms. Lally's extensive experience in multiple leadership roles within DCA since 2013. She expressed appreciation for the Board's hard work and partnership and stated DCA looks forward to continued collaboration in 2026.

She reminded Board members that, pursuant to the Department of Finance's June 9, 2025, travel guidance, out-of-state travel will continue to be limited to essential, mission-critical activities to conduct state business such as enforcement actions, revenue collection, statutory requirements, auditing, and litigation. She noted all out-of-state travel requests must be submitted to DCA's Budget Office eight weeks in advance. She also encouraged ride-sharing, carpooling, and saving receipts for reimbursement of baggage charges.

She reported that the Form 700 filing period is underway and emphasized that annual filings must be submitted electronically through the Fair Political Practices Commission's portal by April 1, 2026, with a recommended completion date of March 20, 2026, to ensure compliance. She noted that DCA's unconscious bias training has been updated specifically for Board members and provided upcoming dates for Board President's Training on February 24, 2026, and Board Member Orientation Training (BMOT) on April 1, 2026, June 24, 2026, and October 21, 2026. She encouraged Board members to use DCA's Learning Management System (LMS) to register for required sessions and offered assistance for LMS access or password resets. She concluded by thanking the Board members for their dedicated service to protecting California consumers.

Public Comment: None.

5. DCA Budget Office Report and Discussion on Board's Budget and Fund Condition, Including Strategies to Address Structural Imbalance in Board's Fund

Andrew Trute, Budget Analyst, and Matt Nishimine, Research Data Specialist, from DCA's Budget Office presented an overview of the Board's fund condition. Mr. Trute summarized the Board's fiscal year 2024–25 actual revenue and expenditures, noting the Board began the fiscal year with a fund balance of approximately \$3.55 million, collected \$5.43 million in revenue, and expended \$4.83 million, ending with a balance of \$3.65 million, or 7.9 months in reserve. He reported for 2025–26, based on fiscal month five projections, expected revenue of approximately \$5.33 million and projected expenditures of \$5.56 million, leaving a fund balance of \$3.43 million, or 7.2 months in reserve. He emphasized that the fund condition is a snapshot in time and will be updated monthly. He added that expenditures in the out-years reflect anticipated personnel cost adjustments and that revenue is projected as static for modeling purposes.

Mr. Nishimine expanded on projected fund trends, explaining that the Board's months in reserve are expected to decline as staffing vacancies have been filled and appropriations are more fully expended. He noted that under three months in reserve is a critical threshold and that the fund cannot legally go negative. He reviewed a fund condition statement with a scenario to repay the outstanding loan from the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) within four years showing that the Board's fund could be

nearly depleted by 2028–29. He described the Board’s fee authority, noting the current renewal fee of \$336 may be increased up to the statutory cap of \$500, which could generate approximately \$1.9 million in additional revenue and resolve the structural imbalance. He stated the Budget Office is working with Ms. Walker to develop a detailed fee analysis, including evaluation of the CE course application fee, and that options will be presented to the Board for consideration before any regulatory package is advanced.

Dr. Daniels requested information on the tipping point at which renewal fee increases would fully repay the outstanding BAR loan. Dr. Paris discussed the Board’s last fee study completed in 2021 and asked whether a new cost study should be performed. Mr. Nishimine explained that previous contracted fee studies have had mixed results and can cost \$100,000 to \$150,000, and noted that DCA now conducts cost analyses internally using the same methodology, with greater familiarity with licensing board operations and state processes. Dr. Paris expressed support for a DCA analysis and emphasized the importance of evaluating specific cost drivers rather than raising fees broadly.

Public Comment: Makani Lew, D.C., DACRB commended Dr. Paris’ discussion regarding the need for further analysis prior to considering fee increases.

6. Review and Possible Approval of December 9, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: Dr. Azzolino moved to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2025, Board meeting.

Second: Ms. Cruz seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None.

Vote: 5-0 (Dr. Adams-AYE, Dr. Daniels-AYE, Ms. Cruz-AYE, Dr. Azzolino-AYE, and Dr. Paris-AYE).

Motion: Carried.

7. Review and Possible Ratification of Approved Doctor of Chiropractic License Applications

Motion: Dr. Azzolino moved to ratify the list of approved applications for doctor of chiropractic licenses issued from September 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025.

Second: Dr. Daniels seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None.

Vote: 5-0 (Dr. Adams-AYE, Dr. Daniels-AYE, Ms. Cruz-AYE, Dr. Azzolino-AYE, and Dr. Paris-AYE).

Motion: Carried.

8. Review and Possible Approval of New Continuing Education (CE) Provider Applications

Motion: Dr. Daniels moved to approve the continuing education provider applications by ClientShield, Fetterman Events, and Curtis Jacquot/Aureate LLC dba Institute of Chinese Herbology.

Second: Ms. Cruz seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None.

Vote: 5-0 (Dr. Adams-AYE, Dr. Daniels-AYE, Ms. Cruz-AYE, Dr. Azzolino-AYE, and Dr. Paris-AYE).

Motion: Carried.

9. Discussion and Selection of Members to Serve as the Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards (FCLB) and the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE)

Ms. Walker explained that the Board must annually designate a delegate and alternate delegate to both FCLB and NBCE and noted that the delegates serve as the Board's voting representatives at the organizations' annual meeting scheduled for April 29, 2026, through May 2, 2026, in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Paris confirmed he will attend the Atlanta meeting in his role as FCLB District IV Director. The Board members discussed their availability and possible delegates.

Motion: Dr. Daniels moved to designate Dr. Daniels and Ms. Cruz as the Board's delegate and alternate delegate, respectively, to the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners and Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards in 2026.

Second: Ms. Cruz seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None.

Vote: 5-0 (Dr. Adams-AYE, Dr. Daniels-AYE, Ms. Cruz-AYE, Dr. Azzolino-AYE, and Dr. Paris-AYE).

Motion: Carried.

10. Presentation and Discussion on Ethics Assessments by Ethics and Boundaries Assessment Services, LLC (EBAS)

Greg Hirschi, Vice President of Operations at EBAS, provided an overview of the psychometric foundation of the EBAS examination. He explained that EBAS employs a full-time psychometrician who conducts ongoing analyses, including confirmatory factor analysis, item-response theory, and reliability testing across domains, to ensure the examination accurately measures ethical and moral reasoning. He described how a recent analysis shows a strong correlation between the examination and an individual's ability to demonstrate ethical and moral judgment, with reliable performance across each domain. He stated that EBAS recommends assigning three or more assessments to respondents to strengthen reliability and defensibility by minimizing the impact of outlier responses. He added that multiple assessments may be assigned within a single domain and the benefits found in the analysis still apply as long as the total number of assessments is three or more.

Dr. Daniels asked Mr. Hirschi to explain the difference between assigning three versus five assessments. Mr. Hirschi responded that while three assessments provide an adequate review of a respondent's ethical and moral reasoning, assigning four or five further increases reliability and defensibility by strengthening correlations and reducing the influence of outlier responses. Dr. Paris inquired about assigning multiple assessments within a single domain rather than across several. Mr. Hirschi clarified that EBAS' recommendation of three or more assessments applies regardless of whether the assessments are drawn from one domain or multiple domains.

Public Comment: None.

11. Presentation and Discussion on CE Provider and Course Review and Audit Processes by FCLB Providers of Approved Continuing Education (PACE)

Kelly Webb, PACE Coordinator at FCLB, provided an overview of the PACE CE provider approval and oversight process. She explained that PACE uses a multi-step review structure beginning with an initial application that evaluates 25 criteria, including administrative standards, instructor qualifications, content relevance, and course quality, and after approval, PACE conducts ongoing oversight that includes course material reviews, audits, secret shopper participation, and evaluation analysis based on attendee feedback. She shared that PACE also monitors advertising compliance and operates a national neighborhood watch system in which board administrators and members across the country may flag certificates, promotions, and course materials for review.

She noted that PACE auditors routinely review posted materials, subscribe to CE provider mailing lists, and conduct direct course audits to verify compliance. She emphasized that PACE aims to reduce CE review workload for state boards and is offered at no cost to member boards.

Dr. Daniels asked how PACE determines whether course content is relevant to contemporary chiropractic practice and what documentation reviewers rely on. Ms. Webb stated that reviewers evaluate course outlines, objectives, and materials against PACE's governing documents and standards. She added that reviewers apply a yes/no rubric aligned to PACE's criteria and any reviewer concern triggers follow up by PACE. Dr. Daniels asked additional questions about PACE's needs assessment process. Ms. Webb clarified that providers must conduct needs assessments and demonstrate them during renewal cycles occurring every one to three years. She noted that PACE does not prescribe a standardized needs assessment instrument and providers develop their own. Dr. Daniels asked about reviewer qualifications, and Ms. Webb responded that PACE uses chiropractic program faculty, regulators, and retired regulators.

Dr. Adams inquired about how a potential merger of FCLB and NBCE may affect PACE oversight. Ms. Webb replied that details are still in development but PACE has been assured that its services will continue at current standards. Dr. Adams also asked whether PACE has an external accrediting body. Ms. Webb explained that PACE is accountable to FCLB member boards, who are encouraged to contribute reviewers to ensure consistency with board expectations.

Dr. Daniels asked whether synchronous or asynchronous courses require testing at the conclusion of instruction. Ms. Webb confirmed that PACE requires examinations for proof of participation and also enforces safeguards such as keyboard timeouts to prevent licensees from stepping away during online courses. Dr. Daniels also asked about internal definitions for reasonable and appropriate educational methods. Ms. Webb stated that the PACE Committee evaluates such issues contextually on a case-by-case basis rather than relying on a fixed definition.

Public Comment: Dr. Lew expressed support for California's competency-based CE model and encouraged California's potential participation in PACE with integration of the Board's competency standards. Dr. Lew added that PACE certification can be expensive for independent CE providers and suggested exploring pathways for former academic faculty to participate more easily.

12. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on the Potential Recognition of PACE CE Providers and Courses for the Board's CE Requirements

Ms. Walker introduced this agenda item, explaining that the Board is advancing a comprehensive update to its CE program that involves moving to five competency areas, defining learning formats, and revamping the course review and approval process. She explained under the current draft language, licensees would complete 24 hours of CE, including at least 12 mandatory hours across four competencies plus electives or additional qualifying activities such as basic life support certification, supervisory sexual harassment prevention training, attending Board meetings, examination development, or CE through the Department of Industrial Relations,

Division of Workers' Compensation or other DCA healing arts boards. She noted that aside from the California Board of Naturopathic Medicine, the other DCA healing arts boards do not accept Board-approved CE reciprocally. She stated the current proposal would allow PACE-recognized providers to submit courses to the Board for approval. She explained that Dr. Paris previously requested an agenda item for the Board to reconsider granting CE credit for PACE courses, citing their audit system and the Board's current acceptance of CE approved by the other DCA healing arts boards.

Dr. Paris spoke in support of accepting PACE courses, citing national conferences where California licensees face challenges obtaining credit because organizers often rely on PACE for multi-state acceptance. He emphasized that recognition would expand access to scientific conferences, improve public protection, and reduce barriers for VA clinicians and other California licensees. Dr. Azzolino commented that the Board needs to expand CE options beyond the self-accredited PACE program and highlighted the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) as meeting high standards. He also encouraged a wider acceptance framework that maintains appropriate criteria. Ms. Cruz supported expanding opportunities and suggested the Board monitor the organizational changes at FCLB and NBCE, with the ability to revisit recognition decisions if needed.

Dr. Adams noted prior concerns about course-level vetting by PACE and asked whether credit barriers at national events stem from fee decisions or the Board's process. He cautioned that recognizing external approvals might reduce the Board's fee revenue and stressed implementation of the Board's new competency model before acting. Dr. Paris responded that national organizers make fiscal decisions on which states to apply to and underscored PACE's upgraded course vetting processes. He added that accepting PACE would reduce staff burden and open access similar to CE already accepted from other DCA healing arts boards.

Ms. Walker clarified that PACE can map the Board's competencies as subject areas and confirmed that current CE fees cover program costs. She emphasized the heavy staff workload to review every course and noted the steep drop in course volume after the fee increases, adding that the right size for statewide CE availability remains unknown due to a lack of data on that issue. She stated staff can implement either approach and requested the Board's direction to support accurate fiscal planning.

Dr. Daniels recommended referring the topic of PACE recognition to the Continuing Education Committee for further evaluation, as it would require broad regulatory language that could encompass PACE and any future organizations meeting defined standards.

Public Comment: Dr. Lew supported integrating California's competency model into PACE, noting that barriers include cost, one-time event logistics, and timelines for Board approval.

13. Executive Officer's Report and Updates on:

- A. Administration, Continuing Education, Enforcement, and Licensing Programs
- B. Business Modernization Project and Implementation of Connect System
- C. Regulatory Process and Status of Board's Pending Proposals
- D. Board's 2022–2026 Strategic Plan Objectives

Ms. Walker provided an overview of upcoming Board meetings. She explained that the next Board meeting will be held on April 16–17, 2026, at DCA headquarters in Sacramento, and stated that both days will be required to accommodate petition hearings, closed session, a strategic planning session, and regular business. She described ongoing business modernization efforts, explaining that paper renewal packets will be phased out and replaced with postcard renewal reminders. She reported that staff is actively updating website content in preparation for a platform upgrade. She noted that the enforcement pages were recently updated, including new HTML-based discipline postings, a page listing pending accusations, and a probationer status page describing terms and estimated completion dates. She commented that the adoption of the Connect system remains high among applicants and is expected to increase among licensees once the postcard renewal reminders begin.

She commended the Licensing Unit for workflow improvements that are reflected in faster processing times. She reported that the Enforcement Unit is working to reduce pending complaints and noted that the caseload has increased from 216 at the end of the last fiscal year to 282. She explained that staff is working to expand the expert review pool to improve the Board's case flow and processing timeframes. She also reported on the status of the Board's regulatory proposals, stated that five proposals were completed in 2025, and noted that the Board's current workload now consists of 22 active packages, including the newly added proposal to establish chiropractic specialty program standards.

Dr. Adams asked when the CE regulatory package is expected to reach OAL.

Ms. Walker clarified that, based on the PACE discussion earlier in the meeting and ongoing work with DCA's Budget Office on CE fees, the anticipated timeframe is summer 2026. Dr. Adams asked whether fee modeling from the Budget Office could be available for the Continuing Education Committee's upcoming discussions. Ms. Walker responded affirmatively.

Dr. Paris requested clarification regarding CE revenue, fee structure, and cost recovery. Ms. Walker explained that the prior consultant overestimated annual CE revenue, projecting \$1.1 million when actual revenue is closer to \$400,000, due to a failure to account for the decrease in demand for CE course approval in response to the fee changes. She reported that CE revenue now covers personnel costs due to process improvements but emphasized the need to model fee adjustments carefully to account for fund condition impacts and potential changes in course volume. She stated staff will conduct additional analysis and present projections to the Board at the April 16, 2026, meeting.

Ms. Walker noted that staff must also evaluate how lowered CE fees, expanded elective CE recognition, and/or PACE acceptance may affect revenue and workload distribution. She commented that understanding how many CE providers may return after fee adjustments remains a key data gap and will be explored further.

Dr. Adams commented on balancing fee responsibility between licensees and CE providers, noting the broader discussion of how to maintain stability in the Board's fund. Dr. Azzolino emphasized that CE oversight should remain focused on public protection and quality improvement.

Ms. Walker provided an update on the Board's 2026 sunset review. She reported that the Board submitted its report on January 5, 2026, and the legislative hearing is anticipated in March 2026. She stated that a background paper will be issued by legislative staff ahead of the hearing, outlining key issues for the Board's response. She explained that she and Dr. Adams will prepare talking points for the hearing and noted that the Board will have 30 days following the hearing to submit formal written responses. She further reported that the Board is pursuing statutory updates related to enforcement, including removal of the seven-year washout for prior discipline against applicants involving sexual misconduct, authority for automatic license revocation or suspension, and authority to automatically impose chaperone requirements in criminal or administrative matters involving sexual misconduct. She stated that staff is also working on fee updates.

Public Comment: An unidentified caller requested that the Board continue to consider animal chiropractic regulation as part of the sunset review process.

14. Government and Public Affairs Committee Report

- Committee Chair's Update on October 17, 2025 Working Group Meeting

Ms. Cruz updated the Board on the Government and Public Affairs Committee's October 17, 2025, working group meeting, noting that sunset review and the Board's fund condition were already covered during prior agenda items. She highlighted the preparation for the strategic planning process and outlined outreach concepts such as roundtables, listening sessions, and district events, to expand opportunities for the Board to engage directly with stakeholders.

Ms. Walker explained that DCA's SOLID Planning Solutions is conducting an environmental scan based on stakeholder and staff surveys and interviews with Board members and leadership and will compile the results into a report to be provided in advance of the Board's April 16, 2026, strategic planning session. She stated SOLID will also hold a pre-planning meeting with one or two Board members and staff to surface initial themes and develop suggested objectives prior to the full planning discussion. She added that SOLID will then draft an updated strategic plan for the Board's review at its July 23, 2026, meeting.

Public Comment: None.

15. Enforcement Committee Report

- Committee Chair's Update on October 29, 2025 Working Group Meeting

Ms. Walker reported that members of the Enforcement Committee met as a working group on October 29, 2025, to continue developing the regulatory proposal regarding supervision requirements for chiropractic assistants. She explained that the Committee revisited the Board's feedback from the February 13, 2025, meeting and determined that the term "indirect supervision" did not accurately reflect the intended level of oversight. She stated the Committee is exploring replacing the term with "general supervision," consistent with terminology used by related DCA healing arts boards.

She further shared that the Committee discussed potential revisions to California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 16, section 316, which currently combines general licensee responsibility language in subsection (a) with sexual misconduct provisions in subsections (b) and (c). She explained that subsection (a) is conceptually mismatched with the sexual misconduct content and may be more appropriate for relocation to section 312, relating to licensees' supervision responsibilities. She added that the Committee reviewed sexual misconduct regulations from other licensing boards and noted that clearer and more explicit definitions of sexual abuse and misconduct could strengthen enforcement cases, reduce reliance on expert testimony, and potentially avoid unnecessary hearings. She stated staff is refining both proposals based on the Committee's input.

Public Comment: None.

16. Licensing Committee Report

- A. Committee Chair's Update on December 5, 2025 Meeting
- B. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Committee's Recommendation Regarding Regulatory Proposal to Clarify the Requirements for the Issuance and Renewal of Satellite Certificates and for Providing Notice to Consumers of Licensure by the Board (add California Code of Regulations [CCR], Title 16, section 303.1 and amend section 308)
- C. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Committee's Recommendation Regarding Regulatory Proposal to Clarify the Requirements for Licensure by Reciprocity and Establish a New Temporary Licensure Pathway (amend CCR, Title 16, section 323 and add section 321.1 or 323.1)

Dr. Daniels provided the Licensing Committee report on the December 5, 2025, meeting and began with an informational update on the Committee's work related to virtual care and artificial intelligence (AI). She explained that staff had developed draft regulatory language for the Committee's review; however, as the Committee worked through the draft, several operational and implementation challenges emerged. She stated that the Committee is redefining "telehealth" as "virtual care" and treating AI as its own subset

with additional specifications. She encouraged Board members to consider the practical implications of regulatory language in these areas and to provide comments to the Committee or to Ms. Walker. She noted that the Committee engages legal and regulatory counsel early to ensure that any draft language brought before the full Board is as complete and workable as possible.

Dr. Daniels next addressed satellite office certificates and notice-to-consumer requirements. She reported that the Committee revised the term “conspicuous” because it lacked adequate definition and added stronger definitions of “place of practice,” acknowledging that chiropractic care may occur in fixed locations, temporary settings, or mobile environments. She stated that patients should not be required to ask to view a license, and the proposed language would require all licensees—regardless of practice setting—to post a license or other approved credential so that it is easily visible to patients. Dr. Daniels explained that the Committee is also exploring the development of a facility permit, including the possible use of QR codes, to better track licensees working at specific facilities and improve public transparency and protection. She invited Ms. Walker to provide additional context.

Ms. Walker clarified that the proposal reflected in Attachment 2 is designed as a two-phased approach. She explained that current regulations do not establish how satellite office certificates are issued or renewed, nor do they adequately specify notice-to-consumer requirements. She stated that Attachment 2 contains fully developed regulatory text that would define the satellite certificate issuance and renewal process and require posting of either a license or satellite certificate at every place of practice, including mobile settings. She emphasized that this updated approach provides significantly more clarity than current regulations and requested the Board’s authorization to proceed with the rulemaking process. Ms. Walker explained that the second phase, involving a chiropractic facility permit, requires statutory authority that staff is pursuing through the sunset review process. She noted that such a permit would streamline tracking of licensees at multi-location practices and reduce the administrative burdens on licensees and facilities.

Dr. Daniels asked whether Board members had comments on Attachment 2. Dr. Azzolino commented on the draft virtual care language indicating that a licensee must hold a California license to provide virtual care to a patient physically located in California. He suggested that an exception may be warranted for patients visiting California temporarily who wish to consult their out-of-state doctor of chiropractic. Dr. Paris added that clarifying resident versus nonresident distinctions may be helpful. Dr. Daniels stated that the feedback would be incorporated. Dr. Azzolino also questioned whether requiring verbal or written consent for virtual care encounters may be unnecessarily burdensome, noting that patient participation in a virtual visit could itself represent consent. Ms. Walker clarified that telehealth consent is explicitly required by statute and that staff will work to ensure compliance in a way that does not impose unnecessary administrative steps. Dr. Paris asked whether dual consent requirements might conflict with the Board’s existing informed consent regulations. Ms. Walker

explained that staff is working through the intersection of standard informed consent requirements and telehealth-specific statutory provisions to avoid unintended duplication.

Dr. Daniels stated that continued comments on virtual care and AI would be helpful as staff refines the draft and then transitioned to the Committee's work on reciprocity and temporary licensure, reflected in Attachment 3. She explained that California does not have true reciprocity because applicants must meet California's curricular requirements even when licensed elsewhere. She reported that the Committee is exploring a temporary license model, similar to the temporary license available to military spouses and domestic partners, for applicants who completed an accredited chiropractic program and passed the NBCE examinations but are missing specific California curriculum components such as dermatology, pharmacology, or physiotherapy. She explained under the concept, applicants could practice under a temporary license while disclosing their deficiencies to patients, complying with practice restrictions, and completing missing coursework within 12 months. Dr. Daniels requested the Board's input on whether applicants should be required to have five years of prior practice experience before qualifying.

Ms. Walker added that the Committee discussed placing the proposal in CCR, title 16, section 321.1 or 323.3 depending on whether a practice-experience requirement is included. She stated that the Committee is leaning toward allowing applicants with an accredited chiropractic degree and the NBCE examinations—except possibly physiotherapy—to qualify for temporary licensure with appropriate disclosures and restrictions. She requested Board feedback before refining the language further.

Board members provided input on the reciprocity concept. Dr. Daniels mentioned the potential for developing a list of pre-vetted accredited programs through which applicants could complete missing coursework. Dr. Adams asked whether temporary licensees would be prohibited from performing tasks tied to their deficiencies if practicing alone, and Dr. Daniels confirmed that they would, noting that temporary licensees could practice those tasks only under supervision in a facility where a California-licensed doctor of chiropractic is present. Dr. Daniels also asked staff to consider flexibility for applicants who might complete required coursework slightly beyond the 12-month deadline. Ms. Walker confirmed that staff can revisit the timeline.

Dr. Paris asked whether fee language in the draft could allow flexibility to avoid locking the Board into specific fee amounts and suggested that the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) or the FCLB Chiropractic Information Network – Board Action Databank (CIN-BAD) could be used to verify national disciplinary actions. Ms. Walker responded that CIN-BAD access is complimentary and NPDB checks may require a small fee, and stated that staff would examine these options further. Dr. Paris also asked whether "conditional license" terminology may more accurately describe the model. Dr. Daniels responded that the Committee selected "temporary license" because it aligns with an

existing regulatory structure. Ms. Walker stated she would evaluate both terms, noting that “conditional license” may require a different legal pathway.

Dr. Adams expressed support for the Committee’s approach and stated that the proposed temporary license structure appears workable without requiring five years of prior practice. Ms. Cruz stated that the Committee’s approach is consistent with leveraging existing structures and reducing unnecessary barriers. Dr. Azzolino agreed that a five-year requirement would be burdensome and stated that applicants should be permitted to practice once they meet all requirements. Dr. Daniels thanked members for their feedback and stated that the Committee will incorporate the comments into further development of the reciprocity proposal.

Motion: Dr. Daniels moved to approve the proposed regulatory text for California Code of Regulations, title 16, sections 303.1 and 308 in Attachment 2 to Agenda Item 16 in the meeting materials, direct staff to submit the text to the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency for review and if no adverse comments are received, authorize the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to initiate the rulemaking process, make any non-substantive changes to the package, and set the matter for a hearing if requested. If no adverse comments are received during the 45-day comment period and no hearing is requested, authorize the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to complete the rulemaking and adopt the proposed regulations at CCR, title 16, sections 303.1 and 308 as noticed.

Second: Dr. Adams seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None.

Vote: 5-0 (Dr. Adams-AYE, Dr. Daniels-AYE, Ms. Cruz-AYE, Dr. Azzolino-AYE, and Dr. Paris-AYE).

Motion: Carried.

17. Future Agenda Items

Dr. Paris requested that a future agenda include a discussion to clarify whether hands-on adjusting may be performed during CE courses. He stated that CE providers and licensees have raised questions about the permissibility of hands-on instruction and whether waivers or other safeguards are needed to ensure compliance with patient establishment and related legal requirements. He noted that providers would benefit from clear guidance from the Board.

Public Comment: Dr. Lew supported adding the item to a future agenda and noted that CE instructors often face similar questions. She shared that insurers such as NCMIC have provided feedback to CE instructors on acceptable practices and that chiropractic

programs, such as Palmer College of Chiropractic, utilize participation forms that may serve as useful models when the Board considers this topic.

18. Closed Session

- Deliberate and Vote on Disciplinary Matters Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126, subd. (c)(3)

The Board had no disciplinary matters for discussion and remained in open session.

19. Adjournment

Dr. Adams expressed appreciation to the Board members and staff for their dedication over the past year, especially recognizing the Licensing Committee's accomplishments. He highlighted the progress made on regulatory packages and the continued momentum toward advancing the Board's goals. He also conveyed optimism for the coming year and for the ongoing collaborative efforts that support the public and the chiropractic profession.

Dr. Daniels thanked Dr. Adams and reflected on the achievements outlined in the sunset review report, noting the significant progress made over the past four years by Board members and staff. She acknowledged that while more work remains, it was encouraging to see the advancements since the last sunset review.

Dr. Adams adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Attachment A

List of Approved Applications for Initial Doctor of Chiropractic Licenses Issued from September 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Date Issued	License No.
Kristi	Lynae	Black	09/12/2025	DC 35285
Justin	Daniel	Rammell	09/30/2025	DC 35286
Gregory	David	Varnau	09/30/2025	DC 35287
Hamid		Bakhtiari Jami Mahmoudabadi	10/15/2025	DC 35288
Jason	Conrad	Morgan	10/21/2025	DC 35289
Sydney	Martina	Spencer	10/21/2025	DC 35290
Jonathon	Andrew	De La Torre	11/04/2025	DC 35291
Sarena	D.	Creggett	12/26/2025	DC 35292
Christopher	Loong	Ma	09/02/2025	DC 37429
John	Crawford	Anderson	09/05/2025	DC 37430
Michael	John	Oakson	09/08/2025	DC 37431
Jason	L.	Toy	09/08/2025	DC 37432
Michael	Anthony	Robles	09/09/2025	DC 37433
Timothy	James	Weiss	09/11/2025	DC 37434
Angel	Alberto	Cortes	09/11/2025	DC 37435
Alixandra	Marie	Beaty	09/12/2025	DC 37436
Manuel	Jonathon	Acosta	09/15/2025	DC 37437
Dennis	Borisovich	Stolyarov	09/17/2025	DC 37438
Angel	Ivan	Orozco Gonzalez	09/17/2025	DC 37439
Nolan	Mitsuo	Hirayama	09/17/2025	DC 37440
Charity	Rushton	Steadward	09/19/2025	DC 37441
Christopher	Michael	Hills	09/19/2025	DC 37442
Zachary	Jason	Arnold	09/19/2025	DC 37443
Michael	Gerard	Boyrer	09/23/2025	DC 37444
Trent	David	Catlett	09/23/2025	DC 37445

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Garrett	Robert	Grassmyer	09/23/2025	DC 37446
Latifa	Ali	Juma-Fatah	09/23/2025	DC 37447
Jacob		Moenning	09/23/2025	DC 37448
Daniela		Reyes	09/23/2025	DC 37449
Collette	Lorraine	Duran	09/24/2025	DC 37450
Shayan		Richard	09/25/2025	DC 37451
Sophia	Rose	Chichyan	09/25/2025	DC 37452
Robert	Joseph	Stefani	09/30/2025	DC 37453
Tori	Lynette	Humphrey	09/30/2025	DC 37454
Louis		Vuong	09/30/2025	DC 37455
David	DeWayne	Kirk	10/01/2025	DC 37456
Ethan	Timothy	Lopez	10/01/2025	DC 37457
Kimberly	Angelica	Cervantes	10/03/2025	DC 37458
Steven	R.	Wong	10/03/2025	DC 37459
Derek	Adam	Schroering	10/07/2025	DC 37460
Cindy	Sogol	Askari	10/07/2025	DC 37461
Stevie	Shae	Black	10/07/2025	DC 37462
Marco		Jacobe	10/07/2025	DC 37463
Matthew	Robert	Dominguez	10/13/2025	DC 37464
Kloe	Sigafoose	Jackson	10/13/2025	DC 37465
Nathan	Kiyoshi	Sakai	10/15/2025	DC 37466
Jonathan	William	Black	10/15/2025	DC 37467
Kristina		Dang	10/15/2025	DC 37468
Matthew	Raphael	Serrano	10/17/2025	DC 37469
Andres	Eleazar	Ludena	10/22/2025	DC 37470
Jorge	Luis	Zendejas	10/23/2025	DC 37471
Chloe	Leyla	Jones	10/27/2025	DC 37472
James	Robert	Drulis	10/27/2025	DC 37473

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Michael	D.	Cradic	10/29/2025	DC 37474
Joe	Roy	Rivera	10/30/2025	DC 37475
Allison	Nicole	Castro	10/31/2025	DC 37476
Ritah	Marie	Maalouf	11/03/2025	DC 37477
Reilly	Lane	Dolcini	11/03/2025	DC 37478
Bahman		Sahranavard	11/05/2025	DC 37479
Dante	Bruno	Bandoni	11/05/2025	DC 37480
Marisa	Ayako	Chu	11/06/2025	DC 37481
Brandon		Nguyen	11/07/2025	DC 37482
Mikayla	Justine	Arcevido	11/10/2025	DC 37483
Makai	Roy	Manuwai	11/10/2025	DC 37484
Brianna	Marie	Connor	11/10/2025	DC 37485
Jaron	Andrew	Hua	11/10/2025	DC 37486
Sarah		Beglarian	11/10/2025	DC 37487
Emily	Lorene	Kaleal	11/10/2025	DC 37488
Aaron	Kyle	Polley	11/12/2025	DC 37489
Thibault	Franck	Gourlin	11/12/2025	DC 37490
Jared	Gabriel	Simbulan	11/13/2025	DC 37491
Talia	Rose	Le	11/14/2025	DC 37492
Max	Soko	Schultz	11/17/2025	DC 37493
Mervin	Dacasin	Sorillo	11/18/2025	DC 37494
Tyler	Elias	Jochen	11/18/2025	DC 37495
Michael	Cabillo	Lee	11/19/2025	DC 37496
Sarah	Elizabeth	Oppen-Gawaran	11/19/2025	DC 37497
Rachel	Lynne	DiGangi	11/20/2025	DC 37498
Madisen	Rae	Diaz	11/21/2025	DC 37499
Peter	Halimfarag	Shahat	11/24/2025	DC 37500
Danny	Dean	Galyean	11/24/2025	DC 37501

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Mario	Alfonso	Garcia	11/24/2025	DC 37502
Lourdes	Marie	Flores	12/02/2025	DC 37503
Sandee	Linn	Shanti	12/04/2025	DC 37504
Angeline		Brutus	12/10/2025	DC 37505
Christine	Rose	Lee	12/10/2025	DC 37506
Danielle		Burgos	12/10/2025	DC 37507
Nikolai	Allan	Young	12/11/2025	DC 37508
Nolan	Gordon	Halverson	12/15/2025	DC 37509
Catherine	Elizabeth	Clement	12/16/2025	DC 37510
Darby	Rene	Sutherland	12/16/2025	DC 37511
Luis	Angel	Zendejas	12/17/2025	DC 37512
Michele	Ann	Zebrowitz	12/18/2025	DC 37513
Nicholas	Robert	Lombardo	12/22/2025	DC 37514
Matthew	Alexander	Soewito	12/22/2025	DC 37515
Aaron		Cherkas	12/23/2025	DC 37516
Anjeza	Lucie	Durollari	12/26/2025	DC 37517
Michael		Montygierd-Loyba	12/26/2025	DC 37518
Ghassan		Kantarji	12/26/2025	DC 37519

Attachment B

List of Approved New Continuing Education Providers

Provider Name	CE Oversight Contact Person	Provider Status
ClientShield	Genelle Heim	Partnership
Fetterman Events	Kris Fetterman	Corporation
Curtis Jacquot/Aureate LLC dba Institute of Chinese Herbology	Curtis Jacquot	Corporation