



TEXAS CHIROPRACTIC BOARD NEWS AND VIEWS

TEXAS BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

First Quarter -2005

Update from the Executive Director

During this quarter, the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners has been participating in legislative hearings. Among other issues being discussed are: the agency budget, agency personnel, the Sunset bill, and the agency's involvement with worker's compensation and insurance fraud. We are anticipating some major changes that could offer positive results in these areas.

If you are interested in the issues mentioned above, you are encouraged to contact the Board, Sunset Commissioners and legislators. Please send documentation to the Board office at 333 Guadalupe Street, Tower 3, Ste. 825, Austin, TX 78701. The board is continuously committed to maintaining the highest of standards for the consumer and for the licensee.

Update your Profile

Available free of charge, here is your opportunity to list your practice, office hours, insurance, handicap accommodations and other information on TexasOnline. Go to www.texasonline.com and update your profile. It is required that you update any changes each time you renew your license. This one stop information site is viewed by numerous Texans seeking doctors and information. **Also**, please forward any address changes (in writing) to the Board office at 333 Guadalupe Street, Tower 3, Ste. 825, Austin, TX 78701.

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 result in an administrative penalty. See www.tbce.state.tx.us for an address change form.

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:

Black, Sanford, #48, Mineral Wells, TX
Bracken, Thomas, #8233, Tampa, FL
Brown, D., #9225, Parker, CO
Brown, Thomas, #9431, Carlinville, IL
Bub, James, #8601, Tucson, AZ
Darnel, Edward, #9103, Plano, TX
Davis, John, #4426, South Fork, CO
Do, Vinh, #7126, Dallas, TX
Draper III, Joseph, #8607, Greensboro, NC
Garcia, Allen, #8688, Houston, TX
Grimsley, Gordon, #2340, Locust Grove, VA
Hix, Charles, #8700, Wharton, TX
Horn, Jack, #728, Fort Worth, TX
Hyght, J., #9072, Houston, TX
Isidore, Charles, #9167, Miami Gardens, FL
Lewis, Lisa, #6880, Newark, DE

Main, Rosalinda, #8767, Boise, ID
McCready, Richard, #8159, Beaumont, TX
McGlade, Jerry, #6721, Houston, TX
Mills, Richard, #2443, Abilene, TX
Palma, Katie, #8319, Coppell, TX
Pietrzyk, Christopher, #8913, Sulphur, LA
Robinson, Jr., Merice, #6595, Kirkwood, MO
Sonich, Christopher, #9496, Lewisville, TX
Stringer, Christopher, #8986, Irving, TX
Strittmatter, Timothy, #9128, Austin, TX
Vo, Kathy, #7200, Houston, TX
Vollrath, Randy, #8385, Alberta, Canada
Williams, Laura, #6375, Hudson, OH
Williams, Vincent, #7387, Woodstock, GA
Woods, Christopher, #6401, Plano, TX
Zuccaro, James, #9337, Houston, TX

TBCE ENFORCEMENT – DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

D. Vincent Baugher, D.C., Denton, TX, Lic #7904
An Agreed Order was entered suspending Dr. Baugher's license for two years, probated in full. An administrative fine in the amount of \$100 was assessed, and certain educational requirements were required. Action due to sexual misconduct.

Bradley Sikes, D.C., Dripping Springs, TX, Lic #6116
An Agreed Order was entered suspending Dr. Sikes's license for six months, probated in full. An administrative fine in the amount of \$2500 was assessed and certain educational requirements were required. Action due to grossly unprofessional conduct.

Richard Ramirez, D.C., Houston, TX, Lic #5717
License renewal denied based on default on student loan.

Stacey Sparks-Wirtanen, D.C., Houston, TX, Lic #6607
License renewal denied based on default on student loan.

There were 2 administrative fines issued for practicing with an expired license, ranging from \$250 to \$500. A list of disciplined licensees can be obtained from the Board office.

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." The Enforcement division recommends consulting your attorney if you wish to use testimonials in advertising.

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 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.**

Open Record Request

Mail:

Open Records

**Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners
333 Guadalupe Street, Tower 3, Ste. 825
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CHIROPRACTIC RENEWAL NOTICES

REMINDER: TBCE is not mailing out renewal forms. Instead, BLUE POST CARDS are being mailed out reminding that 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 you are unable to renew online, you must download the renewal form from the TBCE website or request a renewal form in writing. The TBCE office no longer accepts personal or company checks, **only cashier checks or money orders.**

Inactive forms will still be mailed out. **Sorry, Inactive doctors of chiropractic cannot renew online.**

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 as updates are given regarding changes to seminars or contact the Director of Licensure, Pam Harris, at (512) 305-6709.

JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION UPDATE

The Texas Jurisprudence examination is offered at Prometric Testing Centers. Applicants have the option of taking 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 the Director of Licensure, Pam Harris, at 512-305-6709.

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BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

The dates for the upcoming Board/Committee meetings of the TBCE in 2005 are shown below. Most meetings are held in Ste. 225, Tower II of the William P. Hobby Building and are scheduled to begin at 12:30 P.M.

June 2, 2005 (Rm. 100, Tower Lobby)
August 25, 2005
November 3, 2005
February 23, 2006

All TBCE Board Meetings are open to the public. Chiropractors are encouraged to attend at least one Board Meeting where he/she can meet the Board Members and staff of the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners and earn continuing education credit. **Those individuals on agenda are strongly advised to attend both Committee meetings and Board meeting.** Committee meetings 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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