



BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS MEETING MINUTES

April 16–17, 2026

The Board of Chiropractic Examiners (Board) met in person on April 16–17, 2026, at the following locations:

<u>Thursday, April 16, 2026</u>	<u>Friday, April 17, 2026</u>
Department of Consumer Affairs Emerald Room 1747 N. Market Blvd., Suite 184 Sacramento, CA 95834	Department of Consumer Affairs Hearing Room 1747 N. Market Blvd., Suite 186 Sacramento, CA 95834

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

Thursday, April 16, 2026

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

Dr. Adams called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Ms. Cruz called the roll. Mr. Sweet was excused from the meeting. All other members were present, and a quorum was established.

2. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Public Comment: None.

3. Board Chair's Report

Dr. Adams reported that the Board had a productive year and expressed optimism for the year ahead. He explained the Board's sunset review hearing went well and was brief due to the extensive preparatory work completed by staff and the Board's substantial progress over the last four years. He commented that the Legislature expressed only a few concerns related to the declining number of doctors of chiropractic (DC) practicing in California, which impacts the public's access to care. He stated the Board hopes to continue addressing this issue and highlighted efforts through the Licensing Committee aimed at reducing barriers and improving pathways for licensure in California.

He shared that he and Ms. Walker attended the California Chiropractic Association's annual legislative day on April 14, 2026, where they presented information to licensees regarding Board processes, licensure requirements, and the Connect system. He noted that adoption of Connect continues to increase, with approximately 55 percent of current licensees enrolled and approximately 93 percent of new licensees utilizing the system. He stated that expanded adoption will improve communication and efficiency for the Board, licensees, stakeholders, and continuing education (CE) providers.

He thanked the Board members for their leadership and contributions to the Board's accomplishments over the past year. He indicated the Board currently has 22 regulatory proposals in active development, with several anticipated for advancement this year. He commented that the Board has taken clear initiative in modernizing its programs and has set a strong foundation for continued progress in the coming years.

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

Lucia Saldivar, Deputy Director of Board and Bureau Relations, provided an update on behalf of DCA. She introduced herself to the Board and shared that she was appointed to her role last fall after nearly eight years working in the Legislature, most recently as a chief of staff. She noted she has been attending board meetings statewide and expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to present to the Board.

She informed Board members about the upcoming reorganization of the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency into two new agencies—the California Housing and Homelessness Agency and the Business and Consumer Services Agency. She stated that the Business and Consumer Services Agency will include DCA as one

of eight departments under its jurisdiction. She reported that both agencies will become operative July 1, 2026, and noted that DCA continues to participate in stakeholder meetings and workshops to plan for the transition. She stated that DCA will keep Board leadership informed as planning progresses.

She reminded Board members and staff to book travel early when conducting state business and encouraged consideration of whether rental cars are necessary compared to rideshare options. She noted that some members may experience new travel-related costs such as baggage fees and asked that receipts be retained to ensure timely reimbursement.

She provided an update on Board Member Orientation Training (BMOT), explaining that BMOT is a full-day virtual training required within one year of appointment or reappointment. She stated that the first BMOT session of the year was held two weeks prior and additional sessions will be offered on June 24, 2026, and October 21, 2026. She encouraged members to register through DCA's Learning Management System (LMS) and stated that members needing assistance with LMS access or training compliance may contact her office. She concluded by thanking the Board for its work protecting California's consumers.

Public Comment: None.

5. Review and Possible Approval of January 16, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

This agenda item was tabled to the next meeting.

6. 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 January 1, 2026, to March 31, 2026.

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.

7. Review and Possible Approval of New Continuing Education Provider Applications

Motion: Dr. Paris moved to approve the continuing education provider application by Myodetox West Hollywood LLC.

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.

8. 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. Board's Budget and Fund Condition
- D. Regulatory Process and Status of Board's Pending Proposals
- E. Board's 2022–2026 Strategic Plan Objectives

Ms. Walker provided an update on the Board's business modernization efforts, including work with DCA's Office of Information Services (OIS) on the Connect system, website updates, and remaining paper-based processes. She explained that OIS is documenting all existing Connect workflows in preparation for a possible upgrade to a new platform, but early discussions indicate that the Board may need to weigh the higher IT costs of rebuilding its custom workflows against continuing on the current version. She noted that staff will take this decision to the Board for consideration once costs and impacts are fully analyzed. She also described parallel efforts to evaluate which processes should remain in Connect and which may be supported by other DCA IT tools, particularly for CE, which remains the Board's largest process outside of a formal system.

She reported future Connect functionality includes enforcement communications that will allow licensees to verify legitimate notices directly within their Connect profiles, an effort prompted by recent scam attempts targeting licensees. She also described work to link Connect accounts to enforcement cases, preparation for postcard renewal reminders beginning in July 2026, and increased Connect adoption rates, with initial applicants already above 90 percent.

Dr. Daniels asked when the enforcement communication functionality would be available, and Ms. Walker confirmed it would be implemented on April 24, 2026. Dr. Daniels then asked several follow-up questions about the potential system upgrade, including when the Board must make a formal decision, whether Ms. Walker had formed any preliminary views about the advantages and disadvantages, and whether the current version of Connect would continue to be supported by the vendor or risk becoming obsolete. Ms. Walker explained that a decision would likely come to the Board at the October 2026 meeting, that she is currently weighing the pros and cons of upgrading given the significant costs associated with rebuilding custom workflows, and

that she will confirm long-term vendor support for the current platform being used by the Board and several other DCA programs.

Dr. Adams asked whether the upgrade decision would affect CE modernization. Ms. Walker responded that viable solutions exist on both platforms and that OIS may also have tools outside of Connect that could meet the Board's needs without increased costs. Ms. Cruz expressed concern about the extent of customization within Connect. Ms. Walker explained that the customization mainly reflects essential licensing and enforcement functionality that was not available out-of-the-box and that staff is careful to avoid overengineering processes so future refinements can be made without major rebuilding.

Ms. Walker provided legislative deadline reminders and personnel updates, announcing that Angelina Taylor has been selected as the Board's new Lead Administrative and Policy Analyst and will begin on April 27, 2026. She reported that the remaining Enforcement Technician vacancy is expected to be filled in early summer. She reviewed licensing and enforcement statistics, noting that licensing processing times remain very fast and that enforcement caseloads have been reduced from over 500 at the start of the sunset review period to around 180, approaching her goal of under 175 cases by the current fiscal year-end. Ms. Cruz asked about fines assessed versus collected, and Ms. Walker explained that staff has been focusing on closing pending complaints and that citation activity would increase during the summer.

Ms. Walker concluded with a regulatory update, noting that three regulatory packages—delegation of functions to the executive officer, practice of chiropractic prohibited with an inactive license, and repeal of the mental illness regulation—have closed public comment with no comments received and are progressing through DCA and the Office of Administrative Law. She stated that the other regulatory proposals remain in progress and that the CE requirements for petitions for reinstatement of licensure were moved to a separate proposal. She noted that many regulatory concepts have already been discussed multiple times at the committee level and will be moving to the production phase, and invited Board members to raise any new ideas and concepts during strategic planning later in the meeting.

9. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Finalize and Adopt the Board's Responses to the 2026 Sunset Review Issues

Ms. Walker presented a working draft of the Board's responses to the issues identified in the sunset review hearing background paper. She outlined the proposed responses to each of the 14 issues, including why the Board has required fee increases during the past three sunset review cycles and the plan to stabilize the Board's fund. She described how the Board relied on 2020 data when setting the fees that were implemented in 2023, leaving the Board several years behind actual costs. She recommended resetting each fee's floor based on projected 2026–27 costs, establishing a 10-year fee ceiling based on projected expenditure growth, and seeking authority to

adjust fees up to those limits through the regulatory process. She emphasized that biennial fee reviews would help prevent large fee increases in the future. Dr. Daniels commented that she was relieved that Board now has a forward-looking plan and urged caution to avoid reducing fees below the Board's actual costs. Dr. Daniels asked whether the facility permit fee authority was included in the response. Ms. Walker confirmed that it was and explained how temporary license and facility permit fees would align with comparable existing fee structures. Dr. Adams asked for approximate fee levels, and Ms. Walker indicated the DC license renewal fee would need to be at least \$400.

Ms. Walker explained that staff analyzed satellite certificate data and identified approximately 7,000 active certificates across about 3,700 distinct practice locations. Dr. Paris asked why certain satellite addresses carried an unusually high number of licensees. Ms. Walker explained that qualified medical evaluators must register locations for evaluation assignments, resulting in high volumes of satellite certificates that later go into forfeiture due to nonrenewal. Dr. Azzolino asked whether the Board verifies that satellite addresses are actual physical facilities. Ms. Walker stated the current regulations do not require such verification and indicated she hopes to address that through a future regulation. Dr. Daniels asked whether expanding the Board's inspection authority would relate to this issue. Ms. Walker confirmed that it would and suggested including inspection authority in the Board's strategic planning discussion.

Ms. Walker requested that the Board discuss its position on animal chiropractic so she could refine the Board's response. Dr. Adams stated that the Board should regulate DCs and not defer oversight to the Veterinary Medical Board (VMB), while remaining open to collaboration. Dr. Azzolino asked which models are being proposed. Ms. Walker explained that Senate Bill (SB) 1269 (Ochoa Bogh) proposes direct access regulated by the Board while the sunset review background paper contemplates a physician-assistant-style model requiring a practice agreement with a veterinarian and regulated by VMB. Dr. Adams expressed concern about the vague practice agreement requirements and the possibility of inconsistent arrangements. Dr. Azzolino stated that each licensing board should regulate its own profession, and he emphasized the importance of proper training and screening.

Dr. Daniels stated practice agreement models mirror current problems and that the real issue is not access, but availability, as owners face delays in many parts of the state. She noted that Board oversight is most appropriate for chiropractic practice. Dr. Adams added that direct access models in other states have operated without significant complaints. Dr. Azzolino stated that assertive enforcement would reassure other boards and support safe expansion of access. Dr. Paris suggested requiring proof that an animal has recently been seen by a veterinarian rather than requiring a formal practice agreement, stating that it would provide safety assurances without imposing burdens on veterinarians. He also asked whether expanding education has been discussed, and Dr. Daniels replied that stakeholders are working toward a 300-hour, diplomate-level competency program in animal chiropractic. Dr. Adams emphasized that existing

models have long demonstrated safe practice and argued that expanding availability is necessary to prevent owners from seeking untrained practitioners. Dr. Paris agreed, noting strong public demand for access.

Dr. Adams indicated that the Board will take action on this agenda item on April 17, 2026.

Public Comment: None.

10. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Legislation Related to the Board, the Chiropractic Profession, DCA, and/or Other Healing Arts Boards

- A. Assembly Bill (AB) 1558 (Arambula) Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act.
- B. AB 1671 (Tangipa) Rural medical services grant program.
- C. AB 1767 (Berman) Department of Consumer Affairs: public members of boards: conflicts of interest.
- D. AB 1775 (Ward) Veterans.
- E. AB 1979 (Bonta) Health care services: artificial intelligence.
- F. AB 2140 (Johnson) Healing arts: reports: claims against licensees.
- G. AB 2546 (Gabriel) Director of Department of Consumer Affairs: duties.
- H. AB 2551 (Elhawary) Health care coverage.
- I. AB 2775 (Committee on Business and Professions) State Board of Chiropractic Examiners: chiropractic corporations.
- J. Senate Bill (SB) 980 (Hurtado) Access to medical records.
- K. SB 1269 (Ochoa Bogh) Chiropractors: animal chiropractic practitioners.
- L. SB 1391 (Wahab) Department of Consumer Affairs: retired category licenses.

Ms. Walker provided an overview of the bills included in the meeting materials and noted that there were several spot bills or informational items with limited impact on the Board. She began with AB 1558 (Arambula), explaining that the bill would expand the Uniform Emergency Volunteer Practitioners Act to allow out-of-state licensees to assist during emergencies and provide DCA healing arts boards with additional enforcement authority. She next summarized AB 1671 (Tangipa), which would establish a grant program to support the delivery of medical services in rural areas, and AB 1767 (Berman), which would clarify the definition of “close family member” for purposes of conflicts of interest for public members of DCA boards. She reviewed AB 1775 (Ward), explaining that the bill would require DCA boards to expedite licensure for applicants discharged from military service solely due to a federal executive order prohibiting transgender individuals from serving, and she noted that the Board’s existing expedited licensure processes could easily accommodate this addition. She then presented AB 1979 (Bonta), explaining that the bill had recently been narrowed and would now prohibit the use of artificial intelligence (AI) to replace professional judgment or to direct unlicensed personnel in performing functions requiring licensure.

She continued with AB 2140 (Johnson), a spot bill proposing to increase certain administrative fines from \$50 to \$100, noting the bill has no impact on the Board because its minimum fine is already \$100. She next summarized AB 2546 (Gabriel), a DCA-related spot bill containing no substantive language at this time, followed by AB 2551 (Elhawary), which would expand the questions on the DCA healing arts workforce survey to include whether the licensee is a contracted provider and the types of coverage under which their services are provided. She identified AB 2775 (Committee on Business and Professions) as the Board's sunset bill and requested a formal support position. She then reviewed SB 980 (Hurtado), explaining that the bill would prohibit health care providers from charging a fee for completing health-related forms required by an educational institution or childcare provider for participation in school, childcare, or school-sponsored activities. She summarized SB 1269 (Ochoa Bogh), the animal chiropractic bill, explaining that it mirrors SB 687 (Ochoa Bogh) from 2025, but additionally requires premises registration and limits direct access to three months or eight visits. She also noted SB 1391 (Wahab) appears to be a spot bill relating to retired licenses. She stated that staff would continue monitoring these bills.

Dr. Paris asked whether SB 980 (Hurtado) would require licensees performing school physicals or concussion-related examinations to complete associated forms without charging a fee, and Board members expressed concern that the bill's language may be overly broad. Ms. Knight clarified that the bill only applies to fees for completing the form itself, not the examination, but noted that the bill analysis is not yet available.

Dr. Daniels requested that staff seek clarification from the author, and Dr. Azzolino emphasized that many school-related forms require detailed examination findings and clinical judgment. Dr. Adams agreed that further information was needed. Ms. Walker stated that she would monitor the bill and share the Board's concerns with the author if it proceeds to a hearing.

Motion: Dr. Daniels moved for the Board to support AB 2775 (Committee on Business and Professions).

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.

11. National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) and Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards (FCLB) Update

- A. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Proposed Merger of NBCE and FCLB
- B. Discussion and Possible Selection of Board Member to Represent the Board at the 2026 FCLB Annual Conference and NBCE Annual Business Meeting

Ms. Walker explained that the agenda item concerned the proposed merger between NBCE and FCLB, under which NBCE would become the surviving corporate entity and FCLB would be restructured as a committee under NBCE. She explained that while both organizations provide services utilized by the Board, the proposed merger is a corporate governance matter outside of the Board's regulatory purview. She recommended that the Board take no position and abstain from voting on the proposed bylaws amendments at the upcoming annual meeting of both organizations in Atlanta, Georgia.

Motion: Ms. Cruz moved for the Board to abstain from voting on the proposed merger of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners and the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards at the annual meeting of both organizations.

Second: Dr. Daniels seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None.

Vote: 4-0-1 (Dr. Adams-AYE, Dr. Daniels-AYE, Ms. Cruz-AYE, Dr. Azzolino-AYE, and Dr. Paris-ABSTAIN).

Motion: Carried.

The Board discussed the need to select a representative to NBCE and FCLB for the upcoming annual meeting because Ms. Cruz is unable to attend and NBCE's bylaws require the representative to be a licensee.

Motion: Dr. Daniels moved to designate Dr. Paris as the Board's representative to the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners and Ms. Walker as the Board's representative to the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards at the annual meeting.

Second: Dr. Azzolino seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None.

Vote: 4-0-1 (Dr. Adams-AYE, Dr. Daniels-AYE, Ms. Cruz-AYE, Dr. Azzolino-AYE, and Dr. Paris-ABSTAIN).

Motion: Carried.

12. Continuing Education Committee Report

- Committee Chair's Update on March 5, 2026 Working Group Meeting

Dr. Adams reported that the Continuing Education Committee met as a working group on March 5, 2026, and focused primarily on CE fees and their relationship to the FCLB Providers of Approved Continuing Education (PACE) program. He explained that, based on ongoing staff discussions and the pending fee changes, the Committee felt it was in the Board's best interest to continue handling CE internally rather than shifting all responsibility to PACE. He said PACE providers would still be able to submit courses, but the Committee preferred to retain the Board's CE review structure, especially given anticipated reductions in CE fees resulting from efficiencies with the Connect system. Dr. Adams noted that lower fees should help bring CE courses back to California.

Ms. Walker added that the Committee also discussed broader CE acceptance issues. She explained that the Board currently accepts CE from all DCA healing arts boards, but the Committee agreed it should examine which professions' CE is truly comparable in rigor to chiropractic education and clinical practice. She stated the Committee began identifying ways to narrow that list and also discussed integrating the new mandatory competency areas into the course review process. She noted interest in involving Board members in content review rather than relying solely on staff. She also acknowledged the need to consider how electives should be evaluated, and whether they should undergo the same level of scrutiny as mandatory CE.

Dr. Adams commented that the Committee revisited the idea of multi-year CE approvals and favored an annual model to improve the Board's fiscal forecasting. He explained that multi-year approvals create periods of heavy application volume followed by long gaps, which hinder fiscal planning. He stated retaining annual approvals would align better with the Board's fiscal responsibilities.

Dr. Paris raised concerns about limiting access for licensees if the Board does not accept PACE. He emphasized that many high-quality educational opportunities, including national programs, scientific conferences, and diplomate trainings, are exclusively offered through PACE. He noted that many specialty programs occur outside of California and that restricting PACE could hinder licensees' ability to maintain competency and specialty certifications. He expressed concern about placing fiscal considerations ahead of expanded access to CE opportunities.

Dr. Daniels added that the Committee had explored a potential compromise involving PACE, and Ms. Walker confirmed that the Committee discussed allowing PACE courses to qualify for elective CE while retaining Board approval of mandatory CE. She shared that the Committee also discussed broader regulatory language to accommodate any future entities similar to PACE. Dr. Daniels commented that the approach aligns with the Board's intent to emphasize competency-based CE while offering flexible elective options. Dr. Paris stated he felt more comfortable knowing that PACE could remain available for licensees in some capacity. Dr. Adams concluded by

noting that the CE regulatory package is not yet final and that the fee adjustments could address the concerns quickly, with additional refinements as necessary as the CE regulations proceed.

Public Comment: None.

13. Enforcement Committee Report

- A. Committee Chair's Update on March 18, 2026 Meeting
- B. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Committee's Recommendation Regarding the Uniform Standards for Substance Abusing Licensees (amend California Code of Regulations, Title 16, section 384)

Ms. Walker reported that the Enforcement Committee met on March 18, 2026, and discussed policy matters related to the minimum supervision and training requirements for chiropractic assistants, responsibility for conduct on the premises, and clarification of the sexual misconduct regulation. She explained that the Committee emphasized the importance of developing clear, enforceable language that places responsibility on the licensee rather than attempting to regulate overly granular requirements for assistants. She stated that the Committee reviewed draft definitions for supervision terms to support development of the regulation, and she added that the Committee also discussed recent changes by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services allowing remote supervision of certain services and considered implications for the Board's regulation.

She explained that the Committee recommended shifting the Board's selected trigger for applying the Uniform Standards for Substance Abusing Licensees from the "prove-up" model to the presumption model used by most DCA healing arts boards, under which any underlying conduct involving drugs or alcohol establishes a presumption of substance abuse that the licensee may rebut. She outlined concerns with the Board's current approach, including increased costs, extended timelines, and substantial staff workload associated with proving cases through clinical evaluations and hearings.

Dr. Paris asked about the timeframe impacts associated with the available triggers, and Ms. Walker explained the delays and costs inherent in both the clinical evaluation and prove-up models. Ms. Knight stated that adopting the presumption model would shift the burden to the licensee and streamline enforcement. The Board expressed general concurrence with the recommendation. Ms. Walker concluded by noting that staff is participating in the disciplinary guidelines working group recently created by DCA's Regulations Unit.

Public Comment: None.

14. Licensing Committee Report

- Committee Chair's Update on March 27, 2026 Meeting

Dr. Daniels reported that the Licensing Committee met on March 27, 2026, and currently has three regulatory packages in initial filing, three in production, and five in the concept development phase. She stated that the Committee focused its recent discussions on temporary licensure, virtual care, and AI. She explained that the Committee is refining the virtual care language to ensure clarity, operational feasibility, and distinctions between initial and subsequent visits, and to address unplanned virtual care encounters. She added that the Committee revised terminology in the temporary licensure proposal from a “restricted” to “limited” license to avoid unintended negative connotations while still describing parameters for applicants who do not yet meet California-specific licensing requirements.

Dr. Daniels explained that the Committee is continuing its work on the integration of AI into clinical practice and is leaning toward developing a separate AI consent form to address patient rights, operational considerations, and ethical safeguards without attempting to regulate technical AI functions directly. She noted that the Committee reviewed guidance from the Federation of State Medical Boards and began incorporating key concepts into draft materials. She stated the Committee intends to finalize language for the temporary licensure, virtual care, and AI proposals during the summer. Ms. Cruz expressed appreciation for the Committee’s focused and patient-centered approach to AI policy, and Dr. Adams acknowledged the substantial amount of work being undertaken by the Committee.

Public Comment: None.

15. Future Agenda Items

Dr. Daniels requested a future agenda item addressing the operational aspects of CE delivery and verification, noting the concerns raised in the written public comment on the issue. She also asked for a discussion on strengthening the Board’s regulation related to site inspection authority to ensure staff have the necessary resources to conduct proactive enforcement activities.

Public Comment: None.

16. Closed Session

The Board met in closed session to deliberate and vote on disciplinary matters and conduct the annual performance of its Executive Officer pursuant to Government Code section 11126, subdivisions (a)(1) and (c)(3).

The Board then reconvened to open session.

17. Strategic Planning Session

The Board participated in a strategic planning session that was facilitated and guided by Trisha St.Clair and Sarah Irani from DCA's SOLID Planning Solutions.

18. Recess Until Friday, April 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

The Board recessed at 3:19 p.m. until Friday, April 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Friday, April 17, 2026

19. Call to Order / Roll Call / Establishment of a Quorum

Dr. Adams called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Ms. Cruz called the roll. Mr. Sweet was excused from the meeting. All other members were present, and a quorum was established.

20. Petition Hearing for Early Termination of Probation

- Annie My Tran, D.C., License No. DC 30508, Case No. AC 2017-1131, OAH No. 2026030169

Administrative Law Judge Christopher W. Dietrich presided over a hearing before the Board in the matter of the petition for early termination of probation by Annie My Tran, D.C. Dr. Tran represented herself in the matter, and Deputy Attorney General Phillip L. Arthur represented the Attorney General of the State of California pursuant to Government Code section 11522.

21. Petition Hearings for Reinstatement of Surrendered Licenses

- A. Patrick Khaziran, License No. DC 31125, Case No. AC 2023-2014, OAH No. 2026030189
- B. Joshua Aaron Davidson, License No. DC 28363, Case No. 2013-959, OAH No. 2026030178

Judge Dietrich presided over a hearing before the Board in the matter of the petition for reinstatement of a surrendered license by Patrick Khaziran. Mr. Khaziran represented himself in the matter, and Mr. Arthur represented the Attorney General of the State of California pursuant to Government Code section 11522.

The hearing in the matter of the petition for reinstatement of a surrendered license by Joshua Aaron Davidson was rescheduled for the October 2026 Board meeting per a written request by Mr. Davidson's legal counsel, Maritsa A. Flaherty, on April 15, 2026.

22. Petition Hearings for Reinstatement of Revoked Licenses

- A. Yariv E. Rothman, License No. DC 25498, Case No. AC 2020-1248, OAH No. 2026030197
- B. Robert Bernard Cohen, License No. DC 27662, Case No. AC 2020-1264, OAH No. 2026030194

Judge Dietrich presided over a hearing in the matter of the petition for reinstatement of a revoked license by Yariv E. Rothman. Phillip Kanarsh and Harry Nelson represented Mr. Rothman, who was present, and Mr. Arthur represented the Attorney General of the State of California pursuant to Government Code section 11522.

Judge Dietrich presided over a hearing in the matter of the petition for reinstatement of a revoked license by Robert Bernard Cohen. Ms. Flaherty represented Mr. Cohen, who was present, and Mr. Arthur represented the Attorney General of the State of California pursuant to Government Code section 11522.

Following the hearings, the Board returned to the discussion on Agenda Item 9.

9. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Finalize and Adopt the Board's Responses to the 2026 Sunset Review Issues

Ms. Walker presented the final draft of the Board's responses to the issues identified in the sunset review hearing background paper. She explained that case-specific data had been added to strengthen the justification for the proposed enhancements to the Board's enforcement authority and that the response regarding animal chiropractic had been updated to reflect the Board's previous discussion on the issue.

She referenced handouts outlining proposed changes to the Board's fee schedule and the corresponding projected fund condition if those changes were made through the Board's sunset bill. She provided an overview of the methodology used to develop the proposed fee schedule, explaining that most fees were recalculated using a 13.5 percent baseline adjustment to reflect current expenditures, followed by a three percent annual growth factor to establish the fee caps. She reviewed several exceptions to this approach, including reductions to the DC license application fee due to efficiencies gained through the Connect system and the alignment of the reciprocal license application fee with the standard application fee because the processes are similar. She also explained that the CE provider renewal fee was increased to cover program overhead, while the CE course application fee was significantly reduced based on anticipated automation of the Board's existing paper-based processes once the Connect system enhancements are implemented.

Ms. Walker noted that a 2017 fee study projected the DC license renewal fees should have reached a range of \$465 to \$486 by now had the prior recommendations been adopted. She stated that, based on current data, the ideal range for that fee should be between \$425 to \$450 but recommended a more conservative increase to \$400 to

minimize the immediate financial impact on licensees while still improving the Board's long-term fund condition. She reviewed updated fund condition projections, highlighting that implementation of the proposed fee schedule would begin to reduce the structural imbalance and prevent insolvency through the next sunset review period. She emphasized the importance of monitoring the Board's fund condition closely, evaluating fee performance annually, and making additional adjustments through the regulatory process biennially, if needed.

Dr. Adams noted the model anticipates repayment of the outstanding loan from the Bureau of Automotive Repair in fiscal year 2028–29. Dr. Daniels inquired about the timeline for reducing the costs associated with processing CE course applications. Ms. Walker confirmed that the planned Connect enhancements are expected to align with the January 1, 2027, fee implementation date. Ms. Cruz asked whether the annual fee growth was calculated using a simple or compound method. Ms. Walker confirmed that the growth factors applied in the fee schedule are compounding.

Motion: Dr. Azzolino moved to approve the Board's responses to the issues identified in the sunset review background paper and to authorize the Executive Officer to make any non-substantive and technical changes to the document.

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.

23. Closed Session

The Board met in closed session to deliberate and vote on the above petitions pursuant to Government Code section 11126, subdivision (c)(3).

The Board then reconvened to open session.

24. Adjournment

Dr. Adams adjourned the meeting at 1:42 p.m.

Attachment A

List of Approved Applications for Initial Doctor of Chiropractic Licenses Issued from January 1, 2026, to March 31, 2026

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Date Issued	License No.
Santiago		Ramirez	01/27/2026	DC 35293
Stephanie	Ellen	Schiff	01/27/2026	DC 35294
Serj		Zakarian	02/11/2026	DC 35295
Abby	Wing-Man	Wong	03/23/2026	DC 35296
Trent		Peng	03/25/2026	DC 35297
Hannia	Maneja	Iqbal	01/05/2026	DC 37520
Karen	Annette	Mitchell	01/07/2026	DC 37521
Jaehong		Lee	01/08/2026	DC 37522
Jason		Woods	01/12/2026	DC 37523
Del Rae	Naomi	Key	01/12/2026	DC 37524
Jonathan	Ray	Hernandez	01/14/2026	DC 37525
Madisyn	Erin Joy	Baxter	01/14/2026	DC 37526
Hannah	Rose	Hayes	01/15/2026	DC 37527
Trinity	Angelina	Rios	01/15/2026	DC 37528
Herbert	AJ	Forbes	01/20/2026	DC 37529
Linda	Mary	Nguyen	01/20/2026	DC 37530
Michael	Shane	Haney II	01/20/2026	DC 37531
Abigail	Marian	Golseth	01/21/2026	DC 37532
Rachel		Aloy	01/22/2026	DC 37533
Jeffery	Scott	Williams	01/22/2026	DC 37534
Tetiana	Anatoliyivna	Masterson	01/22/2026	DC 37535
Lillian	Sue	Sunderman	01/23/2026	DC 37536
Rigoberto		Carranza Jr.	01/26/2026	DC 37537
Kenna	Mihwa-Elyse	Son	01/28/2026	DC 37538
Deston	Makoa Mitsu	Watanabe	01/29/2026	DC 37539

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Tyler	Bryce	Howes	01/29/2026	DC 37540
Jakob	Thomas	Yates	01/29/2026	DC 37541
Sahil		Sehgal	01/30/2026	DC 37542
Carlos		Padilla	01/30/2026	DC 37543
Kamaile	Leilani Polo	Kenny	02/02/2026	DC 37544
Edgar	Eduardo	Esparza Jr.	02/02/2026	DC 37545
Jacob	Thomas	Leshner	02/03/2026	DC 37546
Ryan	Sal	Castellanos	02/03/2026	DC 37547
Jocelyn	Donatila	Arbaiza	02/03/2026	DC 37548
Broderick	Royce	Amrein	02/03/2026	DC 37549
Olivia		Guido	02/04/2026	DC 37550
Roman	Anthony	Olvera	02/04/2026	DC 37551
Dongyual		Yoo	02/04/2026	DC 37552
Jordan		Borrayo	02/04/2026	DC 37553
Luis		Sandoval V	02/04/2026	DC 37554
Jordan	Alan	Jacobson	02/04/2026	DC 37555
Chia-Huang		Liao	02/05/2026	DC 37556
Qian		Zhang	02/05/2026	DC 37557
David	Alfredo	Troncoso Rodriguez	02/05/2026	DC 37558
David	Walker	Black	02/05/2026	DC 37559
Kain	Andrew	Su'a	02/05/2026	DC 37560
Eugene Santino	Rocillo	Colorina	02/06/2026	DC 37561
Zohra		Moshtaq	02/06/2026	DC 37562
Sydney	Evyn	Goldman	02/10/2026	DC 37563
Audrey	Rose	Dunn	02/10/2026	DC 37564
Sean	Alan	Reid	02/10/2026	DC 37565
Felipe	De Jesus	Lara	02/10/2026	DC 37566
Kimberly	Eileen	Hadeka	02/10/2026	DC 37567

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Kristine	Grace	Troesch	02/10/2026	DC 37568
Andre	Simon	Harriague	02/11/2026	DC 37569
Julia	Elizabeth	Rrhizae	02/11/2026	DC 37570
Andrew	Wiley	Berman	02/11/2026	DC 37571
Delaine	Elizabeth	Freeman	02/12/2026	DC 37572
John	Antony	Bassily	02/12/2026	DC 37573
Kiara	Kimie	Espeleta	02/13/2026	DC 37574
Valentin		Luna	02/13/2026	DC 37575
Daniel	Theodore	Moreno	02/17/2026	DC 37576
Cody	Allen	Caldwell	02/17/2026	DC 37577
Jared	Xavier	Ramos	02/17/2026	DC 37578
Andrew	Jasper	Capucio	02/17/2026	DC 37579
Alexander	Jerrell	Fitzpatrick	02/18/2026	DC 37580
Mazyar		Mohsenpour	02/18/2026	DC 37581
Chandler	Evan Max	Short	02/18/2026	DC 37582
Emmanuel		Montanez	02/18/2026	DC 37583
Brett	Archer	McLean	02/18/2026	DC 37584
Shea	Francis	O'Malley	02/19/2026	DC 37585
Nathan	Francis	Chow	02/19/2026	DC 37586
Joshua	Min	Baek	02/19/2026	DC 37587
Nicholas	Ismael	Pedroza	02/19/2026	DC 37588
Mayra		Cortez	02/20/2026	DC 37589
Devan	Marie	Doyle	02/23/2026	DC 37590
Mariah	Christine-Su	Qura	02/25/2026	DC 37591
Christopher	Cortley	Fritter	02/25/2026	DC 37592
Leilani	Anne	Wagner	02/25/2026	DC 37593
Brittnee	R.V.	Jack	02/27/2026	DC 37594
Austin	Earl	Bohnsack	02/27/2026	DC 37595

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Olivia	Anne	Garland	02/27/2026	DC 37596
Diana		Ruiz	02/27/2026	DC 37597
Manuel	Armando	Alday-Herrera	03/02/2026	DC 37598
Tina		Navarifar	03/02/2026	DC 37599
Kathleen Ann	Marciano	Cabrera	03/04/2026	DC 37600
Seth	Gavin	Frankenberger	03/05/2026	DC 37601
Carlos	Moreno	Vazquez	03/05/2026	DC 37602
Kaleigh	Anna	Biedron	03/05/2026	DC 37603
Yuriko		Hazlehurst	03/06/2026	DC 37604
Marisa	June	Eivins	03/06/2026	DC 37605
Regan	Claire	Morris	03/09/2026	DC 37606
Daniel	Adrian	Pena	03/09/2026	DC 37607
Erick	Humberto	Bustillos	03/10/2026	DC 37608
Kirt	Wayne	Repp	03/11/2026	DC 37609
Monica		Vigil	03/13/2026	DC 37610
Tyler	Chase	Johnson	03/16/2026	DC 37611
Quentin		La	03/16/2026	DC 37612
Shrouk	Shaher	Haddad	03/18/2026	DC 37613
Estefania		Magallanes Rodriguez	03/19/2026	DC 37614
Madison	Kane	Carroll	03/23/2026	DC 37615
Maxemiliano	Leyva	Alcantar	03/23/2026	DC 37616
Zachary	Richard	Schuberg	03/24/2026	DC 37617
Keenen	Alexander	Cisneros	03/25/2026	DC 37618
Erin	Dallas	Wood	03/26/2026	DC 37619
Isaac		Cuevas	03/27/2026	DC 37620
Adrian		Nuno	03/30/2026	DC 37621
Adam	Christopher	Ruvalcaba	03/30/2026	DC 37622

Attachment B

List of Approved New Continuing Education Providers

Provider Name	CE Oversight Contact Person	Provider Status
Myodetox West Hollywood LLC	Nathan Vanderkuip	Corporation