



NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING

Board Members

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Pamela Daniels, D.C., Vice Chair
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The Board of Chiropractic Examiners (Board) will meet on:

DAY 1	DAY 2
Thursday, April 16, 2026 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (or until completion of business)	Friday, April 17, 2026 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (or until completion of business)
<u>Meeting Location</u>	<u>Meeting Location</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

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Note: Members of the public may also submit written comments to the Board on any agenda item by Monday, April 13, 2026. Written comments should be directed to chiro.info@dca.ca.gov for Board consideration.

The Board may discuss and take action on any agenda item listed on this agenda, including information-only items.

AGENDA

Thursday, April 16, 2026

9:00 a.m.

- 1. Open Session – Call to Order / Roll Call / Establishment of a Quorum**
- 2. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda**
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- 3. Board Chair’s Report**
- 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**
- 5. Review and Possible Approval of January 16, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes**
- 6. Review and Possible Ratification of Approved Doctor of Chiropractic License Applications**
- 7. Review and Possible Approval of New Continuing Education Provider Applications**
- 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. Status of Board’s Pending Regulatory Proposals
 - E. Board’s 2022–2026 Strategic Plan Objectives
- 9. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action to Finalize and Adopt the Board’s Responses to the [2026 Sunset Review Issues](#)**
- 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.

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

12. Continuing Education Committee Report

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

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)

14. Licensing Committee Report

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

15. Future Agenda Items

Note: Members of the Board and the public may submit proposed agenda items for a future Board meeting. However, the Board 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.]

16. Closed Session – The Board Will Meet in Closed Session to:

- A. Deliberate and Vote on Disciplinary Matters Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126, subd. (c)(3)
- B. Conduct an Annual Performance Evaluation of its Executive Officer Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126, subd. (a)(1)

17. Strategic Planning Session

The Board will engage in a strategic planning session to set goals and objectives for its next strategic plan. This session will not be webcast.

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

**Friday, April 17, 2026
9:00 a.m.**

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

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

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

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

23. Closed Session – The Board Will Meet in Closed Session to:

- Deliberate and Vote on the Above Petitions Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126, subd. (c)(3)

24. Adjournment

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Agenda Item 1
April 16, 2026

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

Purpose of the Item

Laurence Adams, D.C., Chair of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners, will call the meeting to order. Roll will be called by Board Secretary Janette N.V. Cruz.

Board Members

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Sergio Azzolino, D.C.
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Agenda Item 2
April 16, 2026

Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Purpose of the Item

At this time, members of the public may offer public comment for items not on the meeting agenda.

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Walker, Kristin@DCA

From: Guy Annunziata [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2026 5:03 AM
To: DCA, ChiroInfo@DCA
Cc: Jon Schwartzbauer
Subject: Written Comment for Item 7 – Public Protection Concerns Regarding Online CE Delivery Verification
Attachments: CDE Executive Summary of White Paper - Online CE Compliance.pdf; CDE White Paper-Online CE Compliance.pdf

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Dear Members of the Board,

Please accept this as a written comment for **Item 7** of the Board’s April 16–17, 2026, meeting agenda concerning continuing education provider applications.

I am writing to raise a serious **public protection concern** regarding the way online continuing education is being delivered and verified. After reviewing a sample of approved online CE courses, I found significant inconsistencies in how participation, completion, and testing are being monitored. In practical terms, this means continuing education credit may be awarded in circumstances where there is no meaningful assurance that the licensee actually completed the course as intended.

That concern goes to the heart of public protection. Continuing education is required because boards rely on it as a safeguard to help ensure that licensed professionals remain current in their knowledge and skills. If the delivery systems being relied upon do not consistently verify actual participation and completion, then the public protection value of continuing education is weakened, and the Board may be placed in a vulnerable oversight position.

Because the Board is considering continuing education provider applications under Item 7, I believe this delivery-verification issue is directly relevant. I also respectfully request that the Board consider placing this broader topic on a **future agenda** so it may be addressed in a more complete and focused manner.

I would also be happy to make a formal presentation at a future meeting or speak with any Board member by phone if that would be helpful.

For the Board’s reference, I have attached my executive summary and white paper, and I have included a link to a short video overview below:

[VIDEO OVERVIEW](#)

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Dr. Guy Annunziata



CC: Dr. Jon Schwartzbauer

Online Continuing Education Compliance: *Evidence of Systemic Failure and a Defensible Path Forward*

The Issue

Continuing education (CE) is mandated to protect the public, but that mandate assumes that CE credit reflects actual participation and learning. Current evidence suggests this is often not the case.

What We Found

Survey (n = 111 chiropractors)

- 96 report CE cheating or non-compliance is common
- 91 have personally observed credit awarded without full participation

Audit (30 courses, ~15 providers)

- 0 of 30 met overall delivery compliance standards
- 0 of 30 met identity verification standards
- 2 of 30 met final exam integrity standards

Findings based on direct observation—not provider representations

What This Means

The issue is not individual behavior—it is system design. When systems do not verify participation, identity, time-on-task, and assessment integrity, non-compliance becomes predictable.

Why It Matters

If CE is mandated but not meaningfully enforced, its role as a safeguard becomes difficult to defend.

Recommended Approach

Require independent, third-party verification of delivery compliance before course approval

Key Points

- Applies to delivery, not content
- Any qualified third party may be used
- Must follow objective, auditable standards (e.g., CDE Gold Standard)

Impact

This model shifts compliance from boards to providers

- Providers must demonstrate compliance before approval
- Boards and PACE rely on verified inputs
- Reduces auditing burden
- Improves consistency and defensibility

Bottom Line

Online CE should be approved only after independent verification confirms that delivery standards are met.

Prepared by: Dr. Guy Annunziata

Council for Distance Education (CDE)

White Paper

Online CE Compliance at Risk:

Evidence of Systemic Failure and a Defensible Path Forward

Prepared by:

Dr. Guy Annunziata

Council for Distance Education (CDE)

Introduction

Continuing education (CE) is a regulatory requirement intended to ensure that licensed professionals maintain competence and deliver safe, effective care to the public. At its core, this mandate carries an implicit assumption:

That CE credit reflects actual participation and learning.

However, current evidence calls that assumption into question.

Drawing on more than 30 years of experience in continuing education, along with direct auditing of modern online CE systems, a consistent pattern has emerged:

Many online CE systems measure access to content rather than verified participation in learning.

When participation is not verified, identity is not confirmed, and assessment systems can be bypassed, CE requirements risk becoming administrative formalities rather than meaningful safeguards.

To better understand the scope of this issue, this white paper presents findings from:

- An anonymous survey of 111 chiropractors
- A structured audit of 30 courses across approximately 15 CE providers
- The development of the Council for Distance Education (CDE) Gold Standard Safe Harbor framework

Key Findings

- 96 of 111 chiropractors report that CE cheating or non-compliance is common
- 91 of 111 have personally observed credit being awarded without full participation
- 0 of 30 audited courses met the overall Gold Standard safe harbor
- 0 of 30 courses met identity verification standards
- Only 2 of 30 courses met final exam integrity standards

These findings indicate that the issue is not isolated, but systemic, driven by gaps in delivery design and enforcement rather than individual behavior alone.

This raises an important question for regulatory boards: whether current approval and oversight models are sufficient to ensure that CE requirements are being met in practice.

It also suggests that more consistent, objective, and independently verifiable delivery standards may be necessary to align CE oversight with its intended role in public protection.

Notably, other regulated professions have already adopted models that incorporate independent verification of distance education delivery standards prior to course approval, demonstrating that such approaches are both practical and scalable.

Liability and Regulatory Considerations

Continuing education is not optional—it is a mandated requirement tied directly to licensure and public protection. This creates an important regulatory question:

If CE is mandated, but not meaningfully enforced, what is the board certifying?

If systems allow:

- Participation without engagement
- Credit without time-on-task
- Exams without knowledge verification
- Identity without authentication

then CE credit may not represent actual educational activity.

This introduces potential risk:

- CE requirements may become non-defensible under scrutiny
- Boards may be perceived as relying on systems that do not verify compliance
- ***The connection between CE and public protection is weakened***

The issue is not whether CE is required, but whether it is reliably enforced in practice.

Survey Findings: Perception and Real-World Behavior

An anonymous survey of 111 chiropractors was conducted to assess their perceptions and experiences regarding CE compliance.

Key Findings

- 96 of 111 respondents indicated that cheating or non-compliance is either very common or somewhat common
- 91 of 111 reported personally observing or being aware of CE credit being awarded without proper course completion

Commonly Reported Behaviors

Respondents identified the following as the most frequent ways CE credit is improperly obtained:

- Letting videos run without watching
- Logging in and walking away
- Skimming reading material without meaningful engagement
- Having another person complete the course
- Sharing quiz or exam answers
- Receiving credit for less time than required

Perceived Causes

Respondents consistently pointed to systemic weaknesses, including:

- Lack of meaningful participation checks
- Weak or easily bypassed exams
- No identity verification
- Unlimited test attempts and answer exposure
- Minimal provider auditing
- Weak enforcement when violations occur

Confidence in Current Safeguards

- 80 of 111 respondents indicated that current safeguards are not effective or not very effective

Interpretation of Survey Findings

The survey indicates that the profession views CE non-compliance not as isolated misconduct, but as a structural issue enabled by weak delivery systems.

Audit Findings: Objective System Evaluation

To move beyond perception, a structured audit was conducted across 30 courses from approximately 15 CE providers. **These findings were based on direct observation of course delivery systems—not provider representations.**

Overall Results

- **0 of 30 courses met overall CDE Gold Standard safe harbor**

Category-Level Findings

- Participation Safe Harbor Met: 5 of 30
- Credit Hour Safe Harbor Met: 20 of 30
- Final Exam Safe Harbor Met: 2 of 30
- Identity Verification Safe Harbor Met: 0 of 30
- Instructor Communication Safe Harbor Met: 6 of 30

Observed Failure Patterns

Participation Failures

- Courses allowed video playback without engagement verification
- Learners could start courses and leave without consequence
- Background playback and multitasking were not prevented

Credit Hour Integrity Failures

- Courses completed in significantly less time than required
- Reading courses with insufficient word counts for stated credit hours

Final Exam Failures

- Exams are accessible before course completion
- Unlimited retries and answer feedback
- Incremental elimination of correct answers across attempts

Identity Verification Failures

- No government ID verification
- No two-factor authentication
- No prevention of shared or concurrent logins

Instructor Communication Failures

- No direct access to instructors
- Lack of defined response expectations

Representative Examples

- A course allowed a certificate to be claimed without watching any content
- A 1-hour course was completed in approximately 5 minutes by accessing the exam directly
- A 2-hour video course contained only 80 minutes of content
- Reading courses with word counts far below defensible thresholds (e.g., 2,000 words for a 1-hour course)

Interpretation of Audit Findings

The audit findings demonstrate that current CE delivery systems frequently fail to ensure participation, assessment integrity, and identity verification.

Synthesis: A System Design Problem

The survey and audit findings converge on a single conclusion:

The primary issue in online CE is not individual behavior, but system design.

When systems allow passive participation, weak assessment, and lack of identity verification, non-compliance becomes predictable rather than exceptional.

The Solution: CDE Gold Standard Safe Harbor Framework

To address these deficiencies, the Council for Distance Education (CDE) developed a set of Gold Standard Safe Harbor requirements based on three principles:

- Verification over assumption
- Enforcement over suggestion
- Auditability over opacity

Core Categories

1. Participation (Video and Reading)
2. Credit Hour Integrity
3. Final Exam Integrity
4. Identity Verification

5. Instructor Communication

Key Features

- Randomized engagement prompts with enforced response windows
- Verified seat time tracking
- Defensible credit-hour calculations (including reading word counts)
- Secure identity verification protocols
- Structured, non-exploitable exam systems
- Comprehensive audit logging

Conclusion

The findings presented in this white paper indicate that the current online CE environment contains widespread vulnerabilities that undermine the intent of continuing education requirements.

The profession itself recognizes these issues, and direct observation confirms that they are systemic rather than isolated.

Without clear, enforceable delivery standards, CE requirements risk becoming non-defensible, weakening their role in public protection.

The CDE Gold Standard Safe Harbor framework provides a structured, objective, and auditable path forward—one that aligns CE delivery with regulatory expectations and restores confidence in the integrity of continuing education.

Call to Action

Require Independent, Third-Party Verification of Delivery Compliance

To align online continuing education with its intended role in public protection, regulatory boards should consider requiring that all online CE courses undergo independent, third-party verification of delivery compliance prior to approval.

This requirement focuses specifically on how courses are delivered, not on course content.

Relationship to Existing Systems (Including PACE)

Many boards currently rely on existing frameworks such as PACE for course approval. While these systems provide value, the findings from both the survey and audit suggest that current approval models do not consistently verify delivery compliance at a level sufficient to ensure participation, identity verification, and assessment integrity.

Importantly, this recommendation is not intended to replace or undermine existing systems such as PACE.

Instead, it enhances them.

Third-party verification can function as a prerequisite layer—ensuring that courses meet delivery compliance standards before they are submitted for approval through PACE and/or state boards.

This creates a clearer division of responsibility:

- Providers are responsible for obtaining verified compliance
- Third-party organizations are responsible for evaluating delivery systems against objective standards
- PACE and/or Boards retain their role in course approval and oversight

What This Means in Practice

Under this approach:

- CE providers must obtain verification of delivery compliance from a qualified third party prior to course approval
- Verification confirms adherence to objective standards for:
 - Participation (video and reading)
 - Credit hour integrity
 - Final exam integrity
 - Identity verification
 - Instructor communication

Reduction of Regulatory Burden

Requiring independent, third-party verification of delivery compliance does not increase the burden on state boards or existing approval frameworks such as PACE—it redistributes it more effectively.

Under the current model, boards and approval bodies must rely heavily on provider representations and limited auditing to assess compliance. As the number of online courses continues to grow, verifying delivery compliance through periodic or reactive audits becomes increasingly resource-intensive and difficult to standardize.

By contrast, a third-party verification model shifts the responsibility for demonstrating compliance to the providers themselves.

Providers must demonstrate compliance before approval—rather than boards verifying it after the fact.

Under this approach:

- Providers obtain independent verification that their courses meet defined delivery compliance standards
- Verification bodies perform standardized, auditable evaluations
- Boards and PACE rely on verified inputs rather than assumptions

This creates a more efficient and scalable system in which:

- Boards are no longer responsible for direct delivery compliance verification
- PACE can focus on approval and oversight rather than enforcement of delivery mechanics
- Compliance becomes proactive and standardized rather than reactive and inconsistent

As a result, this model:

- Reduces the need for direct board auditing
- Improves consistency across providers
- Strengthens the defensibility of approval decisions
- Allows regulatory bodies to focus on their core functions—oversight, policy, and public protection

This model transforms compliance from something boards must enforce into something providers must demonstrate.

Not a Single-Provider Model

This is not a recommendation to mandate any one organization. Rather, the recommendation is to require that:

Any third-party verification body must demonstrate adherence to clearly defined, defensible standards such as the CDE Gold Standard for Delivery Compliance.

This allows for:

- Flexibility for CE providers
- Competition and innovation among verification organizations

- Consistency in outcomes, regardless of which third party is used

Established Precedent in Other Professions

Other professions already rely on third-party verification models to ensure compliance and standardization.

For example:

- In real estate education, organizations such as ARELLO (Association of Real Estate License Law Officials) provide independent oversight and certification of distance education delivery standards
- Similar third-party validation frameworks exist in other regulated industries where standardization, auditability, and public trust are essential

These models demonstrate that:

- Independent verification is practical and scalable
- Standards can be applied consistently across providers
- Regulatory bodies can maintain oversight without directly managing compliance enforcement

Why This Approach Matters

Requiring third-party verification:

- Ensures that CE credit reflects verified participation and learning
- Creates a defensible, standardized framework across all providers
- Strengthens the connection between CE requirements and public protection
- Allows existing systems like PACE to function more effectively with validated course inputs

Summary Statement

Online CE courses should be approved only after independent verification confirms that delivery systems meet objective, auditable standards for participation, identity, time-on-task, and assessment integrity.



Agenda Item 3
April 16, 2026

Board Chair's Report

Purpose of the Item

Board Chair Laurence Adams, D.C. will provide an update to the Board on recent activities and outreach opportunities.

Action Requested

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



Agenda Item 4 April 16, 2026

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

Purpose of the Item

A representative from DCA's Office of Board and Bureau Relations will provide the Board with an update on DCA programs and activities.

Action Requested

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



**Agenda Item 5
April 16, 2026**

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

Purpose of the Item

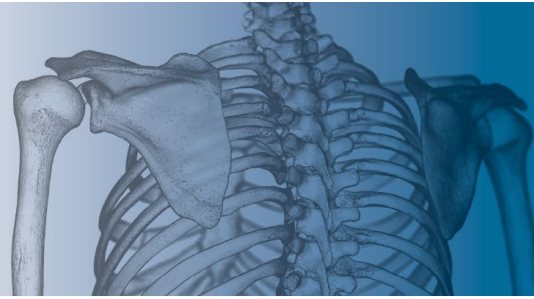
The Board will review and possibly approve the draft minutes of the previous meeting held on January 16, 2026.

Action Requested

The Board will be asked to make a motion to approve the January 16, 2026 Board meeting minutes.

Attachment

- January 16, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes (Draft)



Agenda Item 6 April 16, 2026

Review and Possible Ratification of Approved Doctor of Chiropractic License Applications

Purpose of the Item

The Board will review and ratify the attached list of approved applications for initial doctor of chiropractic licenses.

Action Requested

The Board will be asked to make a motion to ratify the attached list of approved license applications.

Background

Staff reviewed and confirmed that the applicants on the attached list of approved applications for initial doctor of chiropractic licenses met all statutory and regulatory requirements for licensure.

Attachment

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

**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
Tyler	Bryce	Howes	01/29/2026	DC 37540

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First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Date Issued	License No.
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
Broderek	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
Kristine	Grace	Troesch	02/10/2026	DC 37568

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First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Date Issued	License No.
Andre	Simon	Harriague	02/11/2026	DC 37569
Julia	Elizabeth	Rrhizae	02/11/2026	DC 37570
Andrew	Wiley	Berman	02/11/2026	DC 37571
Delainey	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	Capucao	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
Olivia	Anne	Garland	02/27/2026	DC 37596

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First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Date Issued	License No.
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



**Agenda Item 7
April 16, 2026**

Review and Possible Approval of New Continuing Education Provider Applications

Purpose of the Item

The Board will review and possibly approve a new continuing education (CE) provider application.

Action Requested

The Board will be asked to make a motion to approve the following new CE provider:

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

Background

Staff reviewed and confirmed that the CE provider application listed above meets all regulatory requirements for approval.

Attachment

N/A – To maintain compliance with Assembly Bill 434 (Baker, Chapter 780, Statutes of 2017) [State Web accessibility: standard and reports], the Board is unable to provide scanned documents on its website. To obtain a copy of the CE provider application through a California Public Records Act request, please email chiro.info@dca.ca.gov or send a written request to the Board’s office.



Executive Officer's Report and Updates

Purpose of the Item

The Executive Officer will provide the Board with an update 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. Status of Board's Pending Regulatory Proposals**
- E. Board's 2022–2026 Strategic Plan Objectives**

Action Requested

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

Attachments

1. Executive Officer's April 13, 2026 Memo to Board Members
2. 2022–2026 Strategic Plan Objectives Progress Report (as of April 2026)



MEMORANDUM

**Agenda Item 8
Attachment 1**

DATE	April 13, 2026
TO	Members of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners
FROM	Kristin Walker, Executive Officer
SUBJECT	Executive Officer's Report – April 16, 2026 Meeting

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

BCE Board and Licensing Committee Meetings

The following meetings have been scheduled:

- Thursday, April 16, 2026 and Friday, April 17, 2026 – Board (Sacramento)
- Tuesday, June 30, 2026 – Licensing Committee (Teleconference)
- Thursday, July 23, 2026 – Board (Teleconference)
- Friday, October 2, 2026 – Licensing Committee (Teleconference)
- Thursday, October 15, 2026 and Friday, October 16, 2026 – Board (Southern California)
- Friday, December 4, 2026 – Licensing Committee (Teleconference)

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.

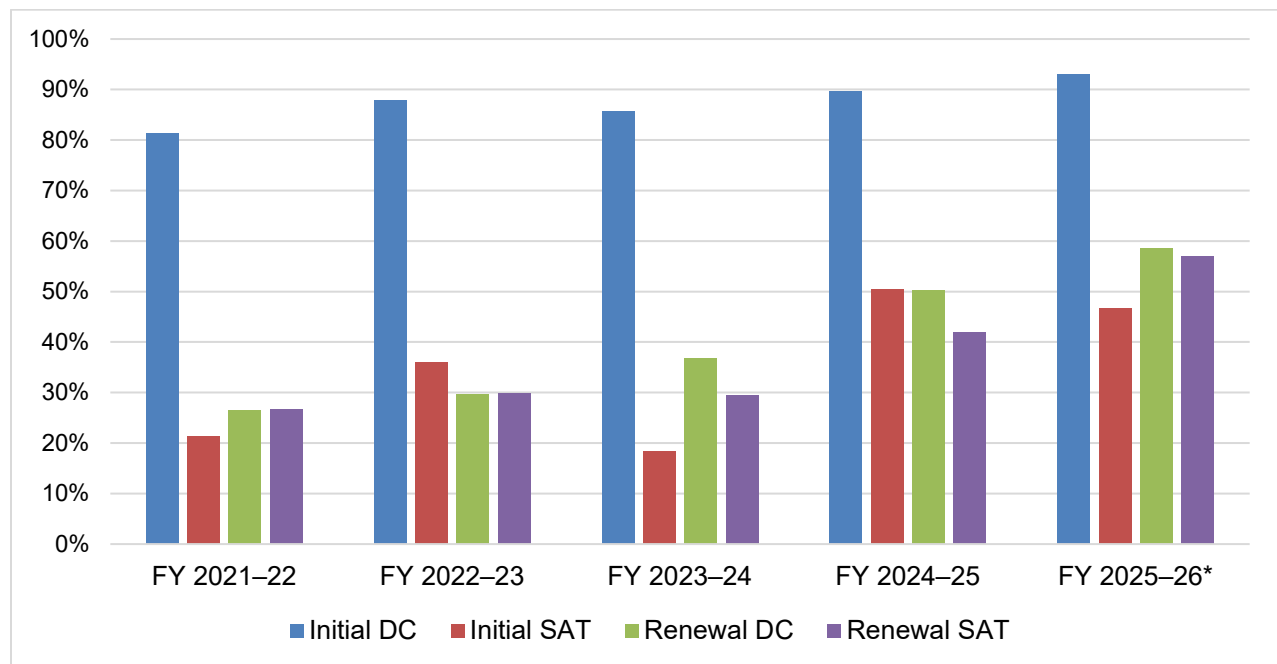
OIS is completing documentation of BCE's existing workflows and data mapping in the Connect system in preparation for a planned upgrade to a newer version of the platform that will provide additional out-of-the-box functionality. OIS anticipates initiating this upgrade with the vendor soon, with an estimated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

Staff is also developing enhancements to the enforcement workflows within Connect. These improvements are planned to be deployed through phased software releases throughout 2026.

Staff is 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.

In addition, BCE will transition from mailing printed renewal applications to sending postcard renewal reminders effective July 1, 2026. The postcards will prompt licensees to renew online through Connect. To support this transition, staff is developing a targeted outreach campaign for licensees who have not yet created a Connect account. These communications will inform them of the upcoming changes and encourage them to sign up for Connect prior to the July 2026 renewal process update.

Connect System Utilization Rate by Application Type



Application	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26*
Initial DC	81.3%	87.8%	85.7%	89.6%	93.0%
Initial SAT	21.3%	36.0%	18.4%	50.5%	46.7%
Renewal DC	26.5%	29.7%	36.8%	50.3%	58.6%
Renewal SAT	26.7%	29.9%	29.5%	41.9%	57.0%

*As of March 23, 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.

Legislative Calendar

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

- 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

Angelina Taylor has been selected for the Lead Administrative and Policy Analyst position. She will join BCE on April 27, 2026. Recruitment efforts are also underway to refill BCE's remaining vacancy – an Enforcement Technician position.

Program Statistics

Licensing Program

Initial Applications

Application Type	FY 2023–24	FY 2024–25	FY 2025–26*
Doctor of Chiropractic Licenses	363	375	273
Average DC Processing Time	48 days	36 days	27 days
Temporary DC Licenses	0	1	1
Average TDC Processing Time	N/A	25 days	4 days
Satellite Certificates	1,809	2,107	2,085
Average SAT Processing Time	14 days	10 days	3 days
Corporation Certificates	118	117	106
Average COR Processing Time	32 days	32 days	31 days

*As of March 23, 2026

Renewal Applications

Application Type	FY 2023–24	FY 2024–25	FY 2025–26*
Doctor of Chiropractic Licenses	11,514	11,627	8,408
Average DC Processing Time	8 days	6 days	5 days
Satellite Certificates	3,613	3,955	3,456
Average SAT Processing Time	8 days	7 days	5 days
Corporation Certificates	1,304	1,308	963
Average COR Processing Time	9 days	9 days	4 days

*As of March 23, 2026

License Population: Years of Licensure as Doctor of Chiropractic

Years of Licensure*	Active	Active %	Inactive	Inactive %	Total	Total %
<1 Year	380	3.4%	0	0.0%	380	3.2%
1–4.99 Years	1,213	10.9%	20	2.6%	1,233	10.3%
5–9.99 Years	1,064	9.5%	36	4.6%	1,100	9.2%
10–19.99 Years	1,897	17.0%	124	16.0%	2,021	17.0%
20–29.99 Years	2,816	25.3%	224	28.8%	3,040	25.5%
30–39.99 Years	2,264	20.3%	214	27.5%	2,478	20.8%
40–49.99 Years	1,383	12.4%	148	19.1%	1,531	12.8%
50+ Years	128	1.2%	11	1.4%	139	1.2%
Total	11,145	100.0%	777	100.0%	11,922	100.0%

*As of March 23, 2026

Enforcement Program

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

Enforcement Activity	FY 2023–24	FY 2024–25	FY 2025–26*
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

Regulations

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 was submitted to OAL for review on March 23, 2026.
- 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 ended on March 23, 2026, and no comments were received. The final regulatory package is anticipated to be submitted to OAL for review in April 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 ended on April 6, 2026, and no comments were received. The final regulatory package is anticipated to be submitted to OAL for review in April 2026.

Initial Filing Phase

(None)

Production Phase

- 4. Approval of Doctor of Chiropractic Degree Programs, Educational Requirements, and Application and Examination Process for Doctor of Chiropractic Licensure, Including Temporary and Expedited Licensure and Fee Waiver for Military Spouses and Domestic Partners and Expedited Licensure for Veterans, Applicants Enrolled in U.S. Department of Defense SkillBridge Program, Refugees, Asylees, and Special Immigrant Visa Holders (amend CCR, Title 16, sections 320, 321, 330–331.16, and 340–349):** This proposal will amend the regulations regarding Board approval of chiropractic programs, including the minimum curriculum and clinical experience requirements. This proposal will also clarify the application and examination process for initial licensure as a doctor of chiropractic, including the qualifying circumstances for expedited review of a license application. Additionally, this proposal will implement [Assembly Bill \(AB\) 107 \(Salas, Chapter 693, Statutes of 2021\)](#), which provides for the temporary licensure of military spouses, and [AB 883 \(Mathis, Chapter 348, Statutes of 2023\)](#), which requires the Board to expedite the initial licensure process for applicants who are active-duty members of the United States Armed Forces enrolled in the United States Department of Defense SkillBridge program. The Board approved the proposed regulatory text at its April 17, 2025, and August 1, 2025, meetings. This package is anticipated to be submitted to OAL for publication in the Notice Register and a 45-day public comment period in spring 2026.
- 5. Renewal and Restoration of Doctor of Chiropractic Licenses, Including Basic Life Support Certification for Active Licensees (amend CCR, Title 16, sections 370 and 371 and add section 371.1):** This proposal will clarify the processes for renewal and restoration of doctor of chiropractic licenses, extend the timeframe for cancellation of a license from three to four years, and update the continuing education and competency requirements that must be met prior to the restoration of a cancelled license. Additionally, this proposal will mandate the maintenance of basic life support provider or advisor certification, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), for all licensees as a condition of licensure in active status.

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 a 45-day public comment period in summer 2026.

- 6. 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 summer 2026.
- 7. 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 summer 2026.
- 8. Satellite Office Certificates and Notice to Consumers of Licensure (add CCR, Title 16, section 303.1, and amend section 308):** This proposal will clarify the requirements for obtaining and renewing a satellite office certificate and for notifying consumers that doctors of chiropractic are licensed and regulated by the Board by posting or displaying a valid license or satellite office certificate at each place of practice. The Board approved the proposed regulatory text at its January 16, 2026, meeting. This package is anticipated to be submitted to OAL for publication in the Notice Register and a 45-day public comment period in summer 2026.
- 9. Continuing Education Requirements for Petitions for Reinstatement of Revoked or Surrendered Licenses (amend CCR, Title 16, section 365):** This proposal will clarify that a former licensee petitioning the Board for reinstatement of a revoked or surrendered license must complete up to 96 hours of continuing education before becoming eligible for a hearing, and establish that credit will only be granted once for any specific course or activity. The Board approved the proposed regulatory text at its April 17, 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 summer 2026.

- 10. Continuing Education Fees, Requirements, and Approval Process (amend CCR, Title 16, sections 360, 361, 362, 363, and 364, and add section 360.1):** This proposal will make comprehensive changes to the Board's Continuing Education Program, including amending the annual continuing education requirements for licensees, establishing five course competency areas that will be approved by the Board, defining the three recognized learning formats for courses, updating the course review and approval process, and creating a re-approval process for courses that have previously been approved by the Board. The Board approved the proposed regulatory text at its April 17, 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 summer 2026.

Concept Phase

- 11. 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 Board at its April 16, 2026, meeting.
- 12. Doctor of Chiropractic Licensure by Reciprocity (amend CCR, Title 16, section 323):** This proposal will clarify the requirements for out-of-state doctors of chiropractic to obtain a chiropractic license in California. This proposal is planned to be discussed by the Board at its July 23, 2026, meeting.
- 13. New Temporary Licensure Pathway with Public Notification and Practice Limitations (add CCR, Title 16, section 321.2):** This proposal would establish a new temporary licensure process with a public notification requirement and practice limitations for an applicant who has graduated with a Doctor of Chiropractic degree from a Board-approved program and has taken and passed the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners Parts I, II, III, and IV examinations or equivalent, but does not meet all of the licensure eligibility requirements. The Board is seeking fee authority to establish this new temporary licensure pathway through the sunset review process.
- 14. Standards of Practice for Virtual Care (add CCR, Title 16, section 318.2):** This proposal will specify the standards of practice for the delivery of chiropractic services through virtual care. This proposal is planned to be discussed by the Board at its July 23, 2026, meeting.

- 15. Standards of Practice for Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Chiropractic Practice (add CCR, Title 16, section 318.3):** This proposal will clarify the responsibilities and standards for a licensee's integration and use of AI technology in chiropractic practice. This proposal is planned to be discussed by the Board at its July 23, 2026, meeting.
- 16. 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 is planned to be discussed by the Board at its July 23, 2026, meeting.
- 17. Hardship Extensions to Annual Continuing Education Requirements (add CCR, Title 16, section 364.1):** This proposal will create a process for granting an extension to the annual continuing education requirements for a licensee who provides satisfactory proof to the Board that they have been adversely affected by a natural disaster, a state or federal declared state of emergency, or other hardship. Staff is developing proposed regulatory text based on the Continuing Education Committee's discussions and guidance. This proposal is planned to be discussed by the Board at its July 23, 2026, meeting.
- 18. Retired License Status and Fee (add CCR, Title 16, section 328):** This proposal would establish a new retired status for doctor of chiropractic licenses and implement an application fee to cover the reasonable regulatory cost of issuing a retired license in accordance with [BPC section 464](#). Staff is working with the Licensing Committee to assess licensees' potential interest in a new retired license status and the estimated fiscal impact on the Board.

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, 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](#). These responses will be reviewed and approved by the Board on April 16, 2026, prior to submission.



**Agenda Item 10
April 16, 2026**

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

Purpose of the Item

Staff will provide the Board with an update on bills related to the Board, the chiropractic profession, the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), and other healing arts boards.

Action Requested

Following staff's presentation of these bills, the Board will have an opportunity to discuss and take a position on the bills.

Background

Below is an overview of the bills that will be discussed during the meeting.

Hyperlinks to the legislation are included in this document to ensure access to current information, as legislation is frequently amended.

A. [Assembly Bill \(AB\) 1558 \(Arambula\)](#) Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act.

Status: Referred to Assembly Health Committee

Next Hearing Date: April 21, 2026

Summary: Existing law establishes the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) and sets forth the provisions of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, an interstate agreement that provides for mutual assistance between states responding to emergencies and disasters. Under the compact, a person who holds a professional license, certificate, or other permit issued by a state party to the compact is deemed licensed, certified, or permitted by a state requesting assistance to render aid involving that skill to meet a declared emergency or disaster, as specified. Existing federal law establishes the Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VHP) program and the Medical Reserve Corps. This bill would enact the Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act, which would authorize the establishment of additional volunteer registration systems by additional entities. The bill would establish scope-

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of-practice standards for a registered volunteer health practitioner; authorize the EMSA to limit, restrict, or otherwise regulate, among other things, the duration of practice, the geographical areas in which volunteer health practitioners may practice, and any other matters necessary to coordinate the provision of health or veterinary services during the emergency; and authorize the applicable licensing board and the host entity, as defined, to restrict or modify the health or veterinary services that a volunteer health practitioner may provide. The bill would also authorize a health care licensing board to impose administrative sanctions upon a health practitioner licensed in this state for conduct outside of this state in response to an out-of-state emergency, and to impose administrative sanctions upon a practitioner not licensed in this state for conduct in this state in response to an in-state emergency.

Estimated Fiscal Impact on the Board: None.

Staff Recommendation: WATCH

B. [AB 1671 \(Tangipa\)](#) Rural medical services grant program.

Status: Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file

Next Hearing Date: TBD

Summary: This bill would require the Office of Rural Health within the California Health and Human Services Agency to develop and administer, upon appropriation by the Legislature, a competitive grant program for the delivery of, or the support, sustenance, or expansion of the delivery of, medical services, as defined, to individuals who reside in rural areas, as defined. The bill would authorize the office upon that appropriation to expend up to \$3,000,000 annually and would authorize a qualified provider, as defined, to apply to the office once per year for a grant of up to \$10,000 for those purposes. The bill would require the office to establish specified standards and procedures, including criteria and standards for eligibility and the measurement of outcomes achieved, and, on or before January 1, 2028, and annually thereafter, to publish this information on its internet website.

Estimated Fiscal Impact on the Board: None.

Staff Recommendation: WATCH

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C. [AB 1767 \(Berman\)](#) Department of Consumer Affairs: public members of boards: conflicts of interest.

Status: Ordered to Assembly Consent Calendar

Next Hearing Date: TBD

Summary: Existing law prohibits a public member of a Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) board from being a current or past licensee of that board or a close family member of a licensee of that board. This bill would define “close family member” for purposes of that provision to mean a parent, stepparent, sibling, child by blood, adoption, or marriage, spouse, domestic partner, cohabitant, stepchild, immediate in-law, aunt, uncle, first cousin, grandparent, or grandchild.

Estimated Fiscal Impact on the Board: None.

Staff Recommendation: WATCH

D. [AB 1775 \(Ward\)](#) Veterans.

Status: Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee

Next Hearing Date: TBD

Summary: This bill would, among other things, require DCA boards to expedite, and authorize them to assist, the initial licensure process for an applicant who supplies satisfactory evidence to the board that the applicant served as an active duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces and received a discharge solely as a result of Executive Order No. 14183 issued on January 27, 2025.

Estimated Fiscal Impact on the Board: None.

Staff Recommendation: WATCH

E. [AB 1979 \(Bonta\)](#) Health care services: artificial intelligence.

Status: Re-referred to Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee

Next Hearing Date: TBD

Summary: This bill would, among other things, prohibit a health facility, clinic, physician’s office, or office or a group practice from using or deploying a tool, system, or device that includes artificial intelligence to replace the use of professional judgment by a licensed health care professional, as specified, and

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would prohibit the use of artificial intelligence to direct, guide, supervise, or instruct unlicensed personnel in performing any function that requires a professional license. The bill would authorize the appropriate professional licensing board to pursue an injunction or restraining order to enforce these provisions to the extent that a violation constitutes the practice of a health care profession without a license. The bill would specify that these provisions do not prohibit the use of artificial intelligence for documentation and communication that does not involve the application of professional judgment, including automated messages to inform patients of updates to their health records.

Estimated Fiscal Impact on the Board: None.

Staff Recommendation: WATCH

F. [AB 2140 \(Johnson\)](#) Healing arts: reports: claims against licensees.

Status: Referred to Assembly Business and Professions Committee

Next Hearing Date: TBD

Summary: This is a spot bill related to the reporting of settlements, judgments, or arbitration awards against licensees to the DCA healing arts boards.

Estimated Fiscal Impact on the Board: None.

Staff Recommendation: WATCH

G. [AB 2546 \(Gabriel\)](#) Director of Department of Consumer Affairs: duties.

Status: Pending assignment

Next Hearing Date: N/A

Summary: This is a spot bill related to DCA.

Estimated Fiscal Impact on the Board: None.

Staff Recommendation: WATCH

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H. [AB 2551 \(Elhawary\)](#) Health care coverage.

Status: Referred to Assembly Appropriations Committee

Next Hearing Date: TBD

Summary: This bill would, among other things, expand the DCA healing arts workforce data survey to include whether a licensee or registrant is a contracted provider and the types of health care coverage under which contracted services are provided.

Estimated Fiscal Impact on the Board: None.

Staff Recommendation: WATCH

I. [AB 2775 \(Committee on Business and Professions\)](#) State Board of Chiropractic Examiners: chiropractic corporations.

Status: Referred to Assembly Business and Professions Committee

Next Hearing Date: April 21, 2026

Summary: This is the Board's sunset bill. As introduced, the bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to evaluate the Board through the joint legislative sunset review oversight process and subsequently effectuate any recommendations through that process. This bill would also require the board to distribute a copy of the Board's directory electronically to each licensee and remove the requirement that the distribution be without charge. The bill would require the Board to distribute a copy of the directory to a licensee by mail, if the licensee requests distribution by mail, but would prohibit the Board from charging the licensee the costs of publication and distribution.

Estimated Fiscal Impact on the Board: TBD

Staff Recommendation: SUPPORT

J. [Senate Bill \(SB\) 980 \(Hurtado\)](#) Access to medical records.

Status: Referred to Senate Health Committee

Next Hearing Date: April 22, 2026

Summary: This bill would prohibit a health care provider from charging a fee to a patient for completing health-related forms required by an educational institution or

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childcare provider for participation in school, childcare, or school-sponsored activities.

Estimated Fiscal Impact on the Board: None.

Staff Recommendation: WATCH

K. [SB 1269 \(Ochoa Bogh\)](#) Chiropractors: animal chiropractic practitioners.

Status: Referred to Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee

Next Hearing Date: TBD

Summary: 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.

Estimated Fiscal Impact on the Board: This bill is expected to have an estimated one-time IT cost of \$100,000 in fiscal year 2026–27 to create two new registration types—animal chiropractic practitioner and animal chiropractic premises. This bill is also anticipated to result in new ongoing costs of \$20,000 per fiscal year in staff time and resources to administer the animal chiropractic practitioner and animal chiropractic premises registration programs. This workload is absorbable within the Board's existing staff and resources but may delay progress on other projects and regulatory packages.

Staff Recommendation: DISCUSS

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L. [SB 1391 \(Wahab\)](#) Department of Consumer Affairs: retired category licenses.

Status: Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee

Next Hearing Date: April 13, 2026

Summary: This bill would require a DCA board that offers a retired category of licensure to disclose that information on its internet website.

Estimated Fiscal Impact on the Board: None.

Staff Recommendation: WATCH

Attachment

- Public Comment on Agenda Item 10K: California Chiropractic Association Letter in Support of SB 1269 (Ochoa Bogh)

External Resource

- PDF Copy of the Above-Referenced Bills (as of April 12, 2026) from leginfo.legislature.ca.gov

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Ms. Kristin Walker, Executive Officer
Board of Chiropractic Examiners
2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 260
Sacramento, Calif. 95833

Email: chiro.info@chiro.ca.gov - Please distribute to all BCE Board Members

Re: Public Comment on Agenda Item 10(K): SB 1269 (Ochoa Bogh) Chiropractors: Animal Chiropractic Practitioners

Dear Ms. Walker:

The California Chiropractic Association (CalChiro) is a Sacramento-based statewide nonprofit organization of doctors of chiropractic and allied industries representing the chiropractic profession. Founded in 1928, CalChiro's mission is to empower Doctors of Chiropractic to enhance the quality of life for all Californians. We recognize the important role chiropractic care plays in maintaining mobility and overall health, and we believe that both human and animal patients benefit from access to qualified, accountable chiropractic providers.

CalChiro is pleased to sponsor Senate Bill 1269 (Ochoa-Bogh) and respectfully urges the Board to consider supporting this bill. Animal chiropractic is already being practiced in California. The question before the Legislature, and before this Board, is not whether it will occur but whether it will occur within a structured, enforceable regulatory framework that protects consumers and the animals in their care. SB 1269 answers that question by establishing clear standards, defined certification requirements, and explicit regulatory authority. We believe this bill gives the Board the tools it needs to ensure the practice is conducted safely and by qualified providers.

Specifically, SB 1269 establishes a framework allowing properly trained and certified chiropractors to provide animal chiropractic services without direct veterinary supervision for a limited period of time, provided they hold certification from the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association (AVCA) or the International Veterinary Chiropractic Association (IVCA). Critically, the bill places oversight within the Board of Chiropractic Examiners (BCE), ensuring that the board with direct expertise in chiropractic methods and scope of practice has the authority and accountability mechanisms to regulate this area of practice effectively.

Only licensed DCs and Doctors of Veterinary Medicine are eligible to pursue AVCA or IVCA certification. In addition to completing approximately 4,500 hours of doctoral-level education, chiropractors must complete a rigorous post-graduate animal chiropractic program of approximately 210–240 hours, including a minimum of 75 hours of hands-on laboratory training and at least 135 hours

of lecture. No AVCA- or IVCA-approved program is offered exclusively online. Certified practitioners must renew every three years, submitting 30 hours of continuing education from animal-specific programs approved by the certifying body and verifying an active state license. These are meaningful standards and SB 1269 puts the BCE in position to enforce them.

Currently, the absence of a clear statutory framework creates ambiguity for both the BCE and the California Veterinary Medical Board, leaving neither board with well-defined authority to act when problems arise. SB 1269 resolves that ambiguity by vesting regulatory oversight in the BCE, the board best positioned to evaluate whether chiropractic methods are being applied appropriately and to take enforcement action when a licensed DC is found out of compliance.

States including Oklahoma (2011), Colorado (2018), Ohio (2020), Utah (2021), Arkansas (2021), Nebraska (2021), New Hampshire (2025), and Tennessee (2025) have successfully implemented similar frameworks recognizing the expertise of AVCA and IVCA certified professionals. In addition, most mainstream chiropractic insurance carriers provide animal chiropractic coverage for certified animal chiropractors (NCMIC, Chirosecure, Chirofutures). To date, no malpractice claims have been filed against certified animal chiropractors, which demonstrates a high level of efficacy and safety. These models, in place for nearly two decades, show that access to qualified providers can be expanded without compromising safety or quality. SB 1269 would bring California into alignment with these established best practices.

For these reasons, CalChiro urges the Board to support SB 1269 and to work collaboratively with the Legislature to ensure its successful passage and implementation. We are committed to supporting the Board in developing any regulations necessary to operationalize the certification and oversight requirements this bill contemplates, and we welcome the opportunity to engage further in that process.

California's animals deserve access to qualified, certified chiropractic care, and California's Doctors of Chiropractic are ready to provide it within a framework that gives this Board the authority and tools to hold them accountable. We are grateful for the Board's consideration and look forward to continuing our collaborative relationship in service to the profession and the public.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at DBenton@calchiro.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dawn Benton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "B".

Dawn M. Benton, MBA
Executive Vice President and CEO



**Agenda Item 11
April 16, 2026**

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

Purpose of the Item

The Board will be asked to select members to serve as the delegate and alternate delegate to the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards (FCLB) and the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) for 2026.

Action Requested

The Board will have an opportunity to take a position on the proposed changes to the NBCE and FCLB bylaws. The Board will also be asked to designate David Paris, D.C. as its representative at the 2026 FCLB Annual Conference and NBCE Annual Business Meeting.

Background

NBCE is the national testing agency for the chiropractic profession and develops, administers, and scores standardized examinations that assess knowledge, cognitive abilities, and problem-solving skills in basic and clinical sciences.

FCLB is a national consortium of chiropractic licensing boards that facilitates information sharing among states and Canadian provinces and serves as a forum for discussing important regulatory issues in the chiropractic profession.

According to FCLB and NBCE:

The leadership of the FCLB and NBCE are proposing to combine the two organizations into a single corporate entity to strengthen support for regulatory boards and public protection.

If approved, NBCE would be the surviving corporate entity (continuing to operate under the NBCE name), with FCLB continuing as a dedicated department within NBCE. All FCLB programs and services and all NBCE examination programs will continue without material change for regulatory boards.

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The proposed governance structure would include a single Board of Directors and a unified delegate structure that closely reflects the current representation and selection methods of both organizations. Regulatory boards will retain their key rights and responsibilities as delegates of the continued organization.

Final approval of the bylaws—and the proposed combination—will be determined by votes of FCLB members and NBCE delegates at the 2026 annual meetings.

At this meeting, the Board will be asked to discuss its position on the proposed merger of NBCE and FCLB into a single organization. The Board will also be asked to designate David Paris, D.C. as its representative at the 2026 FCLB Annual Conference and NBCE Annual Business Meeting to cast the Board's vote on this matter.

Attachment

- Public Comment Received January 16, 2026, Regarding Proposed NBCE-FCLB Merger

External Resources

1. Proposed Changes to the Bylaws of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners: <https://www.nbce.org/wp-content/uploads/Proposed-Revisions-Redlined.pdf>
2. Proposed Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards: https://mcusercontent.com/1fee855032ccdf7f2b0c6b39c/files/da4e393d-9cac-a133-763a-4aa3fa4a29db/Amended_and_Restated_Bylaws_of_the_Federation_of_Chiropractic_Licensing_Boards_2_20_26.pdf

Walker, Kristin@DCA

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Written Submission for the Record
California Board of Chiropractic Examiners
Regarding the Proposed NBCE–FCLB Merger
Submitted by the Chiropractic Freedom Coalition (CFC)

Background

Chiropractic licensing boards nationwide are receiving briefings concerning the proposed merger between the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) and the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards (FCLB). Based on information being presented in these briefings, the merger's governance, voting authority, and legal structure are not yet finalized or publicly resolved.

Unresolved Governance and Examination Reliance

NBCE-administered examinations, including NBCE Part IV, are products of NBCE governance. Accordingly, uncertainty regarding NBCE's future governance necessarily raises prudential and legal questions regarding continued enforcement or reliance on NBCE Part IV absent clear authority and a clear understanding of the governance framework that will control NBCE-administered examinations post-merger. These questions are particularly significant where a licensing requirement is administered by a private entity whose governance, voting structure, or legal status may change as a result of a merger.

Board Authority and Public Accountability

The following questions are submitted for the record:

Does the Board claim statutory or regulatory authority to hold membership, pay dues, designate delegates, or participate in governance or voting decisions of private nonprofit corporations such as NBCE or FCLB?

Has the Board formally requested or received a published opinion from the State Attorney General addressing whether such participation and reliance on NBCE-administered examinations, including Part IV, are within the Board's statutory or regulatory authority, particularly in light of the proposed merger?

Are any public funds or public resources, including dues, travel, staff time, or administrative support, used in connection with NBCE or FCLB membership or enforcement of NBCE examinations?

Purpose

This submission does not advocate for or against the proposed NBCE–FCLB merger or NBCE Part IV. The purpose is to support transparency, confirm lawful authority, and avoid premature enforcement of, or

compulsory reliance on, NBCE-administered examinations while governance and voting structure remain unsettled.

Closing

CFC respectfully requests that this written submission be accepted into the Board's official record and considered in connection with any discussion of the proposed NBCE–FCLB merger.

Respectfully submitted,
Chiropractic Freedom Coalition



Agenda Item 12
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Continuing Education Committee Report

Purpose of the Item

Committee Chair Laurence Adams, D.C. will update the Board on the Continuing Education Committee's March 5, 2026, working group meeting.

Action Requested

This agenda item is informational only. No Board action is requested at this time.

Background

On March 5, 2026, members of the Continuing Education Committee met as a two-person working group to discuss the Board's pending regulatory proposal to comprehensively update the continuing education requirements, including revisions to the provider and course approval processes.

The Committee identified the need for additional data comparing the number of new course applications to those that would qualify as renewals under the proposed regulations, including a breakdown of mandatory and elective courses. The Committee also discussed the planning and logistical challenges associated with the originally proposed three-year approval cycle and instead recommended maintaining the annual approval cycle, leveraging efficiencies that could be gained through the Connect system, and adopting a reduced fee to reflect those efficiencies.

The Committee further discussed the Board's current practice of accepting continuing education approved by the other Department of Consumer Affairs healing arts boards. The Committee suggested refining the list of accepted programs to ensure they are equivalent to the education level of licensed doctors of chiropractic.

Additionally, the Committee considered further enhancements to the Continuing Education Program, including strengthening audit practices, verifying provider and instructor competency, and ensuring that all courses meet appropriate standards of rigor.



Enforcement Committee Report

Purpose of the Item

The Board will receive an update on the Enforcement Committee's March 18, 2026, meeting.

Action Requested

The Board will be asked to consider the Committee's recommendation to adopt the presumption model for applying the Uniform Standards for Substance Abusing Licensees.

Background

The Enforcement Committee met via Webex on March 18, 2026, and discussed the following policy issues:

Minimum Supervision and Training Requirements for Chiropractic Assistants, Responsibility for Conduct on Premises, and Sexual Misconduct

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.

At the meeting, the Committee provided input to staff on proposed definitions of the terms "supervision," "direct, on-site supervision," and "general supervision" within the regulation.

The Committee also discussed 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 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.

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Uniform Standards for Substance Abusing Licensees

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.

When last considered by the Board at its July 17, 2014, meeting, the Board voted to adopt the third option for applying the Uniform Standards.

Staff reviewed Uniform Standards regulations adopted by other Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) 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

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Licensing Board	Trigger Language	Regulation
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

Staff presented the advantages and disadvantages of each trigger option and recommended that the Board move forward with the same presumption model that is commonly used by other DCA healing arts boards. The Committee agreed and recommended that the Board adopt the presumption model for this regulatory proposal.

At this meeting, the Board will be asked to consider the Committee's recommendation.

Attachment

- March 18, 2026 Enforcement Committee Meeting Notice and Agenda



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.

Teleconference Instructions: The Enforcement Committee will hold a public meeting via Webex Events. To access and participate in the meeting via teleconference, attendees will need to click on, or copy and paste into a URL field, the link below and enter their name, email address, and the event password, or join by phone using the access information below.

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Instructions to connect to the meeting can be found at the end of this agenda.

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Webex platform, participants may be asked for their name and email address. Participants who choose not to provide their names will be required to provide a unique identifier, such as their initials or another alternative, so that the meeting moderator can identify individuals who wish to make a public comment. Participants who choose not to provide their email address may utilize a fictitious email address in the following sample format: XXXXXX@mailinator.com.

Note: Members of the public may also submit written comments to the Committee on any agenda item by Friday, March 13, 2026. Written comments should be directed to chiro.info@dca.ca.gov for Committee consideration.

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**
Note: Members of the public may offer public comment for items not on the agenda. However, the Committee may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this public comment section that is not included on this agenda, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting. [Government Code Sections 11125, 11125.7(a).]
- 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

Note: Members of the Committee and the public may submit proposed agenda items for a future Committee meeting. However, 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.]

8. Adjournment

This agenda can be found on the Board's website at www.chiro.ca.gov. The time and order of agenda items are subject to change at the discretion of the Committee Chair and may be taken out of order. In accordance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, all meetings of the Board and Committee are open to the public.

Government Code section 11125.7 provides the opportunity for the public to address each agenda item during discussion or consideration by the Committee prior to it taking any action on said item. Members of the public will be provided appropriate opportunities to comment on any issue before the Committee, but the Committee Chair may, at their discretion, apportion available time among those who wish to speak. Members of the public will not be permitted to yield their allotted time to other members of the public to make comments. Individuals may appear before the Committee to discuss items not on the agenda; however, the Committee can neither discuss nor take official action on these items at the time of the same meeting (Government Code sections 11125 and 11125.7(a)).

The meeting is accessible to individuals with disabilities. A person who has questions about the meeting or needs a disability-related accommodation or modification to participate in the meeting may contact the Board to ask questions or make a disability-related accommodation request at:

Contact Person: Becky Lyke

Telephone: (916) 263-5355

Email: chiro.info@dca.ca.gov

Telecommunications Relay Service: Dial 711

Mailing Address:

Board of Chiropractic Examiners

1625 N. Market Blvd., Suite N-327

Sacramento, CA 95834

Providing your disability-related accommodation request at least five (5) business days before the meeting will help to ensure availability of the requested accommodation.



Licensing Committee Report

Purpose of the Item

Committee Chair Pamela Daniels, D.C. will update the Board on the Licensing Committee's March 27, 2026, meeting.

Action Requested

This agenda item is informational only. No Board action is requested at this time.

Background

The Licensing Committee met via Webex on March 27, 2026, and discussed the following policy issues:

New Temporary Licensure Pathway with Public Notification and Practice Limitations

There are currently four recognized pathways to practice chiropractic in California—temporary licensure for active-duty military spouses and domestic partners, initial doctor of chiropractic (DC) licensure, licensure through reciprocity, and practice under the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA).

Reciprocity was identified as a priority during the Board's 2022 sunset review and in the Board's 2022–2026 Strategic Plan, which includes an objective to review reciprocity requirements to minimize barriers to licensure in California. Although the Board has an existing method of interstate licensure through reciprocity specified in California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 16, section 323, the current processes and requirements for initial licensure and reciprocity are nearly identical, except that reciprocity allows for licensure under prior formats of the national examination.

While the DC license requirements and scopes of practice vary from state-to-state, all states currently have at least the following basic requirements for a DC license:

- Completion of at least 60 prechiropractic college credits
- Graduation from an accredited chiropractic program with a DC degree
- Pass NBCE Parts I–IV examinations

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Many states also require applicants to pass the NBCE Physiotherapy examination, administer their own state-specific jurisprudence examination, and conduct criminal background checks.

The Committee previously discussed the importance of maintaining California's high standards for chiropractic care while supporting workforce mobility. Rather than revising the reciprocity pathway, the Committee determined that establishing a new temporary licensure option with public notification and practice limitations would more effectively allow qualified applicants to begin practice while completing any remaining licensure requirements.

At its December 5, 2025 meeting, the Committee reviewed a conceptual proposal for this new temporary licensure pathway and considered whether it should be limited to applicants with at least five years of licensure and active practice, or whether it should be available to all graduates of Board-approved programs.

During the January 16, 2026 meeting, the Board discussed the proposal and supported moving forward with a temporary licensure pathway that is open to all applicants with a DC degree from a Board-approved program and NBCE Parts I–IV, not just those who have previously been licensed.

At the meeting, the Committee provided input to staff on the conceptual proposal for this new temporary licensure pathway. The Committee also discussed the need for the Board to obtain fee authority for this new temporary license as part of the sunset review process.

Standards of Practice for Virtual Care

Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 686 requires a licensed health practitioner providing services via telehealth to comply with the requirements of BPC section 2290.5, the practice act relating to their profession, and the regulations adopted by their licensing board pursuant to that practice act.

BPC section 2290.5, subdivision (a)(6) defines telehealth as follows:

“ ‘Telehealth’ means the mode of delivering health care services and public health via information and communication technologies to facilitate the diagnosis, consultation, treatment, education, care management, and self-management of a patient’s health care. Telehealth facilitates patient self-management and caregiver support for patients and includes synchronous interactions and asynchronous store and forward transfers.”

BPC section 2290.5 requires health care providers to inform the patient about the use of telehealth and obtain verbal or written consent from the patient for the use of telehealth as an acceptable mode of delivering health care services and public health before the delivery of health care via telehealth. Providers must also document the patient’s consent. In addition, this statute provides that all laws regarding the confidentiality of

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health care information and a patient's rights to the patient's medical information shall apply to telehealth interactions and all laws and regulations governing professional responsibility, unprofessional conduct, and standards of practice that apply to the health provider's license shall apply while providing telehealth services.

During the August 25, 2023, meeting, the Committee reviewed proposed and approved laws and regulations by the California Acupuncture Board, the California Board of Occupational Therapy, the California Board of Behavioral Sciences, the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners, and the Florida Department of Public Health regarding the delivery of health care services via telehealth. The Committee also discussed the consumer protection benefits of establishing minimum standards for the delivery of chiropractic services via telehealth and directed staff to develop a regulatory proposal for the Committee's review.

At its December 5, 2025, meeting, the Committee discussed a conceptual regulatory proposal to specify the standards of practice for virtual care. The proposal would:

- Broadly define "virtual care" as the comprehensive integration of digital technology to enable and support the delivery of personalized clinical and administrative health care services, patient education, and care coordination, and specify that telehealth is a subset of virtual care.
- Clarify that any person practicing chiropractic through virtual care with a patient who is physically located in California must be actively licensed by the Board.
- Establish standards of practice for virtual care, including requiring licensees to determine that the delivery of chiropractic services via virtual care is clinically appropriate after evaluating their own competency and ability, the patient's clinical presentation, the nature of the services to be provided, and the patient's preference for receiving virtual care.
- Specify the requirements for obtaining the patient's verbal or written consent for the use of virtual care as an acceptable mode of delivering chiropractic services.
- Require licensees to take reasonable steps to ensure the secure transmission of electronic data and immediately notify each patient of any known data breach or unauthorized disclosure of their personal health information.
- Clarify that licensees are responsible for exercising the same standard of care when providing chiropractic services via virtual care as is required for traditional, in-person care.

During the meeting, the Committee discussed and provided input on conceptual regulatory language outlining the standards of practice for virtual care. Staff is revising the proposal based on the Committee's input.

Standards for the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Chiropractic Practice

During the June 13, 2025 and December 5, 2025 meetings, the Committee engaged in policy discussions regarding the use of AI in clinical practice. The Committee noted the need for licensee education in AI literacy as they integrate more tools into their practices, particularly their understanding and recognition of potential biases and inaccuracies when using AI and their responsibility for the outputs.

Based on these discussions, staff prepared a conceptual regulatory proposal relating to standards for the use of AI in chiropractic practice. This proposal would:

- Clarify that licensees remain fully responsible for all clinical decisions, including those informed by AI or GenAI outputs.
- Establish competency requirements ensuring licensees possess sufficient AI literacy to safely integrate and use AI in practice.
- Require reasonable steps to prevent disparate or discriminatory clinical outcomes associated with algorithmic or research bias.
- Ensure patient privacy through data security requirements and explicit authorization for any use of patient information in AI model training.
- Specify that licensees must document when AI or GenAI informs clinical decision making and ensure the accuracy of any AI-generated clinical documentation.
- Require informed consent when AI is significantly involved in clinical care or when patient data will be processed by an external AI system.
- Prohibit fraudulent or deceptive uses of AI.

At the meeting, the Committee discussed the proposal and provided input and direction to staff. The Committee also identified the need for a separate informed consent that addresses a licensee's use of AI in practice.

Attachment

- March 27, 2026 Licensing Committee Meeting Notice and Agenda



NOTICE OF TELECONFERENCE LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee Members

Pamela Daniels, D.C., Chair
Janette N.V. Cruz

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

**Friday, March 27, 2026
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 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.

Teleconference Instructions: The Licensing Committee will hold a public meeting via Webex Events. To access and participate in the meeting via teleconference, attendees will need to click on, or copy and paste into a URL field, the link below and enter their name, email address, and the event password, or join by phone using the access information below.

Webex Meeting Link: [Click Here to Join Meeting](#)

Experiencing issues joining the meeting? Copy and paste the full link text below into an internet browser:

<https://dca-meetings.webex.com/dca-meetings/j.php?MTID=me069ac2a9174622e5553c9da21bd5c8c>

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Webinar password: BCE327

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Access code: 2495 853 9508

Passcode: 223327

Instructions to connect to the meeting can be found at the end of this agenda.

Members of the public may, but are not obligated to, provide their names or personal information as a condition of observing or participating in the meeting. When signing into the Webex platform, participants may be asked for their name and email address. Participants

who choose not to provide their names will be required to provide a unique identifier, such as their initials or another alternative, so that the meeting moderator can identify individuals who wish to make a public comment. Participants who choose not to provide their email address may utilize a fictitious email address in the following sample format: XXXXXX@mailinator.com.

Note: Members of the public may also submit written comments to the Committee on any agenda item by Tuesday, March 24, 2026. Written comments should be directed to chiro.info@dca.ca.gov for Committee consideration.

Primary Physical Meeting Location

**Department of Consumer Affairs
El Dorado Room
1625 N. Market Blvd., Suite N-220
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**
Note: Members of the public may offer public comment for items not on the agenda. However, the Committee may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this public comment section that is not included on this agenda, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting. [Government Code Sections 11125, 11125.7(a).]
- 3. Review and Possible Approval of December 5, 2025 Committee Meeting Minutes**
- 4. Update on the Board's Licensing Program**
- 5. Review, Discussion, and Possible Recommendation on Regulatory Proposal to Establish a New Temporary Licensure Pathway with Public Notification and Practice Limitations (add California Code of Regulations [CCR], Title 16, section 321.2)**
- 6. Review, Discussion, and Possible Recommendation on Regulatory Proposal to Establish Minimum Standards of Practice for Virtual Care (add CCR, Title 16, section 318.2)**
- 7. Review, Discussion, and Possible Recommendation on Regulatory Proposal to Clarify Standards for the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Chiropractic Practice (add CCR, Title 16, section 318.3)**

8. Future Agenda Items

Note: Members of the Committee and the public may submit proposed agenda items for a future Committee meeting. However, 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.]

9. Adjournment

This agenda can be found on the Board's website at www.chiro.ca.gov. The time and order of agenda items are subject to change at the discretion of the Committee Chair and may be taken out of order. In accordance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, all meetings of the Board and Committee are open to the public.

Government Code section 11125.7 provides the opportunity for the public to address each agenda item during discussion or consideration by the Committee prior to it taking any action on said item. Members of the public will be provided appropriate opportunities to comment on any issue before the Committee, but the Committee Chair may, at their discretion, apportion available time among those who wish to speak. Members of the public will not be permitted to yield their allotted time to other members of the public to make comments. Individuals may appear before the Committee to discuss items not on the agenda; however, the Committee can neither discuss nor take official action on these items at the time of the same meeting (Government Code sections 11125 and 11125.7(a)).

The meeting is accessible to individuals with disabilities. A person who has questions about the meeting or needs a disability-related accommodation or modification to participate in the meeting may contact the Board to ask questions or make a disability-related accommodation request at:

Contact Person: Amanda Ah Po

Telephone: (916) 263-5355

Email: chiro.info@dca.ca.gov

Telecommunications Relay Service: Dial 711

Mailing Address:

Board of Chiropractic Examiners

1625 N. Market Blvd., Suite N-327

Sacramento, CA 95834

Providing your disability-related accommodation request at least five (5) business days before the meeting will help to ensure availability of the requested accommodation.



Agenda Item 15
April 16, 2026

Future Agenda Items

Purpose of the Item

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

The Board 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.]



Agenda Item 16
April 16, 2026

Closed Session

Purpose of the Item

The Board will meet in closed session to:

- A. Deliberate and Vote on Disciplinary Matters Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126, subd. (c)(3)**
- B. Conduct an Annual Performance Evaluation of its Executive Officer Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126, subd. (a)(1)**



**Agenda Item 17
April 16, 2026**

Strategic Planning Session

Purpose of the Item and Action Requested

The Department of Consumer Affairs' SOLID Planning Solutions will facilitate a strategic planning session where the Board members will create goals and objectives for the 2027–2030 Strategic Plan.



**Agenda Item 18
April 16, 2026**

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

Purpose of the Item

Following the completion of regular business on Thursday, April 16, 2026, the Board will recess until Friday, April 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Time: _____



Agenda Item 19
April 17, 2026

Call to Order / Roll Call / Establishment of a Quorum

Purpose of the Item

Laurence Adams, D.C., Chair of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners, will call the meeting to order. Roll will be called by Board Secretary Janette N.V. Cruz.

Board Members

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



Agenda Item 20
April 17, 2026

Petition Hearing for Early Termination of Probation

Purpose of the Item

The Board will conduct a hearing on the following petition for early termination of probation:

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



**Agenda Item 21
April 17, 2026**

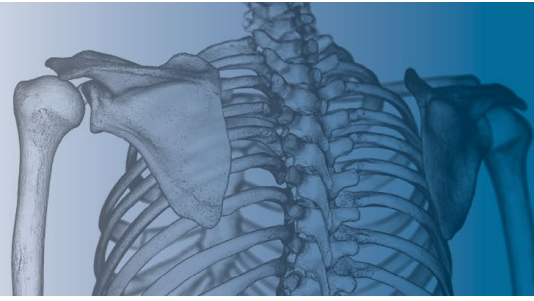
Petition Hearings for Reinstatement of Surrendered Licenses

Purpose of the Item

The Board will conduct hearings on the following petitions for reinstatement of a surrendered license:

- 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



**Agenda Item 22
April 17, 2026**

Petition Hearings for Reinstatement of Revoked Licenses

Purpose of the Item

The Board will conduct hearings on the following petitions for reinstatement of a revoked license:

- 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



Agenda Item 23
April 17, 2026

Closed Session

Purpose of the Item

The Board will meet in closed session to:

- **Deliberate and Vote on the Above Petitions Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126, subd. (c)(3)**



Agenda Item 24
April 17, 2026

Adjournment

Time: _____