

**Wednesday, August 29, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.  
In Person and Virtual Meeting via Zoom Only  
Board Meeting Audio Supplement**

- Members Present:** Wayne Bennett, D.C., Chair  
Angela Powell, D.C., Vice Chair  
Kevin Lees, D.C., Professional Member  
George Camacho, D.C., Professional Member  
Mitchell Turbenson, Public Member
- Members Absent:** NONE
- Staff Present:** Casey Hutchison, A.A.G  
Alissa M. Vander Veen, Executive Director  
Conny Gillum, Board Investigator  
Laura Zaragoza, Board Investigator  
Adrian Suell, Licensing Administrator

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**A. Call to Order – 9:00 a.m.**  
*Audio Minute Mark-01:18-01:28*

*The State of Arizona Board of Chiropractic Examiners called a meeting to order on Wednesday, August 29, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. Dr. Wayne Bennett presided.*

**Meeting Location- In-person & Virtual Via Zoom**

*The meeting was conducted in- person and virtually through Zoom. The Board Meeting was held at 1740 W. Adams St., Phoenix, AZ 85007, Board Room C.*

**B. Roll Call of Board Members Present**  
*Audio Minute Mark-01:28-00:01:57*

**C. Conflict of Interest for Board Members**  
*Audio Minute Mark-00:02:01-00:02:43*

Dr. Kevin Lees stated he would be recusing from matter E, Tab 3 initial action, case no. 2023-050-Nicholas Poff, D.C., for personal reasons and matter F, 2 Consent Agenda, Whether to Open, WTO Number 2025-002, Ramsey Gordon, D.C., Tab Number 8 for professional reasons.

No other members stated they had any conflicts.

**D. Recognition, Instruction, and Dialogue with New Licensees**

Audio Minute Mark-00:02:43-00:04:06

**E. Initial Action on Complaints** – Review, discussion, and possible action on the following cases before the Board for the first time. The Board may consider dismissing the complaint; issuing a Non-Disciplinary Advisory Letter; Order for Non-Disciplinary Continuing Education, and forwarding the matter for further investigation, or a Formal Interview.

The Board may hold an executive session to discuss records exempt by law from public inspection pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2), including the receipt and discussion of information or testimony that is confidential by State or Federal law and receive legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

| TAB NO. | CASE NO. | RESPONDENT   | AUDIO MARK        |
|---------|----------|--|-------------------|
| 1       | 2023-001 | Jason G. Buchkowski, D.C.<br>(Active)                        | 00:04:06-00:15:46 |
| 2       | 2022-007 | William Pedroza Ornelas, D.C.<br>(Administrative Suspension) | 00:15:46-00:19:22 |
| 3       | 2023-050 | Nicholas Kenneth Poff, D.C.<br>(Active)                      | 00:19:36-00:26:56 |
| 4       | 2024-026 | Kurt H. Wilson, D.C. (Active)                                | 00:26:58-00:30:31 |

**F. Consent Agenda -**

**Audio Minute Mark** -00:30:45-00:34:56

Dr. Lees was recused for professional reasons.

Consent agenda items may be considered for approval as a single action. The Board may vote to approve all items on a consent agenda; however, any one member of the Board may remove a consent agenda item from the vote, and request discussion at the current meeting or a future meeting.

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**A. Licensure** – Review, discussion, and possible action on the following applications for licensure upon payment of appropriate fees:

| TAB NO. | APPLICANTS            | APPLICATION NUMBER |
|---------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 5       | Michelle French, D.C. | 00771              |
| 6       | Tom Pappas, D.C.      | 00440              |

**B. Whether to Open** – Review, discussion, and possible action on whether to open a complaint or take other action on the following:

| TAB NO. | WTO NO.  | RESPONDENT             | LIC. NO. |
|---------|----------|------------------------|----------|
| 7       | 2025-001 | Scott J. Griffin, D.C. | 7478     |
| 8       | 2025-002 | Ramsey Gordon, D.C.    | 5212     |

**C. Accept Consent Agreement** – Review, discussion, and possible action to accept the proposed consent agreement.

| TAB NO. | CASE NO. | RESPONDENT  | LIC. NO. |
|---------|----------|---|----------|
| 9       | 2023-038 | Bruce Richardson, D.C.<br>(Probation-Stayed-Revocation) | 5071     |

**G. Board Business** – Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the following:

| TAB NO. | BOARD BUSINESS  | AUDIO MARK        |
|---------|---|-------------------|
| 10      | Dedication of Service   | 00:34:56-00:36:59 |
| 10      | Annual Oath of Office   | 00:37:00-00:39:17 |
| 10      | Non-Disclosure Statements   | 00:39:21-00:40:00 |
| 11      | Recommended Changes to A.R.S. 32-934 from the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE)   | 00:40:05-00:49:29 |
| 12      | Executive Directors Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget Report</li> <li>• FY 2023 Annual Report</li> </ul> | 00:49:30-01:11:38 |

The Board took a break at 10:12 a.m. the Board meeting reconvened its public meeting at 10:22 a.m.

**Due to technical audio difficulties the Board lost sections of the audio record. The following actions occurred during the meeting:**

**Tab No 13 Board Policy Review and Approvals**

The Board reviewed the following policies for update and approval:

- Section: Board Investigations-Malpractice Complaints and Notices
- Section: Board Investigations-Whether to Open Complaints
- Section: Board Meetings-Board Meeting Agenda

After review and discussion, Dr. Lees made a motion to adopt and approve the proposed policies, and Ms. Powell seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

**Election of Board Officers for Chair and Vice Chair per A.R.S. § 32-902**

**Board Chair**

Dr. Bennett opened the floor for nominations for Board Chair.

Mr. Turbenson nominated Ms. Powell for the position of Board Chair.

Dr. Lees seconded the nomination.

Nominations were closed.

Ms. Powell was elected chair by acclamation.

**Board Vice Chair**

Dr. Bennett opened the floor for nominations for Board Vice Chair.

Ms. Powell nominated Dr. Bennett for Board Vice Chair.

Dr. Lees seconded the nomination.

Dr. Camacho nominated Dr. Lees for Board Vice Chair.

There was no second. The nomination failed for not having a second.

Nominations were closed.

Dr. Bennett was elected vice chair by acclamation.

- K. Call to the Public - Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), Board members are not allowed to discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action. However, members may ask staff to review a matter or may ask that a matter be placed on a future agenda.**

Justin Gehling, D.C. provided comment regarding the ability for Chiropractic Assistants to be able to provide supervision Digital X-rays. Specifically, related to the advancements of digital X-rays. There are 36 states that allow for C.A.s to take x-rays, and there are six states that prohibit the ability of C.A.s to provide x-rays, of which Arizona is one. He would like the Board to explore changing its rules to allow for C.A.s to take digital X-rays.

Dr. Gregory Katsaros, D.C. provided comment regarding allowing licensees to take PACE-approved continuing education courses and not having the Board review these applications for Continuing Education. He would also like the Board to consider allowing approval for courses from the American Medical Association and American Chiropractic Association to have blanket approval. He also would like the Board to consider and review the interpretation regarding the amount of credit issued to a licensee verses the course approval of hours.

**L. Establishment of the future meeting date(s)-**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., at 1740 W. Adams St., Board Room C.

**M. Adjournment**

*Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.*