CHIROPRACTIC BOARD MEETING
Open Session Minutes
October 8, 2025| 9:00 a.m.

Board Members present for all or part of the meeting:

Dennis Vonnahme, D.C. (virtual)
Kirby Connell, Public Member
Lauri Wondra, D.C.
Rich Elchert, D.C.

Board Members absent:

Rodney Langel, D.C.
Jennifer Rasmussen, D.C.

Staff present for all or part of the meeting:

Michele Christiansen, Executive Officer
Charles Hill, Bureau Chief
Regan Hodina, Assistant Attorney General
Matt Celentano, Investigator (virtual)
Ashley Thompson, Executive Officer
Mike Jaeger, Investigator (virtual)
Beth Jorgenson, Compliance Assistant
Lacy Hepp, Administrative Assistant
Derek Ross, Investigator (virtual)
Becky Carlson, IPHP Coordinator
Teresa Dornbusch, Licensing Clerk

Public present:

Carl Lingren, Iowa Chiropractic Society
Joshua Madsen (virtual)

Call Meeting to Order

Call Meeting to Order by Wondra at 9:02 a.m.
Roll Call by Christiansen.
Quorum was established. Introductions were made.

Announcements

No announcements were made.

Discussion and Vote on Meeting Minutes

Motion by Vonnahme to approve the open session minutes of the July 9, 2025 meeting.
Seconded by Elchert.
Vote: Aye: All Nay: None Abstaining: None
Motion passed.

IPHP Presentation – Becky Carlson

Becky Carlson presented an overview of the Professional Health Programs offered to licensees to successfully practice while being monitored. The goal of IPHP is to provide a confidential, healthy and safe program that allows professionals to continue to practice while in recovery.

New Business

A. **2026 Meeting Dates** – The board meetings will be held on January 14, April 8, July 8 and October 14, 2026.
B. **Animal Chiropractic** – The board went into a lengthy discussion regarding animal manipulation. This discussion has been pended for additional information.

Petition for Rule Waiver – Cynthia Arp
The board unanimously voted to pass the continuing education waiver for Dr. Cynthia Arp.

Declaratory Order on Dry Needling
Motion by Wondra to approve the Declaratory Order on Dry Needling.
Seconded by Connell.
Vote: Aye: All Nay: None Abstaining: None
Motion passed.

Public Comment
Madsen had a question regarding the qualifications for physiotherapy.

Closed Session
Motion by Wondra to enter closed session, pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(a) to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential; Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(d) to discuss whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigations or proceedings; and Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(f) to discuss the decision to be rendered in a contested case conducted according to the provisions of chapter 17A.
Seconded by Elchert.
Vote: Aye: All Nay: None Abstaining: None
Motion passed.

The board went into closed session at 10:15 a.m.

Public members were placed into a waiting room.

The board returned to open session at 1:06 p.m.

Open Session
Motion by Vonnhame to approve the closed session minutes of the July 9, 2025 meeting.
Seconded by Connell.
Vote: Aye: All Nay: None Abstaining: None
Motion passed.

Motion by Wondra to close cases 25-0176, 25-0217, 25-0307, 25-0340, 25-0276, 25-0309 and 25-0232 as discussed in closed session.
Seconded by Vonnahme.

Vote: Aye: All Nay: None Abstaining: None
Motion passed.

Motion by Wondra to pend cases 25-0222, 22-0176, 23-0227, 23-0374, 24-0180 and 24-0234 as discussed in closed session.
Seconded by Elchert.
Vote: Aye: All Nay: None Abstaining: None
Motion passed.

Motion by Wondra to deny the request to modify the board order on case 08-056.
Seconded by Connell.
Vote: Aye: All Nay: None Abstaining: None
Motion passed.

Motion by Wondra to approve the Reinstatement request on case 21-0142.
Seconded by Connell.
Vote: Aye: All Nay: None Abstaining: None
Motion passed.

Adjournment
Motion by Wondra to adjourn the board meeting.
Seconded by Vonnahme.
Vote: Aye: All Nay: None Abstaining: None
Motion passed.

Christiansen adjourned the meeting at 1:11 p.m.