

KENTUCKY BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
MEETING MINUTES
November 14, 2025

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 November 14, 2025.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

Kristen Lawson, DPL Commissioner
Jeff Bardroff, Administrative Section Supervisor
Ashley Cotton, Administrative Specialist Senior

GUESTS

Dr. Rachel Wendt, KAC
Lizabeth Arena
Dr. Brian Wentz

OTHERS

Catherine Falconer, Public Protection Cabinet
Office of Legal Services, General Counsel

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Kuperus to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2025, board meeting. Motion seconded by Dr. Cooper-Henson, carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The board reviewed the September and October 2025 financial statements. No action taken.

DPL UPDATE

No Report.

LEGAL COUNSEL

No Report.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Johnson made a motion to move forward with audit conducted by the Kentucky Auditor of Public Accounts for FY24-FY25 pursuant to 201 KAR 21:025. Motion seconded by Dr. Cooper-Henson, carried.

Motion by Dr. Henderson to respond to the following inquiries: Inquiry Q. 1 regarding advertising and dry needling, that Kentucky law allows a chiropractor to perform dry needling after taking an in-person, board-approved course; and, regarding Inquiry Q. 2 & 3, that the Board or Board Counsel is unable to provide licensees, applicants, or the general public, with legal advice or advisory opinions, nor interpret

statutes or regulations, and that a private attorney should be consulted in order to obtain legal advice or assistance with a legal matter. Motion seconded by Dr. Cooper-Henson, carried

The CCE Election Results were reviewed. No action.

Dr. Johnson moved to enter closed session pursuant to KRS 61.815(1) and KRS 61.810(1)(j) and (k) to deliberate on the Department of Veterans Affairs inquiry. Motion seconded by Dr. Cooper-Henson, carried. The Board entered closed session at 1:01 p.m.

Dr. Johnson moved to leave closed session. Motion seconded by Dr. Henderson, carried. Regular session resumed at 1:09 p.m.

Dr. Johnson made a motion to have Board Counsel respond to the Department of Veterans Affairs inquiry. Motion seconded by Dr. Cooper-Henson, carried.

Dr. Henderson made a motion to nominate Dr. Johnson to attend NBCE Part IV Test Development on February 20-21, 2026, in Greeley, CO. Motion seconded by Dr. Pugh, carried.

Dr. Kuperus made a motion to accept the proposed 2026 Meeting Schedule with amended May dates. All meetings beginning at noon ET as follows:

Board Meeting

January 16, 2026
March 13, 2026
May 22, 2026
July 24, 2026
September 18, 2026
November 13, 2026

Regulations Committee

January 15, 2026
March 12, 2026
May 21, 2026
July 23, 2026
September 17, 2026
November 12, 2026

Complaints Committee

January 8, 2026
March 5, 2026
May 14, 2026
July 16, 2026
September 10, 2026
November 5, 2026

Applications Committee

January 12, 2026
March 9, 2026
May 18, 2026
July 20, 2026
September 14, 2026
November 9, 2026

Motion seconded by Dr. Cooper-Henson, carried.

Officer & Committee Appointments

Dr. Henderson made a motion to nominate Dr. Johnson as Board President. Motion seconded by Dr. Cooper-Henson, carried.

Dr. Henderson made a motion to nominate Dr. Kuperus as Board Vice President. Motion seconded by Dr. Johnson, carried.

Dr. Johnson made a motion to nominate Dr. Cooper-Henson as Board Secretary. Motion seconded by Dr. Kuperus, carried.

The Committee Appointments will remain the same. No objections.

APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

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

STATUTES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Regulation Changes – Ongoing.

Dr. Henderson made a motion to accept changes to 201 KAR 21:085 Amended Section 3-4 under the Requirements of Student Doctor and to the definitions of paragraphs 18 and 24. Motion seconded by Dr. Kuperus, carried.

Dr. Johnson made a motion to allow the Regulations Committee and Campbellsville University meet regarding the regulatory revisions. Motion seconded by Dr. Henderson, carried.

COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

The Complaints Committee presented the following recommendations:

- **2021KBCE00012** – Dismissed.
- **2021KBCE00021** – Dismissed.
- **2021KBCE00034** – Dismissed.
- **2021KBCE00036** – Dismissed.
- **2022KBCE00002** – Dismissed.
- **2022KBCE00003** – Ongoing.
- **2023KBCE00006** – Board counsel will pursue communication with attorney in attempt to conclude negotiations on AO. If unable to resolve AO issues by next committee meeting, a 13B case will be pursued.
- **2023KBCE00007** – Board counsel will pursue communication with attorney in attempt to conclude negotiations on AO. If unable to resolve AO issues by next committee meeting, a 13B case will be pursued.
- **2023KBCE00008** – Dismissed.
- **2025KBCE00003** – Board attorney contacted licensee regarding updating address, phone number, and email. Licensee indicated they would comply. Mail and email acknowledgement letter (3rd attempt).
- **2025KBCE00007** – Dismissed. Board counsel will draft response.
- **2025J02206 – Referral** – Assign to investigator.
- **J.S. Lawsuit** – Ongoing.
- **R.G. 2023 Renewal** – Ongoing.
- **K.R. Self-Report** – Ongoing.
- **D.M. Self-Report** – Ongoing.
- **J.H. 2023 Renewal** – Request resolution from attorney.
- **B.D. Practice Name** – Board counsel will draft letter to licensee requesting a photo of signage that clearly notates the word “Chiropractor or Chiropractic” as pursuant to KRS 312.145 (3). Failure to respond in 20 days, the Board will pursue available administrative remedies.

- **A.P. Self-Report** – Mail and email acknowledgement letter (3rd attempt).
- **J.C. Self-Report** – Ongoing.
- **PR-476** – No action.
- **T.P. Self-Report** – No action.

K.M. Solutions Update

- **2024KBCE00001** – Ongoing.
- **2024KBCE00002** – Ongoing.

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. Kuperus to approve the following travel and per diem:

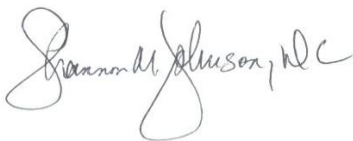
- Dr. Johnson – November 5, 2025 (2 Hours – Meeting Prep), November 6, 2025 (Complaints Committee Meeting), November 13, 2025 (1 Hour – Meeting Prep), and November 14, 2025 (Board Meeting).
- Dr. Henderson – November 13, 2025 (Regulations Committee Meeting) and November 14, 2025 (Board Meeting).
- Dr. Kuperus – November 5, 2025 (1.5 Hours – Meeting Prep), November 6, 2025 (Complaints Committee Meeting), November 13, 2025 (Regulations Committee Meeting), and November 14, 2025 (Board Meeting).
- Dr. Cooper-Henson – September 13, 2025 (2.75 Hours – Application Review), October 11, 2025 (2.75 Hours – Application Review), November 1, 2025 (1.5 Hours – Application Review), and November 14, 2025 (Board Meeting).
- Dr. Pugh – November 14, 2025 (Board Meeting).

Motion seconded by Dr. Cooper-Henson, carried.

The next Board Meeting is January 16, 2026, at 12pm ET.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Dr. Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 1:12 p.m. Motion seconded by Dr. Cooper-Henson, carried.



Dr. Shannon Johnson, Board President