

HAWAII BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC
Professional and Vocational Licensing Division
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
State of Hawaii

MINUTES OF MEETING
May 20, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

In-Person Meeting Location:

PVL Exam Room 330
HRH King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, Third Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Virtual Participation:

Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Meeting

<https://dcca-hawaii-gov.zoom.us/j/82651624363?pwd=imaWHZVk4mdZwUOVG5XjcB8bxZeU8k.1>

Recording Link:

<https://youtu.be/6a1tFbxac9g>

Present:

James Pleiss, D.C., D.A.B.C.O., Chair
Rachel M. Klein, D.C., N.D.D.C., Vice Chair
Alice H. Ogawa, D.C., Member
Theresa Hernandez, Public Member
Jeanne-Marie Coloma, Public Member
Nancy Nguyen, Executive Officer (“EO”)
Christopher Han, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)
Cortnie Tanaka, Secretary

Guests:

None

Agenda:

The agenda for this meeting was posted to the State electronic calendar as required by Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”) section 92-7(b).

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m., at which time quorum was established.

Chair Pleiss called the meeting to order with a roll call of the Board members. Board members confirmed they were present.

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Chair Pleiss, seconded by Ms. Coloma, and unanimously carried to approve the April 29, 2026 open session minutes as presented.

Applications:

- A. Ratification of Issued License(s): (attached)

It was moved by Chair Pleiss, seconded by Vice Chair Klein, and unanimously carried to approve the attached May 20, 2026 ratification of issued license list.

Continuing Education ("CE")

- A. Ratification of CE Courses — New Applications and Re-Registrations (attached)

It was moved by Chair Pleiss, seconded by Ms. Hernandez, and unanimously carried to ratify the attached list of CE courses

Update on 2026 Legislative Session:

- A. Discussion on the implementation of SB2050, relating to chiropractic student clinical training and supervision.

DAG Han noted that SB2050 was passed unanimously in both chambers of the legislature and has been enrolled for the governor's signature. There appears to be no reason to expect a veto, so it is effectively certain to become law.

Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") Chapter 76:

- A. Draft Rule Amendments

16-76-4 Definitions:

- Chiropractic Student: Initially taken directly from SB2050, however, DAG Han suggested to remove this definition from the rules because the term is already defined in the bill, making repetition unnecessary.
- Direct Supervision: Board members discussed whether the supervising chiropractor should be present in the treatment room or merely on-site. The proposed new language is intended to provide flexibility while ensuring the supervising chiropractor's responsibility for overseeing the examination and diagnosis of the condition being treated and authorizing each treatment plan.

16-76-8 Educational requirements:

- Based on recommendations from the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE), the Board decided to remove detailed requirements to broaden provisions and address prior issues involving misalignment with CCE requirements.

16-76-20 License required to practice chiropractic:

- Amended to reflect SB2050, providing an exemption for students to practice under direct supervision.

16-76-20.1 Practice and supervision of chiropractic students:

- This section was added to reflect SB2050.
- DAG Han suggested including a clarifying amendment: "beginning July 1st, 2028". This aligns with SB 2050, which delays the student practice provision until this date.
- Subsection (b) requires chiropractic students to report their participation to the board, serving as a public safety mechanism. A minor spelling correction for "didactic" coursework was noted.

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- The board decided to add a requirement that the chiropractor must have held an unencumbered license for the past 5 years to be eligible to supervise.
- A new subsection will be created to limit the number of students a supervising chiropractor can oversee. Concerns were raised about potential factory-like operations of using students without limits. A consensus was reached to set the limit at two students per supervising chiropractor.
- Before providing clinical service, a chiropractic student must give both oral and written notice to the patient and obtain their written consent. The supervising chiropractor is responsible for maintaining copies of this written consent as part of the patient's medical records.
- Discussion arose about whether subsections (g) and (f) were redundant given existing medical record-keeping requirements. The board felt that subsection (g) was unnecessary as the board already has authority to discipline for inadequate records. Concerns were raised on potential Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) implications related to the Board's inspection of patient medical records. To address these concerns, it was proposed that the language be amended to allow inspection of "written consent and medical records with the permission of the patient." DAG Han will further review the HIPAA implications and provide further guidance.

16-76-21.1 Inactive license and 16-76-21.2 Reactivation of inactive license:

- A minor stylistic change was made to remove "0" from the subsection numbers, making them ".1" and ".2" for consistency.

16-76-41 Requirements for approved programs:

- Subsection (a)(2) was amended to delete the nonprofit language, now stating that approved programs can be from national or state chiropractic organizations as approved by the board.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Taken and Recorded by:

/s/ Nancy Nguyen
Nancy Nguyen
Executive Officer

6/04/2026

(X) Minutes approved as is.

() Minutes approved with changes, see minutes of _____.

Ratification of Issued License(s)

License: License Number	Licensee
DC-1657-0	JACK TSONG
DC-1658-0	Jacob D Russell
DC-1659-0	James Emerson Watson
DC-1660-0	Jill Chapman

Chiropractic Continuing Education 2026-2027

All courses expire on December 31, 2027, unless otherwise noted.

Index No.	Program Title	Dates - Locations	Sponsor	Hours Requested	Hours Approved
HI 26-165	Atlas Orthogonal Advanced	Atlanta, GA; 5/15/26 - 5/16/26	Sherman College of Chiropractic	12	10
HI 26-166	Longevity Strategies - Balancing Brain and Body (Livestream)	Livestream; 1/24/26 - 1/25/2026	Northwestern Health Sciences University	12	12
HI 26-167	Longevity Strategies - Balancing Brain and Body (In-Person)	Sacramento, CA; 1/24/26 - 1/25/26	Northwestern Health Sciences University	12	12
HI 26-168	Parker Seminars Miami 2026	Miami, FL; 6/12/26 - 6/14/26	Parker University	92 available/20 able to obtain	92 available/20 able to obtain