

Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners Operational - For Now

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On May 29, Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue appointed three DCs to the Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners: Dr. Jackson Craig Patterson of Perry; Dr. James A. Anchors of Marietta; and Dr. David A. Wren of Leesburg.¹ The new members join Dr. Patrick J. Sallarulo, the only member left from the previous board. With four members, the board finally has the quorum necessary to perform its myriad duties, including issuing and renewing licenses, conducting disciplinary hearings, and initiating investigations.

Jackson Craig Patterson, DC, a graduate of Life University, has been in private practice since 1989 and is a member of the Georgia Chiropractic Association (GCA), the American Chiropractic Association (ACA) and the Parker Research Foundation.

James Anchors, DC, a 1966 graduate of Logan College of Chiropractic, opened the Anchors Clinic of Chiropractic in Dunwoody, Ga., in 1969. He is a member of the GCA, the ACA and the International Chiropractic Knights of the Roundtable.

David Wren, DC, a graduate of Life University, has been in private practice since 1987. He is licensed with the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners, the Georgia State Board of Examiners and the National Board of Certified Chiropractic Sports Physicians, and also serves on the Albany YMCA and March of Dimes boards of directors.

In the June 30 issue, we reported on the "chiropractic crisis" in Georgia.² The state Senate failed to reaffirm several members of the Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners by the time its 2003 legislative session ended, leaving the board with only one active member. As Georgia law stipulates that the board consist of six members (five DCs and one public member), the Senate's inaction effectively paralyzed the board, forcing the cancellation of its May meeting.

At the time, speculation abounded that the Senate's sloth was politically motivated: With a Republican governor (Gov. Purdue) waiting in the wings, the Republican-controlled Senate failed to confirm 170 of the 210 appointments made to boards, commissions and authorities by outgoing Democratic Gov. Roy Barnes.

When Georgia's 2003-2004 legislative session begins, one hopes the Senate will confirm Gov. Purdue's recent appointments before their terms expire and the Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners again finds itself unable to function.

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