

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
NOTICE OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN DENTISTRY

April 6, 2016
 239 Causeway Street ~ Room 417 A&B
 Boston, Massachusetts 02114

AGENDA

Time	#	Item	Exhibits	Contact
8:30 a.m.	I	CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM, AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA		
8:35	II	ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS A. Policy Around 234 CMR 5.02 (2), Dental Practice Ownership B. Update on PMP—Eric Sheehan, JD, Interim Bureau Director C. Division Staff Action Policy 16-01: Routine Responses D. Reactivations of Late-Renewing Dental Assistant Licenses E. Update on Regulatory Review Workgroup F. Update on Facility Audit Inspections G. Follow-up: ADEX Representative from Massachusetts H. GMC Licensure Report	Memos	S. Leadholm, E. Sheehan, V. Berg, J. Mills, L. DiFabio, S. DuLong, B. Young
9:45	III	FLEX SESSION		
10:00	IV	COMPLAINT RESOLUTION—PENDING BOARD MATTERS A. DEN-2015-0075: Gina Schulteiss, RDH B. DEN-2015-0077: Dr. Teresa Salem C. DEN-2015-0103: Irena Tomas, RDH D. DEN-2015-0105: Dr. Aaron Fox E. DEN-2015-0124: Nancy Paquin, RDH F. DEN-2015-0123: Dr. William Wegrzyn G. DEN-2015-0126: Ashley Ryan Decotis, RDH	Investigation Reports	D. Taylor, L. Seeley-Murphy
10:45	V	PROBATION MATTERS A. Request for Substitution of Remedial Course: DEN-2013-0157, Anne Delaney, RDH B. Request for Substitution of Remedial Course: DEN-2014-1000, Dr. Joseph Sanchez C. Probation Monthly Reports	Memos	K. Fishman

11:00	VI	<p>EXECUTIVE SESSION (closed to the public)</p> <p>The Board will meet in Executive Session as authorized pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1) for the purposes of discussing the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against an individual.</p> <p>Specifically, the Board will discuss and evaluate individuals with respect to the Good Moral Character requirement for initial licensure.</p> <p>Specifically, the Board will discuss and evaluate pending disciplinary complaints that involve patient records and treatment of patients.</p> <p>Specifically, the Board will discuss and evaluate a probation matter that involves the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual.</p>		
11:40	VII	<p>M.G.L.c.112, §65C SESSION (closed to the public)</p>		
12:00		<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>		

MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN DENTISTRY
239 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02114
Room 417
GENERAL SESSION MINUTES
April 6, 2016

Present: Dr. Stephen DuLong, Board Chair; Ms. Ailish Wilkie, Board Secretary; Dr. Paul Levy; Ms. Lois Sobel, RDH; Dr. David Samuels; Ms. Jacyn Stultz, RDH; Dr. Keith Batchelder; Ms. Kathleen Held; Dr. Ward Cromer

Absent: Dr. Cynthia Stevens; Dr. John Hsu

Board Staff Present: Barbara A. Young, Executive Director; Jeffrey Mills, Assistant Executive Director; Samuel Leadholm, Esq., Board Counsel; Dr. Liliana DiFabio, Supervisor of Investigations; Chief Prosecuting Attorney Jodi Greenburg; OPP Investigators Sarah Millar, Eileen Mulligan, Kathleen O’Connell, Lisa Seeley-Murphy, Danielle Taylor and Barbara Yates.

Ms. Kathleen Held arrived for the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

Dr. Keith Batchelder arrived for the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Ms. Ailish Wilkie arrived for the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Motion: **At 8:30 a.m., to commence the meeting and to adopt the proposed agenda for today's meeting.**

Motion Made By: Ms. Lois Sobel

Second: Dr. David Samuels

Vote: Unanimous

Administrative Matters:

A. Policy Around 234 CMR 5.02(2) – Dental Practice Ownership

Atty. Leadholm advised the Board he had received a request regarding clarification of the Board's policy on dental practice ownership from a dentist and dental hygienist seeking to jointly own a dental practice. Atty. Leadholm noted hygienists are not considered "practitioners" per the regulations regarding dental clinics and it is possible a hygienist, as part-owner, could wind up supervising dentists in his/her employ. Atty. Leadholm advised the Board it should determine whether this joint venture by the dentist and hygienist should be licensed as a clinic or not.

Dr. DuLong asked if a practice is not incorporated as a clinic must a dentist own the practice; Atty. Leadholm replied yes and advised the Board if the practice is owned by multiple dentists, then a dental director must be appointed. Dr. DuLong asked if it was permissible for a non-dentist to own a clinic; Atty. Leadholm replied it was. Dr. Samuels asked if there would be any difference noticeable by the public; Atty. Leadholm replied it would depend upon the scope of practice as anyone can own a clinic. Ms. Young asked if there would be any possible violation of the recent FTC decision from the US Supreme Court if the Board voted to affirm its policy that only dentists can own dental practices; Atty. Leadholm advised there would be no violation.

Motion: **To affirm the Board's policy that if a dentist and hygienist seek to co-own a dental practice, then that practice must be licensed as a dental clinic.**

Motion Made By: Dr. Paul Levy

Second: Ms. Lois Sobel

Vote: Unanimous (Dr. Batchelder abstained)

B. Update on the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) – Eric Sheehan, J.D., Acting Bureau Director, DPH Bureau of Health Care Safety and Quality

Acting Director Sheehan introduced Mr. John Mundy and Mr. Thomas Innis of The Ripples Group to the Board stating The Ripples Group had been tasked with updating the PMP program for use by all prescribers pursuant to recent changes in M.G.L. c.94C. Acting Director Sheehan provided a power point presentation to the Board highlighting, among many issues, the recent statistics indicating the Commonwealth is facing an epidemic of opiate addiction and opioid related overdose deaths. Acting Director Sheehan explained the updates to the PMP program would create an online tool, MassPAT (Mass. Prescription Awareness Tool), to be used by all prescribers to check the prescription history of patients with known drug addiction issues. Acting Director Sheehan noted the target date for going live with the MassPAT program is the summer of 2016.

Dr. Levy asked how practitioners would access the PMP as the system is currently very difficult to navigate. Acting Director Sheehan replied the changes include recent statutory requirements such as dispensaries must report within 24 hours and an expansion of the multi-state data sharing requirements. Acting Director Sheehan noted that 42 states currently require reporting to the PMP. Further, Acting Director Sheehan noted EMR (electronic medical records) integration has been included in the revised PMP. Dr. Batchelder noted there are dozens of EMR programs and asked who would manage and pay for access to these programs; Acting Director Sheehan replied those considerations are part of the contract with Appriss, a nationwide program currently used by multiple states.

Acting Director Sheehan explained the timeline for implementation as follows: 1) going live with PMP clearinghouse, 2) data transfer to Appriss by May 31, 2016, and 3) early summer target date for actual implementation. Acting Director Sheehan noted prescribers will be requested to register with the PMP approx. 3 weeks before the program goes live. Also, Acting Director Sheehan noted DPH continues to work with the Veteran's Administration to include veterans' data by May 31, 2016.

Dr. Samuels noted the current system is not too difficult to work with but when he recently entered a patient's name, no data appeared; Acting Director Sheehan replied the new program will not impact the current system but prescribers will still need to register with the new program. Mr. Innis explained the switch system is different with the virtual gateway so prescribers will need to set up a new profile. Ms. Stultz asked about delegates; Mr. Mundy explained a dentist may designate a delegate for access to the PMP but the delegate must be tied to a licensed dentist. Ms. Young asked if the PMP would be able to cross-check patients' names as addicts often use aliases; Mr. Innis replied the PMP will use other identifiers to confirm a patient's identity.

Dr. Batchelder noted the EMR integration may be problematic as the systems mentioned do not include software programs typically used by dentists such as Dentrix or Eagle Soft. Mr. Innis replied the updates were driven by the suggestions from practitioners and noted the PMP will continue to be updated as more information becomes available and as necessary.

C. Division Staff Action Policy 16-01: Routine Responses

Chief Board Counsel Vita Berg explained the DHPL is attempting to facilitate staff responses to routine correspondence and requests for extensions and provided the Board with proposed Staff Action Policy 16-01.

Motion: To adopt proposed Division Staff Action Policy 16-01

Motion Made By: Dr. David Samuels

Second: Ms. Lois Sobel

Vote: Unanimous

D. Reactivation of Late-Renewing Dental Assistant Licenses

Asst. Executive Director Jeffrey Mills informed the Board that many dental assistants failed to renew their licenses by the Oct. 31, 2015, deadline noting that many dental assistants have yet to acquire their initial licenses. Mr. Mills asked the Board for guidance on whether the dental assistants who failed to timely renew their licenses should have a staff assignment opened or would the Board prefer to wait to sanction these assistants until the first full licensure cycle ends on October 31, 2017. Dr. Samuels stated he saw no need to penalize these assistants and their dental employers now as that would defeat the purpose of the licensure legislation. Ms. Young recommended waiting until the first, two-year licensure cycle ends in Oct. 2017; Dr. Samuels agreed.

Motion: To send an advisory letter to dental assistants and their dental employers regarding those dental assistants who failed to timely renew their dental assistant licenses.

Motion Made By: Dr. David Samuels

Second: Ms. Jacyn Stultz

Vote: Unanimous

E. Update on Regulatory Review Workgroup

Asst. Executive Director Jeffrey Mills informed the Board three general dentists have been asked to join the workgroup by Drs. Stevens and Samuels; however, Ms. Young noted only one of the three have positively responded to date. Dr. DuLong noted the next meeting of the workgroup is scheduled for April 7, 2016.

F. Update on Facility Audit Inspections

Dr. Lil DiFabio informed the Board that 22 dental offices have been selected to undertake audit inspections and 3 inspections have been completed to date. Dr. DiFabio explained the purpose of these audit inspections is to bring practices that provide anesthesia/sedation into compliance with 234 CMR. Dr. DuLong asked if these practices were issued facility permits before the regulations were amended in Aug. 2010; Dr. DiFabio replied yes noting some practices are trying to circumvent the new regulations. Ms. Young reminded the Board these audit inspections are being scheduled at a date/time that is agreeable to the licensee and the investigators and each licensee was given 90 days to respond to the Board's inquiries. However, Ms. Young stated many dentists have failed to respond within the 90 days.

Motion: To give each licensee subject to a facility audit inspection 90 days to respond; if the licensee fails to respond within the 90 days, then the licensee will be sent a certified letter and be subjected to an unannounced inspection.

Motion Made By: Dr. David Samuels

Second: Ms. Lois Sobel

Vote: Unanimous

G. Follow-Up: ADEX Representative from Massachusetts

Dr. DuLong provided the Board with a copy of a letter it received from Dr. Mina Paul, former BORID Chair and Board candidate for the ADEX representative position. Dr. DuLong noted there is no conflict or interface between ADEX and the Mass. Dental Society and recommend the Board vote to approve Dr. Paul as its ADEX representative.

Motion: To nominate Dr. Mina Paul as the Board's ADEX representative

Motion Made By: Dr. David Samuels

Second: Dr. Keith Batchelder

Vote: Unanimous (Ms. Jacyn Stultz abstained)

H. GMC Licensure Report from Executive Director Barbara A. Young regarding Licensure of Applicants with Good Moral Character Issues

Pursuant to BORID Policy 14-01, the following licenses were issued between 3/2/16 and 4/6/16:

Haidy Tineo	Dental Assistant (FTDA)	DA07595	Issued effective 2/23/16
Tiesha Owens	Dental Assistant (OJT)	DA07709	Issued effective 3/9/16
Elaine Williams	Dental Assistant (OJT)	DA07774	Issued effective 3/18/16

I. Flex Session

a. Dr. Samuels informed the Board he had received a request from Dr. Patrick McCarty, a dental anesthesiologist, to address the Board regarding its facility permit regulations at its next meeting. Mr. Mills noted the Board has received facility permit applications where Dr. McCarty had changed the form without prior Board approval and he has learned Dr. McCarty is giving advice to licensees on what is required by the Board without clarification from the Board. Dr. DuLong noted Board staff has been very clear with Dr. McCarty but suggested it is better to meet with Dr. McCarty face-to-face. Ms. Young stated Dr. McCarty will be invited to appear before the Board at its May 2016 meeting.

b. Dr. Samuels asked if the no. of permits has decreased; Ms. Young apologized stating she had given Dr. Samuels incomplete statistics as the no. of permits has actually increased.

c. Dr. DuLong noted the Boston University School of Dental Medicine was offering a free, online opiate course of approx. 1 hour in length. Dr. DuLong stated he will send the link to the course to Ms. Young and Mr. Mills.

d. Dr. Cromer asked if the Board could revisit the Dr. Sydor memo. Atty. Leadholm stated the matter could not be discussed in any great detail as this is a flex session. Dr. Cromer asked to have this matter added to the agenda for the next Board meeting in May 2016.

Complaint Resolution – Investigator Danielle Taylor

--In the Matter of DEN-2015-0075: Gina Schultheiss, RDH

The licensee was not present for the discussion and vote of the Board on this matter.

Allegation(s): Unlicensed Practice by a Dental Hygienist

Discussion: Ms. Taylor informed the Board the licensee continued to practice dental hygiene after she notified the Board she'd like to renew her expired license.

Ms. Sobel suggested dismissing the complaint with an advisory letter to the licensee.

Motion: **To offer a Consent Agreement for a Reprimand**
If this agreement is not accepted by the licensee, the matter will be referred to prosecution.

Motion Made By: Dr. David Samuels

Second: Ms. Jacyn Stultz

Vote: Unanimous

Complaint Resolution – Investigator Danielle Taylor

--In the Matter of DEN-2015-0077: Dr. Teresa M. Salem

The licensee was not present for the discussion and vote of the Board on this matter.

Allegation(s): Employment of an Unlicensed Dental Hygienist

Discussion: Ms. Taylor informed the Board this licensee employed Ms. Schultheiss and the licensee was deficient in the requisite CEUS in pain management and infection control but has since completed those courses.

Atty. Leadholm asked if Ms. Schultheiss had informed this licensee her hygiene license had expired; Ms. Taylor replied the hygienist did inform this licensee but the licensee continued to let Ms. Schultheiss see patients.

Motion: **To offer a Consent Agreement for a Reprimand**
If this agreement is not accepted by the licensee, the matter will be referred to prosecution.

Motion Made By: Dr. David Samuels

Second: Ms. Lois Sobel

Vote: **In Favor:** Dr. Paul Levy; Ms. Lois Sobel; Dr. David Samuels; Ms. Jacyn Stultz; Dr. Keith Batchelder; Dr. Ward Cromer
Opposed: None
Abstain: Ms. Kathleen Held; Dr. Stephen DuLong

Complaint Resolution – Investigator Danielle Taylor

--In the Matter of DEN-2015-0103: Irena Thomas, RDH

The licensee was not present for the discussion and vote of the Board on this matter.

Allegation(s): Unlicensed Practice by a Dental Hygienist

Discussion: Ms. Taylor informed the Board the licensee was also deficient in the requisite CEUs for the 2011-2013 and 2013-2015 licensure cycles but has since completed 49 CEUs (40 CEUs completed online). Dr. Samuels noted this licensee was on maternity leave and asked if the licensee practiced while on maternity leave; Ms. Taylor replied the licensee did not.

Motion: **To offer a Consent Agreement for a Reprimand**

If this agreement is not accepted by the licensee, the matter will be referred to prosecution.

Motion Made By: Dr. David Samuels

Second: Ms. Jacyn Stultz

Vote: Unanimous

Complaint Resolution – Investigator Danielle Taylor

--In the Matter of DEN-2015-0105: Dr. Aaron Fox

The licensee was not present for the discussion and vote of the Board on this matter.

Allegation(s): Employment of an Unlicensed Dental Hygienist

Discussion: Ms. Taylor informed the Board the licensee employed the hygienist Ms. Thomas and was also deficient in the required CEU for pain management but has since completed the course.

Ms. Stultz asked when Ms. Thomas informed the licensee her hygiene license had expired; Ms. Taylor replied Ms. Thomas was on maternity leave and never informed the licensee her hygiene license had expired. Dr. Levy stated he did not understand why the licensee did not realize Ms. Thomas's license had expired. Dr. DuLong noted the renewal notice was sent to Ms. Thomas's home so it's possible the licensee didn't know.

Motion: To dismiss the formal complaint as no evidence of violation found with an advisory letter on the licensing and CEU regulations.

Motion Made By: Dr. David Samuels

Second: Dr. Paul Levy

Vote: Unanimous

Complaint Resolution – Investigator Lisa Seeley-Murphy

--In the Matter of DEN-2015-0124: Nancy Pacquin, RDH

The licensee was not present for the discussion and vote of the Board on this matter.

Allegation(s): Unlicensed Practice by a Dental Hygienist

Discussion: Ms. Seeley-Murphy informed the Board this licensee was also deficient in the requisite CEUs.

Motion: To offer a Consent Agreement for a Reprimand

If this agreement is not accepted by the licensee, the matter will be referred to prosecution.

Motion Made By: Dr. David Samuels

Second: Ms. Jacyn Stultz

Vote: Unanimous

Complaint Resolution – Investigator Lisa Seeley-Murphy

--In the Matter of DEN-2015-0123: Dr. William Wegrzyn

The licensee was not present for the discussion and vote of the Board on this matter.

Allegation(s): Employment of an Unlicensed Dental Hygienists

Discussion: Ms. Seeley-Murphy informed the Board this licensee employed Ms. Pacquin and had not completed a requisite course on pain management.

Dr. Batchelder noted the Board's regulations are a bit unclear as to the criteria for acceptable pain management courses; Dr. Samuels agreed.

Motion: **To dismiss the formal complaint as no evidence of violation found with an advisory letter on the licensing and pain management regulations.**

Motion Made By: Dr. David Samuels

Second: Ms. Jacyn Stultz

Vote: Unanimous

Complaint Resolution – Investigator Lisa Seeley-Murphy

--In the Matter of DEN-2015-0126: Ashley Ryan DeCotis, RDH

The licensee and Thomas Bright, Esq. were present for the discussion and vote of the Board on this matter. Atty. Bright recorded the hearing.

Allegation(s): Unlicensed Practice by a Dental Hygienist

Discussion: Ms. Seeley-Murphy informed the Board the licensee was also deficient 10 CEUs but has since completed 12 CEUs. Atty. Bright informed the Board the licensee missed the renewal deadline because her license card had the wrong address listed. Mr. Mills asked if the licensee received her actual license in the mail; the licensee replied she did but she failed to notice the wrong address was listed.

Motion: **To dismiss the formal complaint as no evidence of violation found with an advisory letter on the licensing and CEU regulations.**

Motion Made By: Ms. Lois Sobel

Second: None

Motion: **To offer a Consent Agreement for a Reprimand**
If this agreement is not accepted by the licensee, the matter will be referred to prosecution.

Motion Made By: Ms. Ailish Wilkie

Second: Ms. Jacyn Stultz

Discussion (cont'd): Ms. Stultz asked the licensee when she noticed her license had expired; the licensee replied in Sept. 2015 and she stopped treating patients right away. The licensee said she also immediately informed her dental employer.

Vote: **In Favor:** Dr. Paul Levy; Dr. David Samuels; Ms. Jacyn Stultz; Dr. Keith Batchelder; Dr. Ward Cromer; Ms. Kathleen Held; Dr. Stephen DuLong; Ms. Ailish Wilkie
Opposed: Ms. Lois Sobel
Abstain: None

Complaint Resolution – Probation Monitor Karen Fishman

--In the Matter of DEN-2013-0157: Anne V. Delaney, RDH

The licensee was not present for the discussion and vote of the Board on this matter.

Allegation(s): Failure to Disclose Criminal History

Discussion: Ms. Fishman informed the Board the licensee is having difficulty finding a dental hygiene refresher course to satisfy the terms of her Consent Agreement for Stayed Probation. Ms. Fishman stated the licensee has fulfilled all other terms of the Consent Agreement.

Ms. Stultz asked if the licensee has provided a list of the hygiene programs she has contacted to date; Ms. Fishman replied she has not. Ms. Young asked Ms. Stultz if the Mt. Ida College provides this type of course; Ms. Stultz replied it did as a form of continuing education. Dr. Batchelder asked if Mt. Ida College advertises this course; Ms. Stultz replied it's on the school's website.

Ms. Fishman stated she told the licensee to contact each hygiene school. Dr. Samuels asked if this type of course is offered at the Yankee Dental Congress; Ms. Sobel replied it is but that course is not designed for hygienists who have been out of practice for years. Ms. Stultz stated the Board needs an assessment of the licensee's current hygiene skills. Dr. Batchelder recommended the licensee investigate other options. Ms. Wilkie suggested the licensee be required to provide a list of the hygiene schools she's contacted to date. Dr. Samuels recommended the Board extend the licensee's probationary period to help her locate an appropriate refresher course.

Motion: **To extend the licensee's current Consent Agreement for Stayed Probation for June 2017 with the same conditions as previously stated in the Consent Agreement.**

If this agreement is not accepted by the licensee, the matter will be referred to prosecution.

Motion Made By: Dr. David Samuels

Second: Dr. Keith Batchelder

Amended Motion: **To extend the licensee's current Consent Agreement as indicated but to also permit the licensee to re-take the CDCA/NERB clinical competency exam with passing scores in lieu of completing a dental hygiene refresher course.**

If this agreement is not accepted by the licensee, the matter will be referred to prosecution.

Amended Motion Made By: Dr. Keith Batchelder

Second: Ms. Ailish Wilkie

Vote: **In Favor:** Dr. Paul Levy; Dr. David Samuels;
Dr. Keith Batchelder; Dr. Ward Cromer; Ms. Kathleen Held;
Dr. Stephen DuLong; Ms. Ailish Wilkie
Opposed: Ms. Jacyn Stultz
Abstain: Ms. Lois Sobel

Complaint Resolution – Probation Monitor Karen Fishman

--In the Matter of DEN-2014-0100: Dr. Joseph Sanchez

The licensee was present for the discussion and vote of the Board on this matter answering all questions as appropriate.

Allegation(s): Practicing Mobile Dentistry without a Valid Facility Permit

Discussion: Ms. Fishman informed the Board the licensee was having difficulty in locating a continuing education course on mobile or nursing home dentistry to satisfy the terms of his Consent Agreement for Probation. Ms. Stultz asked the licensee where he looked for such a course; the licensee replied he checked the Boston Univ. and Tufts Univ. dental school websites but found nothing. The licensee also said he learned no such course is offered at the Yankee Dental Congress. The licensee also asked to have his probationary period terminated.

Ms. Wilkie suggested an online course would be acceptable; the licensee replied he couldn't find such a course online but did find courses that covered treating geriatric patients.

Motion: **To amend the licensee's Consent Agreement for Probation to permit the licensee to complete an online course on geriatric patient care in lieu of a course on mobile or nursing home dentistry.**

If this agreement is not accepted by the licensee, the matter will be referred to prosecution.

Motion Made By: Dr. Keith Batchelder
Second: None
Amended Motion: **To amend the licensee's Consent Agreement for Probation to permit the licensee to complete a pre-approved online course on geriatric patient care in lieu of a course on mobile or nursing home dentistry.**

If this agreement is not accepted by the licensee, the matter will be referred to prosecution.

Amended Motion Made By: Dr. Keith Batchelder

Second: Ms. Jacyn Stultz

Discussion (cont'd): Dr. Samuels informed the licensee he just looked online on his phone and found several live courses in the matter of a few minutes. Dr. Batchelder replied that might be so but the Board informed the licensee he had to complete a specific course but what if such a course was not available or it cost too much.

Ms. Wilkie asked the licensee if he asked Ms. Fishman for approval to take an online course; the licensee replied he did not.

Vote: Unanimous

Probation Monthly Report for Period of 1/1/16 to 1/3/16 – Probation Monitor Karen Fishman

Ms. Fishman informed the Board the purpose of the probation monthly report is to inform the Board of actions taken by the probation monitor and/or Executive Director Barbara A. Young. Dr. Cromer asked if a licensee is given an opportunity to cure any deficiencies; Ms. Fishman replied yes.

The Board took its morning recess at 11:00 a.m. and resumed the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

At 11:08 a.m., Dr. DuLong announced that the Board will meet in closed session as authorized pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(1) for the purpose of discussing the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than the professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual. Specifically, the Board will meet in Executive Session and will discuss and evaluate the Good Moral Character as required for registration of pending applicant(s) for licensure. Additionally, the Board will discuss and

evaluate pending disciplinary complaints that involve patient records and treatment of patients. Executive Session is closed to members of the public, except as provided for in M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a) (1). At the conclusion of the Executive Session, the Board will enter an M.G.L. c.112, §65C Session before adjourning the meeting for the day.

Motion: At 11:09 a.m., to enter Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(1)

Motion Made By: Dr. David Samuels

Second: Ms. Lois Sobel

Vote: Unanimous

Motion: At 12:03 p.m., to enter a M.G.L. c.112, §65C Session

Motion Made By: Ms. Lois Sobel

Second: Ms. Jacyn Stultz

Vote: Unanimous

Motion: At 12:20 p.m. to adjourn the meeting for the day

Motion Made By: Ms. Lois Sobel

Second: Ms. Kathleen Held

Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Ailish Wilkie, Board Secretary

Date