



TEXAS CHIROPRACTIC BOARD NEWS AND VIEWS

TEXAS BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

2nd Quarter - 2004

TBCE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTE:

September 1st of 2004 is the start of the new state fiscal year. The Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners has met many challenges over the past year. Foremost is the Sunset Review that was performed on the agency. This upcoming legislative session will undoubtedly be interesting. Licensees may review the full report on the Sunset Commission website at www.sunset.state.tx.us. In response to the report, the Board has implemented many of the management recommendations. One change is the Rules Committee. All scope of practice issues will undergo scrutiny and stakeholder input prior to endorsement by the Board. Licensees, consumers, and associations, will have an opportunity to submit opinions on rule and scope changes. In turn, the Board will discuss and deliberate on each issue before adoption into rule. It is important that licensees stay informed on rules that might affect their practice. We encourage everyone to frequent our website to learn the latest information. Our goal, as always, is to regulate with fairness and to keep our agency one of the best in state government.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UPDATE

The Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners requires each renewing D.C. attend 16 hours of approved continuing education. To see a list of all the approved courses, please see www.tbce.state.tx.us. **At this time the TBCE is NOT requiring D.C.'s to take a "Required 2 Hour Course", however, TBCE is offering an optional 2-hour course that will provide information on agency rules and statutes. Visit the TBCE website at www.tbce.state.tx.us.** Please keep checking the website for updates on any changes to the seminars, or contact Misty Whitcomb, Director of Licensure at 512-305-6709.

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R E N E W

Texas government services are as close as your computer at www.TexasOnline.com. You can renew your occupational license over the Internet 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. And to make it even easier, you can charge it to a major credit card, and print a receipt for your records. If finding enough time in life for the little things is hard, look no further. www.TexasOnline.com makes it easy.

ENFORCEMENT NEWS

PRESS RELEASE EMAIL LIST

If you wish to be added to the email list to receive press 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:

Ahmed, Tariq, #8274, El Paso, TX
Bedichek, Gordon Elwood, #5895, Arlington, TX
Bingham, Jr., Calvin S., #254, Victoria, TX
Boughton, Gerald P., #4058, Deltona, FL
Calicutt, Sr., Robert A., #2332, Irving, TX
Carroll, Brad G., #5324, Plano, TX
Champlin, Maryann, #4850, Oxford, NY
Cobb Jr., Monroe, #1230, La Porte, TX
Colbert, Mark Joseph, #5630, Phoenix, AZ
Gitirana, Frederico L., #8780, Houston, TX
Jordan, Laurence Dean, #5801, Beverly Hills, CA
Laborde, Donald Wayne, #8993, Shreveport, LA
Lopez, Leonard P., #6454, The Colony, TX
Loyd, James William, #5274, Buffalo, WY
Main, Jonathan Eric, #8766, Boise, ID
Markley, Jerry Lynn, #5688, West Lafayette, IN
Nolan, Charlotte Marie, #4607, Boise, ID
Richard, Chad, #5997, Lake Charles, LA
Riis, Mark L., #6906, Grand Prairie, TX
Sisolak, James T., #8865, Arlington, TX
Snitker, Gaylord Dale, #6137, Tulsa, Ok
Stupak, James A., #8542, Denton, TX
Thompson, Jimmy Darell, #7385, Maumelle, AR
Vik, David A., #8556, Pueblo West, CO
Weilert, Allan Michael, #7087, Andover, KS

TBCE ENFORCEMENT- DISP. ACTIONS

Robert Thomason, D.C., Los Angeles, CA, Lic #4820
License revoked. Action due to criminal conviction.

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Kirtland Speaks, Arlington, TX
An Agreed Order was entered assessing a fine of \$1000 and a Cease and Desist Order was issued. Action due to practicing without a license.

Carlos Martinez, D.C., Frisco, TX, Lic #7312
License revoked. Action due to violation of probation.

Randy Curtis, D.C., Longview, TX, #5443
An Agreed Order was entered assessing a \$1000 fine and a written reprimand. Action due to engaging in deception or fraud in the practice of chiropractic.

Kevin Walcher, D.C., Booker, TX Lic #5493
An Agreed Order was entered assessing a \$250 fine. Action due to failing to respond to the Board in a timely manner and default on a student loan.

Trevin Fugere, D.C., Plano, TX Lic #9107
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.

William Evans, D.C., Corpus Christi, TX, Lic #6288
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.

ENFORCEMENT CONT'D

James Compian, D.C., Houston, TX, Lic #6534
An Agreed Order was entered assessing a \$500 fine.
Action due to practicing with an expired license and
operating an expired chiropractic license.

D.L. Beal, Ingelside, TX
An Agreed Order was entered assessing a \$500 fine
and a Cease and Desist Order was issued. Action
due to practicing without a license.

James Strader, D.C., San Antonio, TX, Lic #6259
An Agreed Order was entered assessing a \$700 fine.
Action due to practicing with an expired license,
failing to notify the Board of a 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, failing
to respond to the Board in a timely manner, and operating
an expired facility.

RULE CHANGES AND PROPOSALS

There have been many rule changes in the past year that
could affect your practice. Please visit our website at
www.tbce.state.tx.us to review the current rules and
statutes.

TESTIMONIALS

Currently, testimonials are prohibited in advertising.
Occupations Code § 101.201 states that “False,
misleading, or deceptive advertising or advertising
not readily subject to verification includes advertising
that; (4) contains a testimonial.”

ACCESSIBLE PARKING REGISTRATION

The Enforcement Division has received an increasing
number of calls asking if a chiropractor is allowed to
sign the form to obtain an accessible/disabled parking
permit. TxDOT Form VTR-214 states that it is “TO BE
COMPLETED BY A PHYSICIAN: LICENSED BY
THE TEXAS STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL
EXAMINERS, A PHYSICIAN LICENSED TO
PRACTICE MEDICINE IN ARKANSAS,
LOUISIANA, NEW MEXICO, OR OKLAHOMA. A
PHYSICIAN PRACTICING MEDICINE IN THE U.S.
MILITARY ON A MILITARY INSTALLATION IN
TEXAS, OR IN A HOSPITAL OR HEALTH
FACILITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS OR A PODIATRIST LICENSED BY THE
TEXAS STATE BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL
EXAMINERS.” **Unless they hold a separate license
from the Medical or Podiatric Board, a Doctor of
Chiropractic does not meet any of the above-listed
requirements.**

CURRENT LICENSE?

Practicing chiropractic without an annual
renewal receipt for a 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.

LICENSE VERIFICATION FEE CHANGE

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, 26-50 chiropractors the fax/
postage is \$2.00, and so forth. Please send in correct
amounts for verifications.

LICENSING/RENEWALS NEWS

CHIROPRACTIC RENEWAL NOTICES

Some of you are well aware the TBCE office is not mailing out renewal forms anymore. Instead, the TBCE office is mailing out blue post cards reminding ACTIVE renewals are due and must be done online at www.texasonline.com. When you renew online you will no longer have to submit the renewal form or continuing education hours. It will be up to the DC to keep records of their CE credits. From now on, the TBCE office will audit randomly for CE credits. If for some good reason you cannot renew online, you must download the renewal form from our website or request one in writing. Do not call the board office for one. The TBCE office no longer accepts personal or company checks, **only cashier checks or money orders.**

Inactive forms will still be mailed out. The TBCE office now has a processing fee of **\$165.00** for Inactive plus late fee if not in the board office by the first day of the birth month. Sorry, Inactive doctor of chiropractic cannot renew online.

FACILITY

All facility renewals are due in by the first day of September. The only difference this year is the renewal fee changes from \$40.00 to \$43.00 due to the Texas online fee. DC owned facilities were prorated depending on the DC's birth month, for example, if your birth month is January, you will be charged \$43.00 plus four months fee to bring you up to January 01, 2006.

JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION UPDATE

The Texas Jurisprudence examination is now offered at the Prometric Testing Centers. Applicants now have the option of take the exam at any Prometric Testing Center, throughout the United States and Canada, daily (once their application is complete) or in Austin, TX either in March or September.

Each applicant must have their application complete as well as the supporting documents and the completed fingerprint card. The process time for applications and supporting documents takes approximately 30 days from the date received. Applications are held for up to two years from the date received. Should you have any questions, please contact Misty Whitcomb, Director of Licensure at 512-305-6709.

NEW LICENSEES

Since the exam has been offered at Prometric Testing Centers, the exam is offered daily. For the month of May the Board licensed twenty-one (21) new Chiropractors. In the month of June the Board licensed four (4) new Chiropractors. In July the Board licensed sixteen (16) new Chiropractors.

The new licensees were graduates from 7 different Chiropractic Colleges, with 23 from Parker College of Chiropractic and 12 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.

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS LATELY?

Have you moved recently or 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. See www.tbce.state.tx.us for an address change form.

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BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

The dates for the meetings of the TBCE in 2004 are shown below. All meetings will be held in Tower II of the William P. Hobby Building and are scheduled to begin at 12:30 P.M.

November 4, 2004
February 10, 2005
June 17, 2005
August 25, 2005
November 3, 2005

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. Committee meetings of the TBCE are scheduled to begin between 8:00 and 10:00 AM in the Board office, Suite 825 in Tower III in the William P. Hobby Building on the date of the Board Meeting.

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