

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 16, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Kentucky Board of Chiropractic Examiners was held at the Department of Professional Licensing located at 500 Mero Street, Frankfort, KY 40601 and via Microsoft Teams on January 16, 2026.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Shannon Johnson  
Dr. Rachael Kuperus  
Dr. Kelly Cooper-Henson  
Dr. Chad Henderson  
Dr. Michael Pugh

**DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING**

Patrick Riley, PPC, OLS, Legal Counsel  
Jeff Bardroff, Administrative Section Supervisor  
Ashley Cotton, Administrative Specialist Senior  
Jenna Wells, Administrative Specialist Senior

**GUESTS**

Dr. Rachel Wendt, Kentucky Association of Chiropractors  
Dr. Brian Wentz, Campbellsville University  
Kenneth Owen

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Dr. Kuperus to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2025, board meeting. Motion seconded by Dr. Cooper-Henson, carried.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The board reviewed the November and December 2025 financial statements. No action taken.

**DPL UPDATE**

No Report.

**LEGAL COUNSEL**

No Report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Active Patient File Inquiry was reviewed. Dr. Johnson made a motion to defer inquiry to be further reviewed by Board Counsel Catherine Falconer. Motion seconded by Dr. Kuperus, carried.

The Campbellsville University inquiry was reviewed. Prior to Board Administrator responding, the Board requested that the second question be deferred for further review by Board Counsel Catherine Falconer, specifically regarding x-ray.

The Chiropractic Freedom Coalition - Request for Board Meeting Schedule, Procedures, and Member Roster was reviewed. Dr. Johnson made a motion to allow Board Administrator to respond referring requestor to KBCE's website. Motion seconded by Dr. Kuperus, carried.

The Request for Clarification on Licensing Pathway for Campbellsville SOC Graduates was reviewed. Board administrator will respond.

#### 2026 NBCE Meeting Dates

Dr. Johnson made a motion to nominate Dr. Pugh to attend Part IV Examination - Spring - Campus Based Administration on May 16-17, 2026. Motion seconded by Dr. Kuperus, carried.

Dr. Johnson made a motion to nominate Dr. Kuperus to attend Part III & Physiotherapy Test Development Committees on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Motion seconded by Dr. Pugh, carried.

Dr. Henderson made a motion to nominate Dr. Johnson to attend Part IV Test Development Committee on June 12-13, 2026, in Greeley, CO. Motion seconded by Dr. Pugh, carried.

Dr. Henderson made a motion to nominate Dr. Cooper-Henson to attend Part II Test Development Committee on Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. Motion seconded by Dr. Kuperus, carried.

Dr. Johnson made a motion to nominate Dr. Kuperus to attend Part I Test Development Committee on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Motion seconded by Dr. Cooper-Henson, carried.

#### **APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Dr. Johnson moved, and Dr. Cooper-Henson seconded for the Board to enter closed session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(j) and (1)(k) regarding deliberations of quasi-judicial bodies at which information protected by federal and state law may be discussed, to discuss application listed on the agenda and T.B. Continuing Education Inquiry. All being in favor, the Board entered closed session at 12:53 p.m.

Dr. Johnson moved to leave closed session. Motion seconded by Dr. Cooper-Henson, carried. Regular session resumed at 1:11 p.m.

Dr. Johnson made a motion for the following:

- C.K. – K.C. Preceptorship Application: Defer to Board Counsel.
- B.M. – E.K. Preceptorship Application: Defer to Board Counsel.
- A.W. – E.W. Preceptorship Application: Board Administrator will request proof of malpractice insurance from preceptor specifically listing preceptor's name.
- T.B. Continuing Education Inquiry: Board Administrator will respond.

Motion seconded by Dr. Cooper-Henson, carried.

Board administrator asked if Jurisprudence Course can be used as continuing education.

Dr. Johnson made a motion to refer to Board Counsel. Motion seconded by Dr. Henderson, carried.

The board reviewed the Licensure Record Report. No action taken.

#### **STATUTES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE**

Dr. Kuperus made a motion to approve regulation changes and for legal counsel to file the following: 201 KAR 21:015, 201 KAR 21:041, 201 KAR 21:052, 201 KAR 21:055, 201 KAR 21:070, 201 KAR 21:085, 201 KAR 21:090, and 201 KAR 21:095. Motion seconded by Dr. Henderson, carried.

## COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

The Complaints Committee presented the following recommendations:

- **2020KBCE00001** – Complaint closed. Complaint is retained in licensee’s file pending potential reinstatement.
- **2020KBCE00007** – Complaint closed. Complaint is retained in licensee’s file pending potential reinstatement.
- **2021KBCE00008** – Complaint closed. Complaint is retained in licensee’s file pending potential reinstatement.
- **2020KBCE00001** – Complaint closed. Complaint is retained in licensee’s file pending potential reinstatement.
- **2021KBCE00009** – Recommend voting to adopt the default motion of the hearing officer.
- **2021KBCE00016** – Complaint closed. Complaint is retained in licensee’s file pending potential reinstatement.
- **2021KBCE00025** – Complaint closed. Complaint is retained in licensee’s file pending potential reinstatement.
- **2021KBCE00029** – Complaint closed. Complaint is retained in licensee’s file pending potential reinstatement.
- **2021KBCE00017** – Complaint closed. Complaint is retained in licensee’s file pending potential reinstatement.
- **2021KBCE00019** – Complaint closed due to lack of jurisdiction.
- **ABC Complaint** – Complaint closed due to lack of jurisdiction.
- **2025KBCE00002** – Dismissed. Appears to be a contract dispute.
- **2025KBCE00003** – Dismissed due to insufficient evidence.
- **2025KBCE00004** – Deferred.
- **2025KBCE00009** – Deferred.
- **J.M. Self-Report Claim** – Closed with no new action. Retain in licensee’s file pending potential reinstatement.
- **J.M. FCLB News Alert** – Closed with no new action. Retain in licensee’s file pending potential reinstatement.
- **J.M. NPDB Report** – Closed with no new action. Retain in licensee’s file pending potential reinstatement.
- **B.D. Practice Name** – Recommend renewal application be audited for noncompliance with Board demand.
- **D.B. SOS Filing** – Ongoing.
- **J.H. 2023 Renewal** – Dismissed.
- **R.G. 2023 Renewal** – Dismissed.
- **D.M. Self-Report** – Ongoing.
- **M.Q. Self-Report** – Ongoing.
- **T.P. Incomplete Jurisprudence** – Closed. Retain in licensee’s file pending potential reinstatement.
- **A.P. Self-Report** – Recommend renewal application be audited for noncompliance with Board demand.
- **K.R. Self-Report** – Ongoing.

- **A.D. Self-Report** – Acknowledge receipt of report via email. Any information or updates regarding this report will be reviewed in the event that the licensee applies for reinstatement in Kentucky.

A motion was made by Dr. Johnson to accept the above-listed complaint committee recommendations as presented. Motion seconded by Dr. Cooper-Henson, carried.

### **TRAVEL AND PER DIEM**

A motion was made by Dr. Cooper-Henson to approve the following travel and per diem:

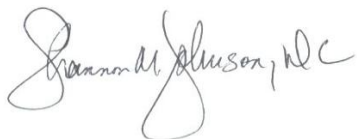
- Dr. Johnson – December 9, 2025 (Special Board Meeting), January 8, 2026 (Complaints Committee Meeting), and January 16, 2026 (Board Meeting).
- Dr. Kuperus – December 9, 2025 (Special Board Meeting), January 7, 2026 (2 Hours – Complaints Review), January 8, 2026 (Complaints Committee Meeting), January 15, 2026 (Regulations Committee Meeting), and January 16, 2026 (Board Meeting).
- Dr. Henderson – December 9, 2025 (Special Board Meeting), January 15, 2026 (Regulations Committee Meeting), and January 16, 2026 (Board Meeting).
- Dr. Cooper-Henson – November 12, 2026 (3 Hours – Applications Review), November 13, 2026 (4 Hours – Applications Review), November 26, 2025 (3.5 Hours – Applications Review), December 9, 2025 (Special Board Meeting), December 10, 2025 (3.5 Hours – Applications Review), December 22, 2025 (2.25 Hours – Applications Review), and January 16, 2026 (Board Meeting).
- Dr. Pugh – December 9, 2025 (Special Board Meeting) and January 16, 2026 (Board Meeting).

Motion seconded by Dr. Johnson, carried.

The next Board Meeting is March 13, 2026, at 12pm ET.

### **ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Dr. Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 1:20 p.m. Motion seconded by Dr. Henderson, carried.



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Dr. Shannon Johnson, Board President