

South Dakota Board of Chiropractic Examiners Meeting

Zoom Meeting

March 25, 2026

Dr. Bill Blickensderfer called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. central time. Roll call was taken with the following members present Dr. Doreen Vetter, Dr. Bill Blickensderfer, Dr. Rick Odland, Dr. Jay Ortman, along with Howard Pallotta, SD Dept. of Health, General Counsel and Marcia Walter, Executive Director. Jennifer Quail, lay member joined the meeting at 3:55.

Dr. Blickensderfer noted the agenda was updated to include preceptor approval.

M/S Vetter/Odland to approve the agenda as updated

Passed, no opposition

There were no conflicts of interest regarding agenda items presented.

Open public forum – no public members in attendance

M/S Ortman/Odland to approve the minutes from December 17, 2025.

Passed, no opposition

Marcia Walter presented the financial report. The current cash balance as of February 28, 2026, is \$254,438.11. The current fiscal year ends June 30, 2026.

M/S Vetter/Ortman to approve the financial report

Passed, no opposition

Marcia Walter presented the board executive director's informational report. Licensee update as of 3/12/26:

Active DC's 511 (119 are acupuncture certified); Inactive 60; CA's 239; X-ray techs 68. Discussion was also held regarding NCJA audit completed successfully, contract being renewed for database maintenance with Codewise, health board executive director meeting. Attorney Howard Pallotta sent response for public records request to the Chiropractic Freedom Coalition group regarding the NBCE-FCLB merger. That organization requested agenda discussion of proposed merger, etc., however, no one from the coalition was present at the meeting for discussion. Majority of the concerns were already addressed in the public record response.

Dr. Ortman presented the investigative report.

M/S Odland/Vetter to accept investigative report on case #04/2024

Passed, no opposition

Discussion continued regarding the FCLB Recognized Chiropractic Specialty Program (RCSP) and how they can assist in approving specialty programs.

M/S Odland/Ortman not to adopt RCSP currently

Passed, no opposition

The next item of business was regarding a request for an opinion for providing nerve condition studies.

M/S Odland/Ortman to table discussion until additional information is obtained regarding request

Passed, no opposition

The board reviewed a doctor's request for a medical waiver of continuing education in conjunction with ARSD 20:41:08:03.

M/S Ortman/Odland to grant medical waiver and issue license upon receipt of two additional hours in conjunction with the hours already completed
Passed, no opposition

A request for opinion on how to market postgraduate chiropractic orthopedics certification was reviewed. The course taken does not fall within the guidelines of specialty guidelines via ARSD 20:41:09:05. Marcia will notify the individual and suggest alternative ways to market.

Next item of new business had to do with a request for possible continuing education hours for a lactation consultation training course completed.

M/S Vetter/Quail to table request until additional information with hours breakdown is received
Passed, no opposition

M/S Vetter/Odland to ratify the licenses administratively issued for Dr's. Madilyn DeGroot, Shania Schwebach and Reegin Kehn
Passed, no opposition.

M/S Ortman/Quail to approve the license applications of Dr. James Miller and Dr. Casey Scherr pending completion of their files
Passed, no opposition

M/S Odland/Ortman to approve preceptor requests of Braden Peters with Dr. Jason Evans
Passed, no opposition

M/S Ortman/Quail to elect Dr. Doreen Vetter as President, Dr. Rick Odland as Vice President/Investigative Officer and Dr. Bill Blickensderfer as Secretary effective at the close of the current meeting
Passed, no opposition

There was not any business for discussion in executive session.

With no further business, the next regular scheduled meeting is set for June 24, 2026, tentatively set to be a zoom meeting starting at 4:00 p.m. central time.

With no further business,

M/S Vetter/Quail to adjourn meeting at 4:50 p.m.
Passed, no opposition

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Walter
Executive Director