



NOTICE OF TELECONFERENCE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee Members

Rafael Sweet, Chair
Sergio Azzolino, D.C.
David Paris, D.C.

The Board of Chiropractic Examiners' (Board) Enforcement Committee will meet by teleconference on:

**Wednesday, March 18, 2026
12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
(or until completion of business)**

This teleconference meeting will be held in accordance with the provisions of Government Code section 11123.5. Board staff will be present at the primary physical meeting location below and all Committee members will be participating virtually from remote locations.

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Primary Physical Meeting Location

**Department of Consumer Affairs
Monterey Room
1625 N. Market Blvd., Suite N-322
Sacramento, CA 95834**

AGENDA

Discussion and action may be taken on any agenda item

- 1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Establishment of a Quorum**
- 2. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda**
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- 3. Review and Possible Approval of December 19, 2024 Committee Meeting Minutes**
- 4. Update on the Board's Enforcement Program**
- 5. Review, Discussion, and Possible Recommendation on Regulatory Proposal Concerning Minimum Supervision and Training Requirements for Chiropractic Assistants, Responsibility for Conduct on Premises, and Sexual Misconduct (amend California Code of Regulations [CCR], Title 16, sections 312 and 316)**
- 6. Review, Discussion, and Possible Recommendation on Regulatory Proposal Concerning Disciplinary Guidelines and Uniform Standards for Substance Abusing Licensees, Including Filing and Evaluation Process for Petitions for Reinstatement, Reduction of Penalty, or Early Termination of Probation (amend CCR, title 16, section 384, add section 385, and repeal section 386)**

7. Future Agenda Items

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8. Adjournment

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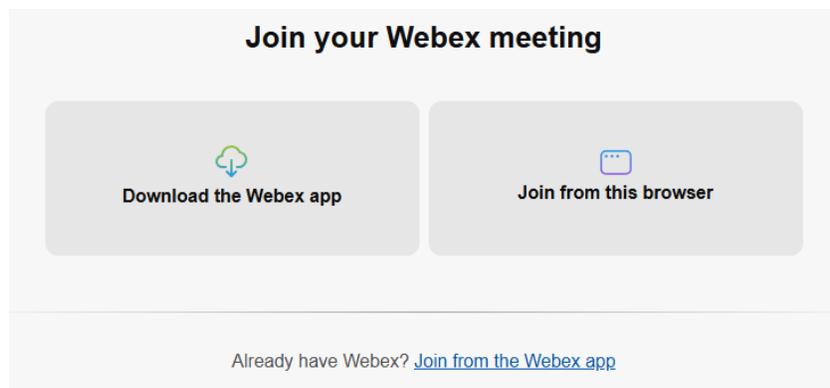
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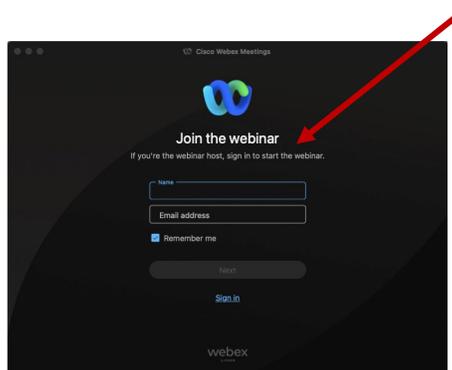
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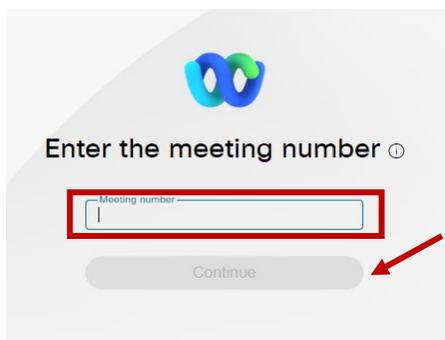
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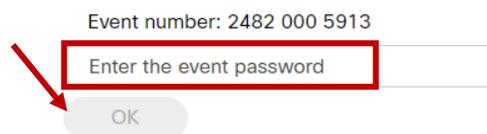
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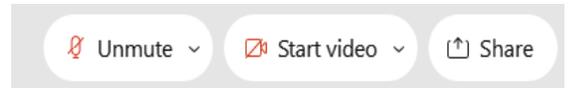
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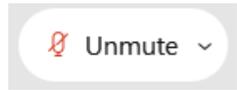


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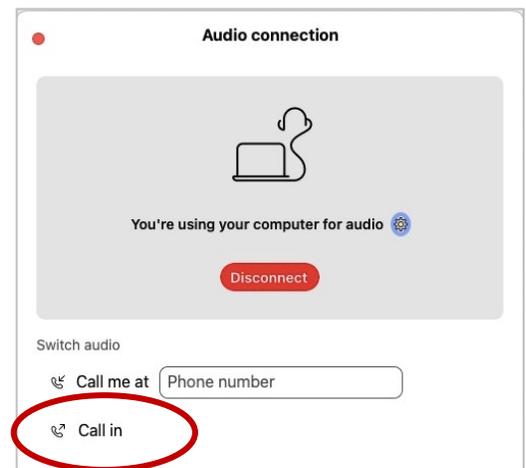
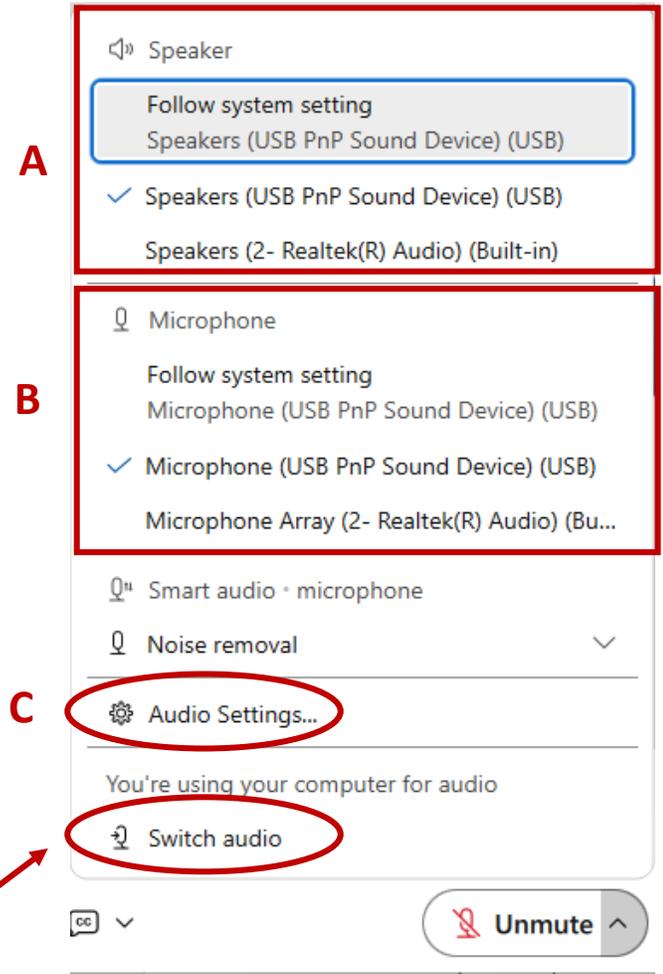
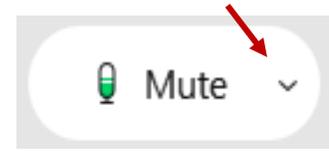
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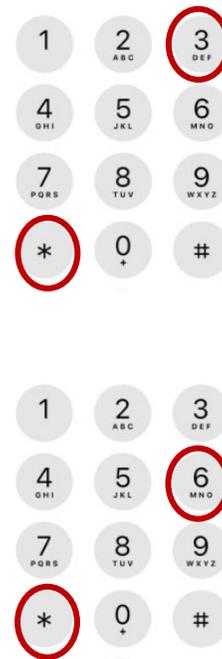


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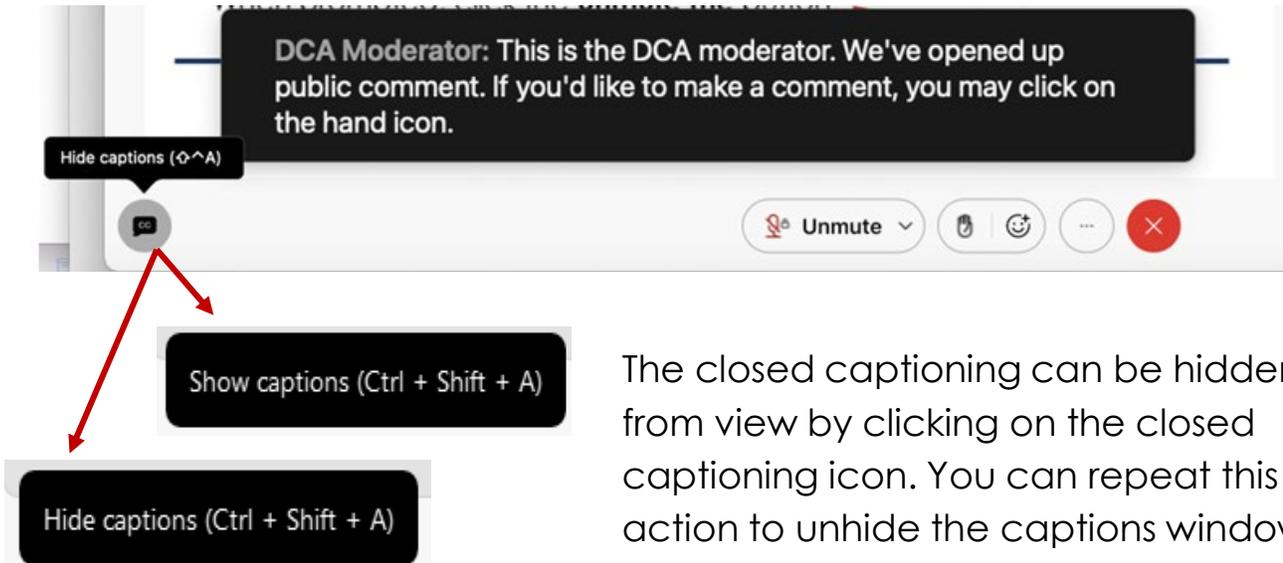


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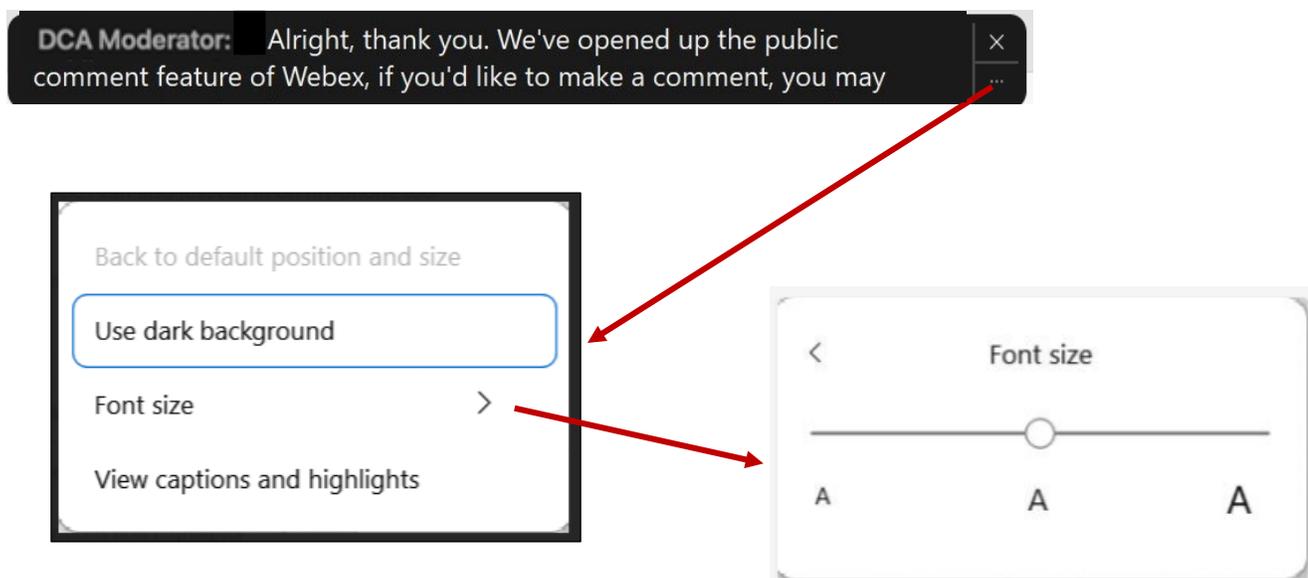
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Agenda Item 1
March 18, 2026

Call to Order / Roll Call / Establishment of a Quorum

Purpose of the Item

Rafael Sweet, Chair of the Board's Enforcement Committee, will call the meeting to order. Roll will be called by Sergio Azzolino, D.C.

Committee Members

Rafael Sweet
Sergio Azzolino, D.C.
David Paris, D.C.



Agenda Item 2
March 18, 2026

Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Purpose of the Item

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**Agenda Item 3
March 18, 2026**

Review and Possible Approval of December 19, 2024 Committee Meeting Minutes

Purpose of the Item

The Committee will review and possibly approve the draft minutes of the previous meeting held on December 19, 2024.

Action Requested

The Committee will be asked to make a motion to approve the meeting minutes.

Attachment

- December 19, 2024 Enforcement Committee Meeting Minutes (Draft)



**Agenda Item 3
Attachment**

**BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

December 19, 2024

The Enforcement Committee (Committee) of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners (Board) met via teleconference/Webex Events on December 19, 2024, in accordance with the provisions of Government Code section 11123.5. Board staff were present at the primary physical meeting location listed below and all Committee members participated virtually from remote locations.

Primary Physical Meeting Location

Department of Consumer Affairs
El Dorado Room
1625 N. Market Blvd., Suite N-220
Sacramento, CA 95834

Committee Members Present

Rafael Sweet, Chair
Laurence Adams, D.C.
David Paris, D.C.

Staff Present

Kristin Walker, Executive Officer
Tammi Pitto, Assistant Executive Officer
Lynne Reinhardt, Enforcement Manager
Dixie Van Allen, Licensing & Administration Manager
Amanda Ah Po, Enforcement Analyst
Sabina Knight, Board Counsel, Attorney III, Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA)
Steven Vong, Regulatory Counsel, Attorney III, DCA

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

Mr. Sweet called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m. Dr. Adams called the roll. All members were present, and a quorum was established.

2. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Public Comment: None.

3. Review and Possible Approval of December 8, 2023 Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion: Dr. Adams moved to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2023 Enforcement Committee meeting.

Second: Dr. Paris seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None.

Vote: 3-0 (Mr. Sweet-AYE, Dr. Adams-AYE, and Dr. Paris-AYE).

Motion: Carried.

4. Update on Board's Enforcement Program

Ms. Walker updated the Committee on the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards' (FCLB) and National Board of Chiropractic Examiners' (NBCE) annual meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, in May 2025 and FCLB's regional meeting in Omaha, Nebraska, in fall 2025. She shared key 2025 legislative dates and explained that the California State Assembly and Senate adopted new rules limiting each legislator to 35 bills, which may reduce the number of new bills affecting the Board and DCA. She also commented that while the Government and Public Affairs Committee has historically recommended positions on all bills for the Board's consideration, the Board may want to consider a model in which bills affecting licensure or enforcement are instead routed to the Licensing and Enforcement Committees.

She summarized the status of the Board's pending regulatory proposals affecting the Enforcement Program and acknowledged staff's work in enforcement. She reported that the Board currently has 355 pending complaints, which is a reduction of about 10 percent since summer 2024 and 50 fewer cases than at the end of fiscal year 2022–23. She added that the Board has 47 pending disciplinary cases, a reduction of about 15 percent since summer 2024.

Dr. Adams asked for clarification on the travel dates for the FCLB and NBCE annual meeting. Dr. Paris offered to share the proposed meeting agenda.

Mr. Sweet commented on the reduction in pending complaints and asked whether that number is expected to continue decreasing. Ms. Walker shared a goal of reducing it to 250, based on maintaining an active complaint workload of no more than 50 percent of the total complaints received annually, which is generally between 500 and 700. Mr. Sweet asked about the timeline for completing those cases. Ms. Walker stated the average age of pending complaints is about one year and that, in addition to increasing complaint closures, the Enforcement Unit is focused on moving toward the target active investigation timeframe of 120 days. She also shared plans to leverage the Connect system to differentiate between active investigation and inactive case management

activities to better inform the Board's strategies and improve reporting of case-related metrics.

Public Comment: None.

5. Review, Discussion, and Possible Recommendation Regarding Regulatory Proposal to Update the Minimum Supervision and Training Requirements for Chiropractic Assistants Within a Chiropractic Practice (amend California Code of Regulations [CCR], Title 16, section 312)

Ms. Walker introduced this agenda item and noted the draft language now standardizes the term "chiropractic assistant" for individuals assisting licensees with clinical care and outlines supervising licensees' responsibilities for assistants working under direct and indirect supervision. She outlined the minimum eligibility for a chiropractic assistant to work under indirect supervision through three pathways—examination through FCLB's chiropractic assistant certification; education through a chiropractic, physical therapy, or physical therapy assistant program; or supervised clinical experience. She added the proposal prohibits assistants from modifying or deviating from the supervising licensee's treatment plan and requires consultation with the licensee if a patient presents with new symptoms or complaints.

Dr. Paris suggested broader equivalency language for chiropractic assistant certifications so future Board-recognized programs beyond FCLB could qualify. Mr. Sweet concurred. Dr. Paris also noted the language should include a requirement for the supervising licensee to specify the parameters for physiotherapy modalities, such as intensity and duration, to prevent patient injury. Dr. Adams agreed.

Dr. Adams questioned the 2,000-hour clinical experience requirement, noting the burden on a practice. Ms. Walker explained it was aligned with FCLB's program and equates to about one year of experience, but it could be reduced.

Mr. Sweet asked about the Board's jurisdiction over unlicensed individuals. Ms. Walker clarified the Board can issue citations to chiropractic assistants who exceed the scope of practice provided in the regulation. She also added that it would be helpful to explicitly state that the supervising licensee will also be held responsible for the assistant's actions. Mr. Sweet concurred.

The Committee also discussed potentially replacing the term "chiropractic assistant" with "clinical assistant" in the draft language.

Motion: Dr. Adams moved to recommend that the Board consider the regulatory proposal to amend CCR, title 16, section 312 with the amendments from the Committee's discussion.

Second: Dr. Paris seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None.

Vote: 3-0 (Mr. Sweet-AYE, Dr. Adams-AYE, and Dr. Paris-AYE).

Motion: Carried.

6. Review, Discussion, and Possible Recommendation Regarding Regulatory Proposal to Update the Record Keeping and Retention Requirements for Chiropractic Patient Records (amend CCR, Title 16, section 318)

Ms. Pitto presented the updates made to the conceptual language to amend the Board's record keeping requirements based on the Board's January 12, 2024, discussion, including removing the gender requirement, replacing "estimated" height and weight with "approximate," adding orthopedic and neurological testing to the initial examination, and removing the requirement to include procedure codes in the records.

Dr. Adams raised concerns about the documentation for wellness visits, emphasizing the need for clear, practical expectations. Dr. Paris noted the draft's follow-up visit elements align with a basic SOAP note and recommended flexible phrasing, such as "pertinent" or "appropriate" orthopedic and neurological testing, to reflect the range of evaluation and management scenarios. He also supported "periodic re-examination as clinically indicated" rather than fixed intervals. Dr. Adams agreed, noting brief, legible follow-up documentation is acceptable with more detailed re-evaluations when clinically appropriate. He also suggested adding explicit recognition of generally accepted documentation frameworks, such as SOAP and PART, to the language.

Motion: Mr. Sweet moved to recommend that the Board consider the regulatory proposal to amend CCR, title 16, section 318 with the amendments from the Committee's discussion.

Second: Dr. Adams seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None.

Vote: 3-0 (Mr. Sweet-AYE, Dr. Adams-AYE, and Dr. Paris-AYE).

Motion: Carried.

7. Review, Discussion, and Possible Recommendation Regarding Regulatory Proposal to Update the Board's *Disciplinary Guidelines and Model Disciplinary Orders* and Implement the Uniform Standards for Substance Abusing Licensees (amend CCR, Title 16, section 384)

Ms. Walker summarized the Committee's policy work on the proposed updates to the Board's *Disciplinary Guidelines and Model Disciplinary Orders* and implementation of the Uniform Standards for Substance Abusing Licensees. She also explained that a

separate regulatory proposal addressing the filing and evaluation processes for petitions for reinstatement of licensure, early termination of probation, and reduction of penalty overlaps with the *Disciplinary Guidelines* content. She recommended that the Committee combine the two proposals and move them forward together to the Board for consideration.

Motion: Dr. Adams moved to recommend that the Board consider the regulatory proposal to update the Board's *Disciplinary Guidelines and Model Disciplinary Orders*, implement the Uniform Standards for Substance Abusing Licensees, and specify the filing and evaluation processes for petitions for reinstatement of licensure, early termination of probation, and reduction of penalty.

Second: Dr. Paris seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None.

Vote: 3-0 (Mr. Sweet-AYE, Dr. Adams-AYE, and Dr. Paris-AYE).

Motion: Carried.

8. Future Agenda Items

Ms. Walker suggested the Committee discuss outreach strategies that could help prevent common complaints and violations.

Public Comment: None.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Sweet adjourned the meeting at 1:59 p.m.



**Agenda Item 4
March 18, 2026**

Update on Board's Enforcement Program

Purpose of the Item

The Executive Officer and Board staff will provide the Committee with an update on the Board's Enforcement Program activities and statistics.

Action Requested

This agenda item is informational only and provided as a status update to the Committee. No action is required or requested at this time.

Attachment

- Executive Officer's March 12, 2026 Memo to Committee Members Regarding Enforcement Program Activities and Statistics



MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item 4 Attachment

DATE	March 17, 2026
TO	Members of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners' Enforcement Committee
FROM	Kristin Walker, Executive Officer
SUBJECT	Update on Board's Enforcement Program

This report provides an overview of recent Board of Chiropractic Examiners' (BCE) Enforcement Program activities.

BCE Board and Enforcement Committee Meetings

The following meetings have been scheduled:

- Wednesday, March 18, 2026 – Enforcement Committee (Teleconference)
- Thursday, April 16, 2026 and Friday, April 17, 2026 – Board (Sacramento)
- Thursday, July 23, 2026 – Board (Teleconference)
- Thursday, October 15, 2026, and Friday, October 16, 2026 – Board (Southern California)

Business Modernization: Implementation of the Connect System and Website Redesign

Staff continues to work with the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Office of Information Services (OIS) on business modernization projects, including enhancements to the Connect system and a full redesign of BCE's website.

OIS is completing documentation of BCE's existing workflows and data mapping in the Connect system in preparation for a planned upgrade to another version of the platform that provides additional out-of-the-box functionality. OIS anticipates initiating this upgrade with the vendor soon, with an estimated six-month completion timeline.

BCE is also developing enhancements to its enforcement workflows within Connect. These improvements are planned to be developed and deployed through phased software releases throughout 2026.

Staff is also working with OIS to redesign BCE's website and update the content in preparation for migrating to the latest version of the [state web template](#). The web

content is being updated and released on a flow basis, and the full website redesign is anticipated to be completed by summer 2026.

Government Reorganization Plan

On April 4, 2025, Governor Newsom transmitted a [government reorganization plan](#) to the Little Hoover Commission to split the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency (BCSH) into two agencies: the California Housing and Homeless Agency (CHHA) focused on housing, homelessness, and civil rights functions; and the Business and Consumer Services Agency (BCSA) focused on consumer protection and business regulation. On June 2, 2025, the Little Hoover Commission released its [full report](#) recommending the Legislature allow the reorganization plan to take effect. The plan went into effect on July 5, 2025.

Under the reorganization plan, as of July 1, 2026, DCA will be placed under the new BCSA along with the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, Alcoholic Beverage Control Appeals Board, Department of Cannabis Control, Department of Financial Protection and Innovation, California Horse Racing Board, and Department of Real Estate.

Legislation

[Assembly Bill 2775 \(Committee on Business and Professions\) State Board of Chiropractic Examiners: chiropractic corporations.](#) This is the Board's sunset bill, and it has been referred to the Assembly Business and Professions Committee.

[Senate Bill \(SB\) 1269 \(Ochoa Bogh\) Chiropractors: animal chiropractic practitioners.](#) This bill would establish a scheme for a licensed chiropractor to be registered by the Board as an animal chiropractic practitioner and would prohibit a chiropractor from practicing animal chiropractic without being registered as an animal chiropractic practitioner unless they are under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian. The bill would establish requirements for registration as an animal chiropractic practitioner, including holding a certification from one of specified credentialing organizations or a credentialing organization specified by the Board. The bill would establish requirements for practicing animal chiropractic and registering an animal chiropractic premises with the Board. The bill would require the Board, by regulation, to establish fees for registering an animal chiropractic premises. The bill would require an animal chiropractic practitioner to comply with the regulations of the Board applicable to chiropractors, would authorize the Board to adopt regulations necessary to implement the bill's provisions, and would require the Board, if adopting specified regulations, to consult with the Veterinary Medical Board, including regulations regarding standards of medicine or care for an animal. The bill would make an animal chiropractic practitioner exempt from the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act. This bill has been referred to the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee.

[SB 1355 \(Smallwood-Cuevas\) Healing arts: chiropractic corporations: application.](#)

This is a spot bill related to the Board, and it has been referred to the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee.

Legislative Calendar

Below are important dates and deadlines on the 2026 legislative calendar:

- March 26, 2026 – April 5, 2026: Spring Recess
- April 24, 2026: Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills introduced in their house
- May 1, 2026: Last day for policy committees to hear and report to the Floor non-fiscal bills introduced in their house
- May 15, 2026: Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the Floor bills introduced in their house
- May 29, 2026: Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house
- June 15, 2026: Budget bill must be passed by midnight
- July 2, 2026: Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills
- July 3, 2026 – August 2, 2026: Summer Recess
- August 14, 2026: Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills to the Floor
- August 21, 2026: Last day to amend on the Floor
- August 31, 2026: Last day for each house to pass bills
- September 30, 2026: Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills
- January 1, 2027: Statutes take effect

Outreach

The Board is scheduled to present ethics and tips for avoiding common violations to licensees and students attending the California Chiropractic Association's annual Legislative Day on April 14, 2026, in Sacramento.

Personnel Updates

Recruitment efforts are underway to refill the Board's vacant Enforcement Technician position.

Program Statistics

Enforcement Activity	FY 2023–24	FY 2024–25	FY 2025–26*
Complaints Received	513	525	408
Complaints Closed	681	642	435
Pending Complaints	333	216	189
Citations Issued	33	18	4
Fines Assessed	\$58,750	\$36,000	\$7,500
Fines Collected	\$43,608	\$11,000	\$14,250
AG Cases Opened/Initiated	28	25	28
Accusations Filed	13	24	23
Restriction Orders Granted	2	1	0
Withdrawn/Dismissed	2	1	1
AG Cases Closed	36	33	13
AG Cases Pending	57	47	62
License Applications Denied	2	0	2
Revocation	5	5	0
Surrender of License	10	3	4
Probation with Suspension	0	0	0
Probation Only	8	6	6
Public Repeal	2	0	1
Cost Recovery Ordered	\$260,817	\$89,245	\$112,150
Cost Recovery Collected	\$97,994	\$97,481	\$48,246
Monitored Probationers	70	70	65

*As of March 17, 2026

Proposed Regulations Affecting Enforcement Program

Final Filing Phase

1. **Delegation of Certain Functions to the Executive Officer (amend California Code of Regulations [CCR], Title 16, section 306):** This proposal will delegate additional authority to the Board's Executive Officer to order examinations of licensees in accordance with Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 820, issue default decisions where licensees have failed to file a notice of defense or appear at a hearing, grant motions to vacate a default decision, and approve settlement agreements for the revocation, surrender, or interim suspension of a license. The Board approved the proposed regulatory text at its October 19, 2023, meeting. This rulemaking was published in the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) Notice Register and released for a 45-day public comment period on January 23, 2026. The public comment period ended on March 9, 2026, and no comments were received. The final regulatory package is anticipated to be submitted to OAL for review in March 2026.

Initial Filing Phase

2. **Practice of Chiropractic Prohibited with Inactive License (add CCR, Title 16, section 310.3):** This proposal will clarify the activities that cannot be performed by the holder of an inactive doctor of chiropractic license. The Board approved the proposed regulatory text at its October 24, 2024, meeting. This rulemaking was published in the OAL Notice Register and released for a 45-day public comment period on February 6, 2026. The public comment period ends on March 23, 2026.
3. **Repeal of Mental Illness Regulation (repeal CCR, Title 16, section 315):** This proposal will repeal a regulation that allows the Board to order a license holder to be examined by one or more physicians specializing in psychiatry when reasonable cause exists that the licensee is mentally ill to the extent that it may affect their ability to practice. This regulation is unnecessary because the Board already has broader statutory authority under [BPC sections 820 through 828](#) to order a physical or mental examination of a licensee whenever it appears the licensee may be unable to practice safely due to mental illness or physical illness affecting competency. The Board approved the proposed regulatory text at its October 24, 2024, meeting. This rulemaking was published in the OAL Notice Register and released for a 45-day public comment period on February 20, 2026. The public comment period ends on April 6, 2026.

Production Phase

4. **Discipline by Another Jurisdiction and Licensee Reporting Requirements (amend CCR, Title 16, sections 304 and 314):** This proposal will update the reporting of licensee arrests, convictions, and discipline by other public agencies

and clarify a licensee's duty to report any violation of the statutes and regulations governing the practice of chiropractic to the Board. The Board approved the proposed regulatory text at its July 20, 2023, meeting. This package is anticipated to be submitted to OAL for publication in the Notice Register and released for a 45-day public comment period in spring 2026.

- 5. Record Keeping Requirements for Chiropractic Patient Records, Including Retention and Disposition of Records Upon Closure of Practice or Death/Incapacity of Licensee (amend CCR, Title 16, section 318):** This proposal will update the record keeping requirements to specify the necessary documentation for the patient history, complaint, diagnosis/analysis, and treatment and to differentiate between an initial patient encounter and an established patient visit. This proposal will also specify requirements for the retention of records and the disposition of records upon the closure of a practice or the death or incapacity of a licensee. The Board approved the proposed regulatory text at its August 1, 2025, meeting. This package is anticipated to be submitted to OAL for publication in the Notice Register and released for a 45-day public comment period in spring 2026.

Concept Phase

- 6. Disciplinary Guidelines and Uniform Standards for Substance Abusing Licensees, Including Filing and Evaluation Process for Petitions for Reinstatement, Reduction of Penalty, or Early Termination of Probation (amend CCR, Title 16, section 384, add section 385, and repeal section 386):** This proposal will update the *Disciplinary Guidelines and Model Disciplinary Orders*, implement the Uniform Standards for Substance Abusing Licensees, and enhance the process for petitions for reinstatement, reduction of penalty, and early termination of probation before the Board. This proposal will be discussed by the Enforcement Committee at its March 18, 2026, meeting.
- 7. Minimum Supervision and Training Requirements for Chiropractic Assistants, Responsibility for Conduct on Premises, and Sexual Misconduct (amend CCR, Title 16, sections 312 and 316):** This proposal will clarify the role of and delineate the activities that can be performed by chiropractic assistants within a chiropractic practice, define and establish the supervision requirements by a licensed doctor of chiropractic, and require that chiropractic assistants follow and provide only the treatment defined in the supervising doctor's treatment plan. Additionally, this proposal will clarify a supervising licensee's responsibility for conduct on the premises of a chiropractic facility and define sexual misconduct within the chiropractic profession for purposes of BPC section 726. This proposal will be discussed by the Enforcement Committee at its March 18, 2026, meeting.

Strategic Plan Development

Development efforts for the Board's 2027–2030 Strategic Plan are currently underway with DCA's SOLID Planning Solutions. SOLID recently completed its environmental scan and analysis, which included input from internal and external stakeholder surveys, interviews with Board members and leadership, and a review of the results from these activities.

SOLID is scheduled to facilitate a strategic planning session with the Board during its April 16–17, 2026, meeting. Following this session, SOLID will prepare a draft of the new strategic plan for the Board's consideration at its July 23, 2026, meeting.

Sunset Review

The Board's [2026 Sunset Review Report](#) was submitted to the Assembly Business and Professions Committee and Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee on January 5, 2026.

On March 10, 2026, Board Chair Laurence Adams, D.C. and Executive Officer Kristin Walker testified on behalf of the Board before the Committees during the joint sunset review oversight hearing. The Board was asked questions regarding its legislative proposal to allow the Board to consider any prior discipline against an applicant involving sexual misconduct, regardless of the age of the action, factors contributing to the Board's declining licensee population, and the Board's plan for addressing its fund condition.

The Board must prepare written responses to the current issues identified in the [hearing background paper](#) by April 9, 2026. These responses must be reviewed and approved by the Board prior to submission.



Review, Discussion, and Possible Recommendation on Regulatory Proposal Concerning Minimum Supervision and Training Requirements for Chiropractic Assistants, Responsibility for Conduct on Premises, and Sexual Misconduct (amend California Code of Regulations [CCR], Title 16, sections 312 and 316)

Purpose of the Item

The Committee will discuss a proposal to update the regulations regarding minimum supervision and training requirements for chiropractic assistants, responsibility for conduct on the premises, and sexual misconduct.

Action Requested

The Committee will be asked to discuss the proposal and provide input and policy direction to staff.

Background

The Committee has been developing a regulatory proposal to update the minimum supervision and training requirements for chiropractic assistants, clarify a licensee's responsibility for ensuring all conduct on a chiropractic premises complies with the law and the Board's regulations, and define the term "sexual misconduct" within the chiropractic profession.

On October 29, 2025, members of the Committee met as a two-person working group to discuss the proposal to amend California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 16, section 312. The proposal is intended to establish and define supervision requirements for chiropractic assistants by licensed doctors of chiropractic, specify permissible activities for chiropractic assistants within a chiropractic practice, and require chiropractic assistants to provide only the treatment outlined in the supervising doctor's treatment plan.

The Committee reviewed the terminology used in the supervision requirements and recommended replacing the term "indirect supervision" with "general supervision" for improved clarity. The Committee also compared the supervision definitions used by other Department of Consumer Affairs healing arts boards in current statutes and regulations.

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Additionally, the Committee discussed updating CCR, title 16, section 316, subsection (a), which addresses a licensee's responsibility for ensuring conduct in their place of practice is compliant with applicable laws and regulations, and combining it with section 312 for improved organization of a licensee's supervision responsibilities within the Board's regulations. Section 316 primarily pertains to sexual misconduct, so the supervision language in subsection (a) would be more appropriately placed in section 312.

The Committee also explored ways to strengthen disciplinary cases involving sexual misconduct, reduce reliance on expert consultants in those cases, and provide clear guidance to consumers and licensees. The Committee discussed amending section 316 to explicitly define sexual abuse or misconduct in the practice of chiropractic for purposes of [Business and Professions Code section 726](#). The Committee reviewed the Washington State Department of Health's regulation on professional boundaries and sexual misconduct (Washington Administrative Code section 246-808-590) and provided input to assist staff in drafting similar language for CCR, title 16, section 316.

At this meeting, the Committee will be asked to discuss and provide input to staff on the following, proposed definitions of "supervision" within the proposal to amend CCR, title 16, section 312:

- "Supervision" means a supervising licensee takes full responsibility for, and provides oversight and control of, all clinical services and tasks performed by a chiropractic assistant.
- "Direct, on-site supervision" means the supervising licensee is physically present with the chiropractic assistant in the same facility and is immediately available to furnish assistance and direction to the assistant throughout the patient encounter.
- "General supervision" means the supervision of delegated clinical services or tasks performed by a chiropractic assistant that do not require the physical presence of the supervising licensee during the performance of those services and tasks.

Additionally, the Committee will be asked to discuss recent changes made to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' definition of direct supervision of services "incident to" a physician's professional services, and the resulting impact, if any, on this proposal.

Under this new federal definition of direct supervision, the presence of a physician (or other practitioner) required for direct supervision may include virtual presence through audio/video real-time communications technology (excluding audio-only) for services without a 010 or 090 global surgery indicator.



Review, Discussion, and Possible Recommendation on Regulatory Proposal Concerning Disciplinary Guidelines and Uniform Standards for Substance Abusing Licensees, Including Filing and Evaluation Process for Petitions for Reinstatement, Reduction of Penalty, or Early Termination of Probation (amend CCR, Title 16, section 384, add section 385, and repeal section 386)

Purpose of the Item

The Committee will discuss the pending regulatory proposal to update the Board's Disciplinary Guidelines and implement the Uniform Standards for Substance Abusing Licensees.

Action Requested

The Committee will be asked to discuss the proposal and provide input and policy direction to staff.

Background

For the past several years, the Board has been working on updates to its *Disciplinary Guidelines and Model Disciplinary Orders* and the implementation of the Uniform Standards for Substance Abusing Licensees.

While the Uniform Standards must be adopted as written, the Board has discretion in determining which "trigger" will be used to apply the Uniform Standards. There are three options to consider:

1. Establishing a presumption that the licensee is a substance-abusing licensee unless the licensee rebuts that presumption;
2. Requiring a clinical diagnostic evaluation of the licensee; or
3. Requiring evidence establishing that the licensee is a substance-abusing licensee after providing notice and conducting a hearing.

At its July 17, 2014, meeting, the Board voted to adopt the third option for applying the Uniform Standards.

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Staff reviewed Uniform Standards regulations adopted by other Department of Consumer Affairs healing arts boards and found that most of the boards have adopted the first option, the presumption model, which applies when the underlying conduct involves drugs or alcohol, unless successfully rebutted by the licensee.

Below is a table with a comparison of the trigger options adopted by the other healing arts boards.

Licensing Board	Trigger Language	Regulation
Board of Behavioral Sciences	Presumption	16 CCR § 1888
Medical Board of California	Presumption	16 CCR § 1361.5
California Board of Occupational Therapy	Presumption	16 CCR § 4147.5
California State Board of Optometry	Presumption	16 CCR § 1575
Board of Psychology	Presumption	16 CCR § 1395.2
Veterinary Medical Board	Presumption	16 CCR § 2006
Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians	Presumption	16 CCR § 2524
Dental Hygiene Board of California	Evaluation	16 CCR § 1138
Physical Therapy Board of California	Evaluation	16 CCR § 1399.15
Physician Assistant Board	Evaluation	16 CCR § 1399.523
Dental Board of California	Prove at Hearing	16 CCR § 1018.01
Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensers Board	Prove at Hearing	16 CCR § 1399.131.1 and 16 CCR § 1399.155.1

At this meeting, staff will discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each trigger option. Staff will also ask the Committee to potentially consider recommending to the full Board that it move forward with the presumption model.



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Future Agenda Items

Purpose of the Item

At this time, members of the Committee and the public may submit proposed agenda items for a future Committee meeting.

The Committee may not discuss or take action on any proposed matter except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting. [Government Code Section 11125.]



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Adjournment

Time: _____