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OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL REGULATION
BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC LICENSURE



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Commissioner

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Director

Maine Board of Chiropractic Licensure
Minutes of June 25, 2025, Board Meeting

Virtual Meeting Public Notification and Hearing/Viewing Instructions Provided at the Opening of the Meeting by Board Chair Paul Morin.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Paul Morin called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Paul Morin, D.C., Chiropractor Member, Chairperson
Dr. Joseph Kerwin, D.C., Chiropractor Member, Vice Chair and Complaint Officer
Dr. Luc Dionne, D.C., Chiropractor Member
Dr. Richard Bruns, D.C., Chiropractor Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. John Mark Laney, D.C., Chiropractor Member

STAFF PRESENT

Penny Vaillancourt, Director
Nicole Sawyer, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Meagan McLaughlin, Comprehensive Health Planner II
Clark Phinney, Comprehensive Health Planner II
Dominic Cotone, Comprehensive Health Planner II
Celia Robinson, Comprehensive Health Planner II

BOARD MANAGER REPORT

Penny Vaillancourt, Director, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation
Penny Vaillancourt introduced herself to Board members as Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation and spoke of upcoming tasks with regard to rulemaking and other Board business.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

February 19, 2025

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Bruns moved to accept the minutes of February 19, 2025, as written, seconded by Dionne. Kerwin and Morin in favor, Laney absent.

COMPLAINT PRESENTATION(S) AND BOARD ACTION

2025-CHI-20679

Bruns moved to dismiss 2025-CHI-20679 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's Laws and Rules, seconded by Dionne. Morin in favor, Complaint Officer Kerwin abstained; Laney absent.

APPLICATION REVIEW AND BOARD ACTION

Brennin N. Loring

Bruns moved to approve and issue licensure to Brennin N. Loring, License No. CRA3090, seconded by Kerwin, Dionne and Morin in favor, Laney absent.

COMPLIANCE REVIEW

2024 CHI 20247 and 2024 CHI 20328

Morin moved to adopt order of immediate suspension amended per discussion for cases 2024 CHI 20247 and 2024 CHI 20328 for violation of 32 M.R.S. § 18325(1)(L) for noncompliance with a consent agreement executed with the Board by failing to submit the name of a monitoring program or other program for preapproval by Board Staff for random monthly substance use testing, which was due no later than May 9, 2025.

Violation of 32 M.R.S. § 18325(1)(L) for noncompliance with a consent agreement executed with the Board by failing to undergo additional toxicological testing as directed by the Board.

Violation of 32 M.R.S. § 503-B(1) for habitual substance use that is foreseeably likely to result in the licensee performing services in a manner that endangers the health or safety of patients, seconded by Bruns, Complaint Officer Kerwin abstained, Laney absent.

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION

Roger A. Russell, DC, MS, DIANM – President IANM

Request for consideration to mandate Maintenance of Certification (MOC)

Kerwin moved to decline to respond as the Board does not have the authority to act upon this request, seconded by Bruns. Dionne and Morin in favor, Laney absent.

FCLB CONFERENCE UPDATE

Board Chair Morin discussed his attendance and key topics of the meetings which included the effects of Artificial Intelligence (AI) with regard to practice challenges that licensing Boards are facing.

TRAVEL

Board Chair Morin discussed the upcoming District III and V, FCLB Regional Meeting to be held on September 19 and 20, 2025 in South Portland Maine. Board Delegate is Chair Paul Morin with Vice Chair and Complaint Officer Joe Kerwin as alternate. Penny Vaillancourt to review the Board budget and address if in State travel will be available for this meeting.

PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT



(Board Chair Statement) “Under this item, the Board will offer an opportunity to members of the public in attendance to comment on any public matter under the jurisdiction of the Board. While the Board cannot take action on any issues presented, nor can it respond to or debate decisions made today, including matters relating to complaints cases. The board will listen to comments and may ask staff to place the issue on a subsequent agenda. At the discretion of the Board, a time limit on comments may be set.”

No public comments.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, Bruns moved to adjourn at 10:25a.m., seconded by Dionne. Kerwin and Morin in favor, Laney absent.

Prepared By: Meagan Trussell, Comprehensive Health Planner II

Board approved: November 19, 2025

