

# **Board of Chiropractic Virtual Meeting Minutes**

## **February 11, 2026**

### **1. Roll Call**

Brian Stevens DC, Secretary, called the meeting of the Board of Chiropractic to order at 9:30 a.m. on February 11, 2026, in the Goldenrod Conference Room at the Nebraska State Office Building located at 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were e-mailed to the Board members and other interested parties, posted on the DHHS website at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>, and posted in the Nebraska State Office Building East Vestibule on February 6, 2026.

Stevens announced that this is an open meeting and the Open Meetings Act is posted.

### **Members Present**

Brian Stevens, DC Secretary  
David Henske, Public Member  
Bradley Stauffer, DC Member (via Webex)

### **Staff Present**

Claire Covert-ByBee, Program Manager  
Kim Hitzel, Health Licensing Coordinator  
TJ O'Neill, Assistant Attorney General  
Marley Sandberg, DHHS Legal Attorney  
Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General

### **Members of the Public Addressing the Board**

Heather Henrichs, DC District I Director, Federation of Chiropractic Licensure Boards  
[henrichschiro@gmail.com](mailto:henrichschiro@gmail.com)

### **2. Adoption of Agenda**

Henske moved, seconded by Stauffer, to adopt the agenda. Voting aye: Henske, Stauffer, and Stevens. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

### **3. Reaffirmation of Mail Ballot**

Reaffirmation of the mail ballot to approve the minutes from October 8, 2025. Voting to approve the revised minutes as written: Henske, Henrichs, Stevens. Abstaining: Misek. Minutes approved October 27, 2025.

#### **4. Closed Session**

Henske moved, seconded by Stauffer, to move into closed session at 9:33 a.m. to hear discussions regarding confidential information and to protect the reputation of individuals named or referenced in such discussions. Voting aye: Henske, Stauffer, Stevens. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Board returned to open session at 10:12 a.m.

#### **5. Board Recommendations**

No recommendations were made.

#### **6. Election of officers**

Motion made by Henske, seconded by Stauffer to elect the following slate of officers to the Board of Chiropractic for a one-year term pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 38-169 and Department request:

Chair: Brian Stevens

Vice: Bradley Stauffer

Secretary: David Henske

Voting aye: Henske, Stauffer, and Stevens. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

#### **7. Voting for Delegates**

The FCLB and the NBCE will have their 2026 annual meeting in Atlanta, GA April 29-May 2, 2026. Stauffer moved and Henske seconded to elect Brian Stevens to be the delegate to the meeting. Voting aye: Henske, Stauffer, and Stevens, Voting no: none. Motion carried.

#### **8. Per Diem Discussion**

Stauffer moved, seconded by Henske, that, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 38-171, each member of the Board shall receive in 2026 a per diem of \$50.00 per day and that each Board meeting shall include one half-day of preparation for which each member of the Board shall receive 50% of this per diem. Voting aye: Henske, Stauffer, and Stevens. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

#### **9. Notice of Meeting Publication**

Stauffer moved, seconded by Henske, that, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411 of the Open Meetings Act, the notice of meetings of this Board be posted virtually on the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Licensure Board Meeting Agenda page, posted physically on the Board Meeting Agenda billboard in the lobby of the Nebraska State Office

Building, and disseminated to a list of stakeholders and interested parties. Voting aye: Henske, Stauffer, and Stevens. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

### **10. Legislative Update**

Covert-ByBee reported that there are no legislative developments directly impacting chiropractic in Nebraska.

### **11. Regulation Revision**

Motion was made by Stauffer, seconded by Henske to open the Chapter of Regulations for revision. Voting aye: Stauffer, Stevens, and Henske. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

### **12. Federation Chiropractic Licensure Boards (FCLB) Report**

### **13. National Board Chiropractors Examiners Report**

Items 12 and 13 were discussed together.

Heather Henrichs, DC District 1 Director, for the FCLB, shared with the Board the following information. In November of 2025 a memo was sent to the chiropractic community see if there is interest in merging the FCLB and the NBOC. The Boards voted unanimously to move forward with exploring the option to combine. Both of the organizations have started subcommittees to explore the option. Two town halls have been held. Members can register to attend the next town hall to be held later this month.

### **14. Licensure Application Processing Report**

The Application Processing Report is offered for informational purposes only. It is a snapshot of licensure activity.

### **15. Topics for Next Meeting**

Topics identified for the next meeting include Legislative Update, Licensure Database Update, Licensure Application Processing Report, FCLB and NBCE report out, and Nebraska professions that utilize a required jurisprudence examination.

### **16. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
(signature on file)  
David Henske, Secretary