



Texas Chiropractic Board News and Views

TEXAS BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

1st Quarter- 2004

The Sunset Review of the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners

The mission and performance of the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners is currently being reviewed by the Legislature as required under the Texas Sunset Act. The Act provides that the Sunset Commission, composed of legislators and public members, periodically evaluates the agency, determines if the agency is still needed, and decides which improvements are needed to ensure that tax dollars are well spent. Based on the recommendations of the Sunset Commission, the Texas Legislature ultimately decides whether an agency continues to operate into the future.

The Sunset review involves three steps. First, Sunset Commission staff evaluates the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners and issues a report recommending solutions to problems found. The Sunset Commission then meets to hear public testimony on the agency and the recommendations of the Sunset staff. Based on public input and the Sunset staff report, the Sunset Commission will adopt recommendations for the full Legislature to consider when it convenes in January 2005.

Through the Sunset review, every Texan has the opportunity to suggest ways in which the mission and operations of the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners can be strengthened. If you would like to share your ideas about the agency, please contact Emilie Leroux of the Sunset staff. Suggestions are preferred by October 31, 2003 so they can be fully considered by the Commission staff.

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Information about the Sunset process can be found at: www.sunset.state.tx.us.

Note from Executive Director

The Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners wants your experience with the Board to be a pleasant one. If you are experiencing any type of difficulty, please call the Executive Director, Sandra Smith at (512) 305-6706 and she will dedicate herself to assisting you with any problem or concern that you might have. If you have had a pleasant experience with the Board, we would also appreciate hearing from you. We are here to work with you and to insure that your needs are being met.

HIPAA INFORMATION

For any questions regarding HIPAA, please contact the Texas Department of Health at (512) 458-7111, toll Free at 888-963-7111 or web site at www.tdh.state.tx.us.

Texas Workers' Compensation Commission

For any questions or concerns, please contact Texas Workers' Compensation Commission at (512) 804-4000 or by web site at www.twcc.state.tx.us.

DO YOU HAVE A CURRENT LICENSE?

Practicing chiropractic without an annual renewal receipt for the current year shall have the same force and effect and be subject to all penalties of practicing chiropractic without a license. Chiropractors are directed to the Chiropractic Act, Occupations Code §201.354 (f). Keep your license current and up-to-date.



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TBCE ENFORCEMENT -- DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Jacqueline Evans, D.C., Houston, TX, Lic #4488

Next license renewal denied. Action due to default on student loan.

Jimmy Holloway, D.C., Georgetown, TX, Lic #6221

Next license renewal denied. Action due to default on student loan.

Enrique Castro, D.C., Corpus Christi, TX, Lic #6645

Next license renewal denied. Action due to default on student loan.

Jackie Bonner II, D.C., Grapevine, TX, Lic #6963

A Board Order was entered assessing a \$250 fine; Dr. Bonner also has 90 days to enter into a repayment agreement, or his license will be suspended until such time as a repayment agreement is entered into or his loans are no longer in default. Action due to default on student loan and failure to respond to the Board in a timely manner.

Jeffrey Echols, D.C., Austin, TX, Lic #4581

An Agreed Order was entered assessing a \$500 fine and a written reprimand. Action due to deceptive advertising or other prohibited advertising.

Donald McDaniel, D.C., McAllen, TX, Lic #5468

An Agreed Order was entered assessing a \$500 fine. Action due to practicing with an expired license and failing to respond to the Board in a timely manner.

Michael Gray, D.C., D/B/A The Gray Healthcare Group, Houston, TX, Lic #6865, Fac #F005704

A Board Order was entered assessing a \$250 fine. Action due to operating an unregistered facility and failing to use "chiropractor" or "D.C." in advertising.

Dennis Roberts, D.C., Houston, TX, Lic #6907

An Agreed Order was entered assessing a \$150 fine. Action due to failing to use "chiropractor" or "D.C." in advertising.

John Echel, D.C., Ft. Worth, TX, Lic #7838

A Board Order was entered assessing an \$1100 fine. Action due to practicing with an expired license, failing to notify the Board of change of address, and operating an unregistered facility.

Lewis Cone, D.C., Dallas, TX, Lic #8341

An Agreed Order was entered assessing a \$500 fine. Action due to practicing with an expired license and failing to respond to the Board in a timely manner.

Administrative Fines:

Fine Amounts

Number of Cases

1st Quarter 2004: Practicing with
Expired License

\$250

1 case
John Laurents, D.C., Port Neches, TX,
Lic #4686

1st Quarter 2004: Practicing with
Expired License

\$500

2 cases
Michael Mahan, D.C., Lewisville, TX,
Lic #2473
Adrian Olivares, D.C., Irving, TX, Lic
Lic #8066

1st Quarter 2004: Practicing with
Expired Facility Registration

\$1250

1 case
Rudy Cox, D.C., Houston, TX, Lic
#4073

For information or details regarding these administrative fines, please contact the Board office.

► Online Renewals ◀

You can renew your license online using a credit card or electronic check. Got to www.TexasOnline.com. Follow the prompts, and pay online. You are still required to mail in the completed renewal form and continuing education, plus the receipt from your online payment. For questions, please see the TexasOnline website or call the Board office. **Be on the look out for your new renewal postcard. In the near future will be mailing you a postcard instead of your renewal form!**

Online Profiles

Please complete your online profile at www.TexasOnline.com. Log in to the TexasOnline Profiling System with your license and social security numbers, and complete the forms to inform consumers about your education, certifications, primary practice address, etc. The system will be available to the public beginning January 1, 2004.

Press Release Email List

If you wish to be added to the email list to receive releases and updates regarding disciplinary actions, rule changes, and new licenses issued, please send an email to tbce@tbce.state.tx.us with the word "subscribe" in the subject line.

NON-RENEWABLE LICENSES

The following chiropractic licenses became non-renewable in the last quarter:

Bertrand, Jeffrey A., #7391, Friendswood, TX	McCoy, Julie Ann, #4354, Fishers, IN
Bouchard, Randal S., #7264, Kayenta, AZ	Mitchell, John R., #7167, Huntington Beach, CA
Eckel, John Kalen, #7838, Fort Worth, TX	Parsons, Mikell Suzanne, #5872, Milford, CT
Ekin, Robert A., #9007, Indianapolis, IN	Redmond-Garner, Patte Maureen, #7399, Sidney, MT

Fisher, Gene R., #4438, Sugarloaf, PA	Roberts, Ronald Rogie, #4504, Beaumont, TX
Foshang, Trevor H., #8779, Thunder Bay, ON	Sickels, Henry "Duke" Allen, #4393, Goodlettsville, TN
Fulmer, Arvin Darryl, #1611, Kerrville, TX	Wallery, Derrick D., #8876, Chicago, IL
Gilchrist, Robbie Glen, #1051, Hemphill, TX	Williams, Sheila Q., \$5782, Las Cruces, NM
Grauke, Edwin Taylor, #6678, Lakewood, CO	Willmon, J.C., #1805, Levelland, TX
Long, Roger W., #4555, Nancy, KY	



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Continuing Education Corner

Jurisprudence Exam Update

Thompson Prometric, Inc. is working diligently on adding the Texas Jurisprudence examination to their testing centers. They are estimating on having it available sometime in June of 2004.

➤ **Jurisprudence examination will be offered at a testing center near you!**

Applications and supporting documents will still need to be submitted to the board in a timely manner. The processing time for applications is approximately 30 days from the date received. If you are planning on sitting for the exam in the near future, please see the TBCE website for the updated application and fingerprint card information.

New Licensees

The February 5, 2004 examination was given to 58 applicants, with 54 passing. The new licensees were graduates from 7 different Chiropractic Colleges, with 27 from Parker College of Chiropractic and 27 representing Texas Chiropractic College.

The April 1, 2004 examination was given to 52 applicants, with 50 passing. The new licensees were graduates from 6 different Chiropractic Colleges, with 26 from Parker College of Chiropractic and 17 representing Texas Chiropractic College.

Reminder: If you are interested in purchasing a list of new licensees, please submit \$10 and a written request one week after the exam is given.

Public Interest Information Signs

In order for the public to have access to the Board and the Board's procedures by which complaints are filed with and resolved by the Board, each chiropractic facility is required to display a placard or sign furnished by the Board containing the name of the Board, mailing address, and telephone number for the purpose of directing complaints to the Board. Each licensee practicing at a facility and each owner required to be registered with the Board is equally responsible for compliance with this section.

The placard or sign shall be displayed in a place in the facility in public view such as the public reception area. Each licensee, CRT registrant, and chiropractic facility shall display its original current annual registration in a prominent and conspicuous place in each facility in which the individual practices. Any reproduction of a facility registration displayed in lieu of the original is not permitted.

If you do not have a placard or sign, please contact the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners at (512) 305-6700.

Don't Forget...Change of Address

Have you moved recently, or have you opened a new office across town? Please remember that you are required to notify the Board office **in writing** of any change in business or mailing address within 30 days of the change. Failure to do so is a violation of Board Rule §73.1, which can constitute an administrative penalty.

Please see www.tbce.state.tx.us for an address change form.

Fees and Charges

Due to the number of NSF checks the Board has received, the Board is no longer accepting personal or company checks for payment of applications and renewal fees. The Board now requires certified funds, such as a cashiers' check or money order.

License Verification Fee Update

As of April 1, 2004, the fee for license/facility verifications has been changed. The new fee for verifications is \$2.00 per verification and postage/fax rates are the same. Up to 25 chiropractors the fax/postage is \$1.00, 25 to 50 chiropractors the fax/postage is \$2.00, and so forth.

Checklist for Doctors of Chiropractic

- ❑ My license to practice is current and displayed in a public place, such as the patients' waiting area of the clinic.
- ❑ Public Interest Information also known as the "Consumer Complaint Card," is posted in the patients' waiting area of the office.
- ❑ If I own a chiropractic clinic, my facility is registered and the license is current; the facility license is displayed in the patients' waiting room of the clinic.
- ❑ If I employ a radiological technologist, the individual is licensed with **both** the TBCE and the Department of Health and **both** certificates are current and displayed in a public area of the office.
- ❑ I fully understand that **All** licenses with the TBCE must be renewed annually; if my annual renewals are received at the TBCE office **on or before** the deadline- no late fees or administrative fines will be assessed.

Be smart- Renew License Early!

Board Meeting Calendar

The dates for the meetings of the TBCE in 2004 and 2005 are shown below. All meetings will be held in Tower II of the William P. Hobby Building.

- **March 4, 2004**
- **June 10, 2004**
- **August 19, 2004**
- **May 5, 2005**
- **November 4, 2005**
- **February 10, 2005**

➤ August 25, 2005

Did you know?...

All TBCE Board meetings are open to the public. Chiropractors are encouraged to attend at least one board meeting where you can meet the board members and staff of the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners. In the Open Forum, chiropractors and the public are invited to provide suggestions and information to the Board on pertinent issues addressed during the meeting. Committee Meetings of the TBCE are scheduled to begin between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. in the Board Office, Suite 825 in Tower III in the William P. Hobby Building on the date of the Board meeting.

Call (512) 305-6700 or check our website for the starting times of the individual committee meetings.

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