

South Dakota Board of Chiropractic Examiners Meeting

Zoom Meeting

September 17, 2025

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Dr. Bill Blickensderfer called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. central time. The roll call was taken with the following members present Dr. Doreen Vetter, Dr. Bill Blickensderfer, Dr. Rick Odland, Dr. Jay Ortman, Jennifer Quail along with Howard Pallotta, SD Dept. of Health, General Counsel and Marcia Walter, Executive Director. Dr. Scott Munsterman was also present at the beginning of the meeting and Dr. Ben Oien joined the meeting at 4:35.

M/S Odland/Vetter to approve the agenda with the order of business adjusted to accommodate individual requests
Passed, no opposition

Dr. Scott Munsterman answered questions the board had regarding the additional information that was shared with the board at the June meeting regarding his opinion on 34-54 Primary Care Agreements and potential conflict with 20:41:09:01 patient care and charges.

M/S Ortman/Vetter the additional information will not overrule the boards initial stand, therefore, the board rejects the use of primary care agreements
Passed, no opposition (Dr. Munsterman exited the meeting prior to the board vote)

There were no conflicts of interest regarding agenda items presented.

Open public forum – no public members in attendance

M/S Quail/Odland to approve the minutes from June 18, 2025.
Passed, no opposition

Marcia Walter presented the financial report. The current cash balance as of August 31, 2025 is \$247,458.86.

M/S Ortman/Vetter to approve the financial report
Passed, no opposition

Marcia Walter presented the board executive director's informational report. Licensee update as of 9/2/25: Active DC's 522 (118 are acupuncture certified); Inactive 56; CA's 283; X-ray techs 84. Renewal notices will be mailed prior to November 1 versus sending email reminders. There were 13 students that took and successfully passed the 36-hour x-ray test in August.

Dr. Ortman presented the investigative report.

M/S Quail/Odland to accept investigative report on case #04/2024
Passed, no opposition

Marcia Walter requested discussion regarding the FCLB Recognized Chiropractic Specialty Program (RCSP) and how they can assist in approving specialty programs be tabled to gather more information.

M/S Odland/Ortman to table further discussion to allow time to gather additional information
Passed, no opposition

Dr. Ben Oien joined the meeting at 4:35 p.m. to advocate on behalf of the association for the establishment of a chiropractic graduate extern program in South Dakota. Dr. Oien shared a summary of how he envisions this program working including the overview, benefits, challenges, implementation, etc. This was for information purposes, so no further action was taken by the board. Dr. Oien exited the meeting at 4:55.

A request was received from Highest Health Chiropractic to allow non-chiropractic assistant certified individuals to be able to administer patient scans and upload information to electronic health records.

M/S Vetter/Quail to deny request - scan techs need to be certified chiropractic assistants

Passed, no opposition

An inquiry was received from Dr. Chance Haugen requesting the board reconsider the need to have chiropractic assistants certified in South Dakota due to the cost of the certification and unnecessary requirements.

M/S Ortman/Quail not to make any changes to the statutes and rules regarding chiropractic assistants

Passed, no opposition

The next item of business was to review a request from Dr. Scott Munsterman for consideration of 40 hours continuing education credit for a postgraduate certification course taken at Harvard Medical School regarding safety-quality-infomatics and leadership.

M/S Vetter/Ortman to deny the request based on 20:41:08:05 (3) the applicability of the subject matter to the practice of chiropractic as a healing art.

Passed, no opposition

M/S Odland/Quail to ratify the license administratively issued for Dr. Josi Jensen

Passed, no opposition.

M/S Ortman/Quail to approve the license applications of Riley Block, Konstantine Bunde, Kyle Lange, Wanique Peterson, Paul Stover and Link Tucker pending completion of their files

Passed, no opposition

M/S Quail/Odland to approve the 2026 meeting dates of March 18, June 17, September 16 and December 16.

Passed, no opposition

M/S Odland/Ortman to go into executive session at 5:20 pm. pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (3) for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel

Passed, no opposition

Dr. Blickensderfer opened the meeting back to open session at 5:30 p.m.

M/S Odland/Ortman to grant license application to Dr. Larry Elford upon agreement to stipulation the board discussed in executive session

Passed, no opposition

With no further business, the next regular scheduled meeting is set for December 17, 2025. Time and venue will be determined closer to meeting date.

With no further business,

M/S Ortman/Quail to adjourn meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Passed, no opposition

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Walter

Executive Director

These unapproved minutes are respectfully submitted for publishing at 10:45 a.m. on September 19, 2025, by Marcia Walter, Executive Director per 1-27-1.17