

INDIANA BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
Indiana Government Center South
402 West Washington St.
ROOM W064
Indianapolis IN 46204

MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2026

Diane Vuotto, D.C., Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and declared a quorum in accordance with IC 25-10-1-1.5(f), pursuant to public notice posted at the principal office for the Board, online at the board's website and on the state calendar at least forty-eight (48) hours before the time of the meeting.

Member(s) Present:	Diane Vuotto, D.C., Chair Richard Mason, D.C., Member Derek Dyer, D.C., Vice Chair
Member(s) Absent:	Emily Shoemaker, Consumer Member
Staff Present:	Jody Edens, Board Director Professional Licensing Agency James Green, Assistant Board Director Professional Licensing Agency Brad Repass, Litigation Specialist Professional Licensing Agency Clarence Leatherbury, J.D., Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

The Board voted to APPROVE the Agenda.

Dyer/Mason, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Diane Vuotto, Richard Mason, Derek Dyer
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

The Board voted to APPROVE JANUARY 15, 2025, minutes with correction.

Dyer/Mason, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Diane Vuotto, Richard Mason, Derek Dyer

The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

RULES READOPTION

Title 846 Rules Readoption document was shared with the Board to review and approve to move forward with adopting the rules without changes.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE the rules readoption for title 846 to move forward as written.

Dyer/Mason, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Diane Vuotto, Richard Mason, Derek Dyer
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following were voted into office beginning April 9, 2026:

- Diane Vuotto, D.C., Chair
- Derek Dyer, D.C., Vice Chair & AG Liaison

Dyer/Mason, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Diane Vuotto, Richard Mason, Derek Dyer
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Chase Montana Porterfield, D.C., License No. 08003012A, Cause No. 202602 CHI 0002

Respondent appeared in person and was not represented by counsel, regarding an Administrative Complaint scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Ryan Eldridge, Deputy Attorney General and the court Reporter sworn in for this matter was Heather Orbaugh, with Accurate Reporting Services.

A oral settlement agreement between the Respondent and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board by Mr. Eldridge. The oral settlement agreement included

INDEFINITE PROBATION for until his criminal probation is completed and Eight (8) hours of CONTINUING EDUCATION in the areas of Professionalism and Ethics.

Dr. Porterfield verbally agreed to the settlement agreement.

After hearing the oral settlement agreement and having considered the evidence presented, and taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence, and orders in this matter, the Board moved to APPROVE the Settlement Agreement.

Mason/Dyer, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Diane Vuotto, Richard Mason, Derek Dyer
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

PROBATION APPEARANCE(S)

James Pucka, D.C., License No.08001350A, Cause No. 2021 IBCE 0004

Dr. Pucka appeared in person for his probation appearance and was not represented by counsel.

His order states the following:

- James Pucka is ordered to complete his four (4) hour continuing education requirement in public health or risk management, as specified under 846 Ind. Admin. Code 1-8-1, focusing on courses that address professional boundaries.
- James Pucka shall appear for QUARTERLY appearances before the Board.
- James Pucka is ordered to never treat female patients without a non-family female staff member being present in the treating room at all times. The staff member shall sign a document created by the Spine Worx Company that affirms their oversight for each female patient James Pucka treated. The affirmations for each treatment shall be available for the board to review at each quarterly appearance.
- Any complaint associated with inappropriate comments or touching by James Pucka made on the Spine Work Patient Experience form or the Employee Complaint Form or analogous form shall be submitted to a neutral party not associated with the Spine Worx business and said neutral party shall submit the Complaint to IPLA Board Director Jody Edens. Any complaint can be emailed to clerk@pla.in.gov or mailed to the Indiana Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Room W072, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Dr. Pucka brought in a binder of completed forms for all female patients he has seen since his last appearance.

He also brought in a new completed complaint form that is available at the front desk for any patients or staff to use to file a complaint against any of the staff at the facility. They go to a third party and not to the staff at the facility.

The Board reviewed both the female patient forms and the new complaint form and were in approval of both. They indicated the complaint form is good.

The Board thanked Dr. Pucka for his appearance.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Todd Worthington, Reinstatement Application, License No. 08002330A:

Dr. Worthington appeared in person and without counsel regarding his reinstatement application.

The Board reviewed and discussed his continuing education with Dr. Worthington and what he has been doing since his license expired.

Dr. Worthington has been practicing chiropractic medicine in Ohio and has completed the appropriate continuing education.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE his reinstatement application.

Mason/Dyer, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Diane Vuotto, Richard Mason, Derek Dyer
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

Emilee Allman, D.C., License No. 08002667A, Renewal Positive Response:

Dr. Allman appeared in person and was represented by counsel Peter Pogue regarding a positive response on her renewal application.

Dr. Allman answered the following question: Since you last renewed, have you had a malpractice judgment against you or settled a malpractice action? Yes/No : Yes

Mr. Pogue after explaining what happened and explained that this matter went to court and a settlement was reached with the patient's Husband.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Allman's renewal application.

Mason/Dyer, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Diane Vuotto, Richard Mason, Derek Dyer
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

DISCUSSION

Det James, D.C., License No. 08001191A, Cause No. 2020 IBCE 0002 – Probation

Appearance:

Dr. James did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding his probationary appearance scheduled before the Board.

Dr. James has been informed that he no longer needs to appear but must email in reports for the Board to review.

The Board reviewed his report. The report indicated that he has not had any changes, he is still working with his brother. Things are going well.

Matthew Wise, D.C., License No. 08003511A, Cause No. 202504 CHI 0003 – Probation Appearance

Dr. Wise did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding his probationary appearance scheduled before the Board.

Dr. Wise does not need to appear but must email in reports for the Board to review.

He has the following terms on his probation order:

- The Applicant shall report any future arrests or instances of substance abuse to the Board immediately in writing.
- Applicant shall submit quarterly reports to the Board to advise the Board on such topics as the Applicant's Illinois and Missouri license status and his criminal probation status.

His report was available to the Board for review. He indicates he has not had an incidents or interactions involving anything illegal or with alcohol, drugs or intoxication to report. Also, he has not had any complaints related to patient care. He is doing well.

There being no further business, the Board ADJOURNED at 9:53 a.m.

Diane Vuotto, D.C., Chair