

Board of Chiropractic Virtual Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2026

1. Roll Call

Brian Stevens DC, Chair, called the meeting of the Board of Chiropractic to order at 9:01 a.m. on April 8, 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 March 24, 2026.

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

Members Present

Brian Stevens, DC Chair
Bradley Stauffer, DC Vice Chair
David Henske, Secretary

Staff Present

Claire Covert-ByBee, Program Manager
Kim Hitzel, Health Licensing Coordinator
TJ O'Neill, Assistant Attorney General
Tyler Walvoord, DHHS Legal Attorney
Tricia Allen, DHHS Investigations
Trevor Klaassen, DHHS Investigations
Randy Clark, DHHS Investigations
Hayle Alvarado, DHHS Investigations
Veronica Hahn, DHHS Investigations

Members of the Public Addressing the Board

Heather Henrichs, DC District I Director, Federation of Chiropractic Licensure Boards
henrichschiro@gmail.com (via Webex)

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 February 11, 2026. Voting to approve the revised minutes as written: Henske, Stauffer, Stevens. Voting nay, none. Minutes approved March 3, 2026.

4. Closed Session

Stauffer moved, seconded by Henske, to move into closed session at 9:03 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 9:25 a.m.

5. Board Recommendations

No recommendations were made.

6. Regulation Revision

Covert-ByBee has submitted the memo to open the Board of Chiropractic Regulations to the Director. She will inform the Board when the reply is received.

7. Federation Chiropractic Licensure Boards (FCLB) Report

Heather Henrichs, DC District One Director addressed the Board about ongoing activities with the FCLB and NBCE proposed merger. There will be a virtual Town Hall on April 14, 2026. Contact Dr Henrichs if you would like to rsvp to attend that meeting virtually.

The annual meeting will be held in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr Stevens will be representing the Board. The Board agreed that Dr Stevens should vote in favor of the merger with no member objecting. The merger will provide protection of public health and reduce the overlap of governance.

8. Legislative Update

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

9. Licensure Application Processing Report

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

10. Topics for Next Meeting

These draft minutes have been reviewed and approved by the Board of Chiropractic.

Topics identified for the next meeting include Legislative Update, Licensure Database Update, Licensure Application Processing Report, FCLB and NBCE report out, and Regulation Review.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:42 am.

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