



## **BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS MEETING MINUTES**

**December 9, 2025**

The Board of Chiropractic Examiners (Board) met via teleconference/Webex Events on December 9, 2025, from the following locations:

4100 W. Alameda Avenue  
Third Floor  
Burbank, CA 91505

231 Del Monte Road  
El Granada, CA 94018

3455 Knighton Road  
Redding, CA 96002

38 Blue Water Circle  
Sacramento, CA 95831

1545 Broadway, Suite 1A  
San Francisco, CA 94109

101 Andrieux Street  
Sonoma, CA 95476

### **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.  
Rafael Sweet

### **Staff Present**

Kristin Walker, Executive Officer  
Tammi Herrera, Assistant Executive Officer  
Lynne Reinhardt, Enforcement Manager  
Amanda Ah Po, Lead Licensing & Continuing Education 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. Daniels called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m. Ms. Cruz called the roll. The Board members were present from the following teleconference locations: Dr. Adams in Sonoma; Dr. Daniels in El Granada; Ms. Cruz in Sacramento; Dr. Azzolino in San Francisco; Dr. Paris in Redding; and Mr. Sweet in Burbank. A quorum was established.

## **2. Review and Possible Approval of November 7, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** Dr. Daniels moved to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2025 Board meeting.

**Second:** Ms. Cruz seconded the motion.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Vote:** 6-0 (Dr. Adams-AYE, Dr. Daniels-AYE, Ms. Cruz-AYE, Dr. Azzolino-AYE, Dr. Paris-AYE, and Mr. Sweet-AYE).

**Motion:** Carried.

## **3. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Finalizing and Adopting the Board's 2026 Sunset Review Report**

Ms. Walker presented a draft of the Board's 2026 Sunset Review Report, noting that it reflects the Board's prior discussions on issues raised during the 2022 sunset review and outlines the Board's current legislative priorities, including addressing the Board's budget and fund condition, eliminating the seven-year washout period for prior discipline against an applicant involving sexual abuse or misconduct, obtaining automatic license revocation and suspension authority similar to that of the Medical Board of California, and authorizing the Board automatically impose a chaperone requirement when a licensee faces criminal charges for a sex offense or administrative charges for sexual abuse or misconduct involving a patient. She also highlighted a request for explicit statutory authority to conduct state and federal criminal background checks of doctor of chiropractic applicants and licensees, based on recent recommendations from the California Department of Justice, to ensure continued access to federal background check results and prepare the Board to participate in the Federal Bureau of Investigation's "rap back" service when available.

Dr. Daniels commented that the report looked great and suggested that Section 10 (New Issues) also include a request for statutory authority to establish a fee for issuing and renewing a chiropractic facility permit, a new license type currently being developed by the Licensing Committee. Ms. Walker agreed.

Dr. Daniels referenced Question 56, which asks whether the Board needs statutory authority or clarification to more effectively regulate online practice, and noted the proposed response states that current statutes and regulations are sufficient. She questioned whether the Board should seek additional authority considering the Chiropractic Specialties Subcommittee's ongoing work on issues of advertising and specialty recognition. Ms. Walker recommended addressing these issues through regulation, explaining that the Chiropractic Initiative Act of California already grants the Board broad authority to adopt regulations. She emphasized that the regulatory process

allows the Board to draft and approve precise language, whereas legislation is outside of the Board's direct control.

**Motion: Dr. Daniels moved to approve the Board's 2026 Sunset Review Report, with the inclusion of a request for statutory fee authority for a chiropractic facility permit, and to delegate authority to the Board's Chair and Vice Chair to approve any substantive changes that may be necessary prior to the submission of the final report to the Legislature.**

**Second: Ms. Cruz seconded the motion.**

**Public Comment:** None.

**Vote: 6-0 (Dr. Adams-AYE, Dr. Daniels-AYE, Ms. Cruz-AYE, Dr. Azzolino-AYE, Dr. Paris-AYE, and Mr. Sweet-AYE).**

**Motion: Carried.**

#### **4. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda**

**Public Comment:** An unidentified caller requested that the Board continue looking into regulating certified animal chiropractors in California.

#### **5. Future Agenda Items**

**Public Comment:** None.

#### **6. Adjournment**

Dr. Adams adjourned the meeting at 1:28 p.m.