

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE

**178 Albion Street, Suite 330
Wakefield, Massachusetts 01880**

(Teleconference)

February 27 2025

10:30 a.m.

Public Session I

Members Participating Remotely:

Booker T. Bush, M.D., Physician Member, Chair
Frank O'Donnell, Esq., Public Member, Vice Chair
Sandeep Singh Jubbal, M.D., Physician Member, Secretary
Yvonne Y. Cheung, MD, MPH, MBA, Physician Member
Aviva Lee-Parritz, M.D., Physician Member

Member(s) absent:

Jason Qu, M.D., Physician Member

Staff Present and Participating:

George Zachos, Executive Director
Vita P. Berg, General Counsel
Steven Hoffman, Manager, Division of Law and Policy
Michael Sinacola, Director of Licensing
Lisa Fuccione, Director of Enforcement
Eileen A. Prebensen, Senior Policy Counsel
Roisin Cahill, Assistant General Counsel

Minutes taken by: Donald LaPointe, Paralegal, Division of Law and Policy.

Marsha Johnson, Stenographer, was present to record the Board meeting.

Dr. Bush called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Dr. Bush called the Roll to confirm that there was a quorum of the Board.

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Cheung – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz - Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 5-0 (unanimous).

Dr. Bush informed those individuals in attendance that the Board meeting was being conducted via teleconference. Additionally, the Board meeting was being recorded by a stenographer.

Review of Public Hearing and Comments on Emergency Regulations:

Vita P. Berg, General Counsel, informed the Board that the Public Hearing on Emergency Regulations on February 18, 2025 has been rescheduled to March 21, 2025 due to an error in the call-in number that was included in the notice.

Ms. Berg stated that nine sets of comments regarding the Emergency Regulations have been submitted to the Board of Registration in Medicine (BORIM) thus far and the comments were favorable with no suggestions for changes.

Proposed Revision to Policy - 92-001 Issuance of Press Releases:

Ms. Berg informed the Board that the Division of Law and Policy (DLP) has been continuing to review older BORIM policies and as part of that review, DLP proposes revisions to Policy 92-001. These revisions strike a balance between informing the public of the Board's disciplinary actions and protecting information that is confidential under the law from disclosure. Under the proposed revisions, if the facts upon which the Board's discipline is based are substantially confidential, a press release will not be issued.

Dr. Bush asked if there was a motion to adopt the Proposed Revisions to Policy 92-001.

Mr. O'Donnell moved to adopt the Proposed Revisions to Policy 92-001.

Dr. Jubbal seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Cheung – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz - Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 5-0 (unanimous).

Proposed Revision to Policy No. 24-01 – Credentialing:

Ms. Berg informed the Board that they voted to approve last year Policy 24-01 that provided flexibility on physician credentialing pursuant to 243 CMR 3.05(1)(a) and (b). Feedback from facilities indicates that greater flexibility in physician credentialing deadlines is necessary due to ongoing disruptions in the credentialing process brought about by healthcare facilities closing.

Ms. Berg stated that the Policy currently grants 180 days for the completion of the physician credentialing process, as long as some basic physician credentialing has already been completed. The Proposed Revision to Policy 24-01 allows for an additional 90 days extension, for a maximum of 270 days to complete the credentialing process.

Dr. Bush asked if there was a motion to adopt the Proposed Revision to Policy No. 24-01.

Mr. O'Donnell moved to adopt the Proposed Revision to Policy No. 24-01.

Dr. Jubbal seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Cheung – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz - Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 5-0 (unanimous).

Modification of Consumer Complaint Online Instructions:

Lisa Fuccione, Director of Enforcement, informed the Board that last year the Enforcement Division presented online instructions regarding the filing of a consumer complaint that provided physicians and the public with the scope and authority in which BORIM can address complaints filed with BORIM.

Ms. Fuccione highlighted that there were two main modifications of the online Instructions. The Board is particularly interested in cases where MassHealth members were unlawfully charged for medical services. The Board also wants to learn of cases where physicians discriminated based upon race, ethnicity, nationality, religion, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, disability status or solely on the basis that a patient is a recipient of public assistance.

Ms. Fuccione stated that there are instances where a physician may have a poor bedside manner that is unprofessional but does not rise to the level of being unlawful. In these cases, BORIM is seeking to provide physicians with resources to improve physician communications with patients.

Dr. Bush informed the other Board members that Ms. Fuccione's presentation was informational only and that there was no need for a vote.

Enah, Chiamaka

The Board considered the Request for a waiver of substantial equivalency of medical education and Full License application.

Dr. Jubbal recused himself in this matter and did not participate in the consideration or deliberations.

Roisin Cahill, Assistant General Counsel, was present via teleconference.

Ms. Cahill provided the Board with an overview of Dr. Enah's international medical education and accreditation. She also informed the Board that Dr. Enah is seeking a full license in order to participate in a fellowship at UMASS Memorial Medical Center.

In the **Enah** matter, Dr. Lee-Parritz moved to allow the Request for a waiver of substantial equivalency of medical education and to approve the Full License Application.
Mr. O'Donnell seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye

Dr. Cheung – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz – Aye

Dr. Jubbal - Recused

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

Saha, Debajyoti

The Board considered the Request for a waiver of one year of accredited postgraduate training and acceptance of a non-accredited subspecialty clinical fellowship as a substitute and approval of the Full License application.

Dr. Jubbal recused himself in this matter and did not participate in the consideration or deliberations in this matter.

Ms. Cahill provided the Board with an overview of Dr. Saha's Request.

In the **Saha** matter, Mr. O'Donnell moved to allow the Request for a waiver of one year of accredited postgraduate training and acceptance of a non-accredited subspecialty clinical fellowship as a substitute and to approve the Full License Application.

Dr. Cheung seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye

Dr. Cheung – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz – Aye

Dr. Jubbal - Recused

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

Dr. Jubbal returned to the meeting.

Minutes

The Board considered the Public Session Minutes of the February 6, 2025 Board meeting.

Mr. O'Donnell moved to approve the Public Session Minutes of the February 6, 2025 Board meeting.

Dr. Jubbal seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Cheung – Abstain

Dr. Lee-Parritz - Abstain

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 3-0-2 (Drs. Cheung and Lee-Parritz abstained).

Licensing

The Board members stated their recusal information. Dr. Bush is recused from applications involving Baystate Medical Center Springfield, Dr. Jubbal is recused from applications involving UMass Memorial Medical Center, Dr. Lee-Parritz is recused from Boston Medical Center, and Dr. Cheung is recused from Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, Baystate Noble Hospital and Baystate Wing Hospital.

Michael Sinacola, Director of Licensing, provided the Board members with an overview of the licensing data as of February 27, 2025.

Licensing Applications

Dr. Bush asked for a motion to approve the applications for licensure (see attached at TAB A).

Mr. O'Donnell moved to approve the applications presented for licensure.

Dr. Jubbal seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Cheung – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz - Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 5-0 (unanimous).

Dr. Bush stated that the Board will meet in Executive Session as authorized by Mass. General Law, chapter 30A, section 21 for purposes set at subsections (a)(1) and (a)(7). Specifically, the Board will review a Full License Application, a Petition to Accommodate Monitoring and a Petition to Terminate Probation Agreement. In so doing, the Board will discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of applicants or petitioners, or the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges against applicants or petitioners, as permitted under purpose 1 and information that may not be publicly disclosed pursuant to Mass. General Law, chapter 112, section 5 and Mass. General Law, chapter 66A, section 2, as permitted under purpose 7. The Board will also be reviewing Executive Session Minutes.

Dr. Bush asked for a motion to go into Executive Session.

Mr. O'Donnell moved to go into Executive Session.

Dr. Cheung seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Cheung – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz - Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 5-0 (unanimous).

Dr. Bush stated that the Board would go into Executive Session.

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1:34 p.m.

Public Session II

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Frank O'Donnell, Esq., Public Member, Vice Chair
Sandeep Singh Jubbal, M.D., Physician Member, Secretary
Yvonne Y. Cheung, MD, MPH, MBA, Physician Member
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Minutes taken by: Donald LaPointe, Paralegal, Division of Law and Policy.

Marsha Johnson, Stenographer, was present to record the Board meeting.

Mani, Sheida

The Board considered the Request for Licensure on Basis of Board-Certification and the Full License Application.

Dr. Jubbal recused himself and did not participate in the consideration or deliberations in this matter.

Ms. Cahill informed the Board that Dr. Cerulli did not pass her USMLE examinations until her 5th attempt. As such she is requesting, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112, § 2, paragraph 3, that the Board grant her a full license without an examination on the basis of her American Board of Radiology certification.

In the **Mani** matter, Mr. O'Donnell moved to allow the Request for Licensure on Basis of Board-Certification and approve the Full License Application.

Dr. Cheung seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye
Dr. Cheung – Aye
Dr. Lee-Parritz – Aye

Dr. Jubbal is recused.
The Chair voted Aye.
Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

Dr. Jubbal returned to the meeting.

Motions and Votes:

In the **Mutlukan** matter, Dr. Cheung moved to issue the Ruling on Objections thereby rejecting Dr. Mutlukan's Objections to the Recommended Decision and adopting the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in the Recommended Decision and setting the deadline for submitting memoranda on disposition in 14 days.

Dr. Jubbal seconded the motion.

Mr. O'Donnell called the Roll:

Dr. Jubbal – Aye
Dr. Cheung – Aye
Dr. Lee-Parritz - Aye
The Acting Chair voted Aye.
Motion carried 4-0-1 (Dr. Bush recused).

Dr. Bush announced that the Board would defer its decision in the matter of Dr. Joseph Jackson until a future Board meeting.

In the **Sadrzadeh** matter, Mr. O'Donnell moved to issue the Final Decision and Order indefinitely suspending Dr. Sadrzadeh's license to practice medicine. The Suspension is stayed for 90 days. Any further stay of the suspension will be at the Board's discretion and will be contingent upon 1) the Respondent's submitting the results of an assessment by a Board-approved addiction specialist to assess the Respondent's past or present alcohol use disorder,, and 2) further conditions, including but not limited to, entry into a Board approved Probation Agreement.

Dr. Cheung seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye
Dr. Jubbal – Aye
Dr. Cheung – Aye
Dr. Lee-Parritz - Aye
The Chair voted Aye.
Motion carried 5-0 (unanimous).

In the **Borel** matter, Mr. O'Donnell moved to accept the Resignation of Dr. Borel's license to practice medicine, pursuant to 243 CMR 1.05(5)(a).
Dr. Lee-Parritz seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye
Dr. Jubbal – Aye
Dr. Cheung – Aye
Dr. Lee-Parritz - Aye
The Chair voted Aye.
Motion carried 5-0 (unanimous).

In the **Quraishi** matter, Mr. O'Donnell moved to issue the Statement of Allegations and Order of Reference to the Division of Administrative Law Appeals.
Dr. Lee-Parritz seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye
Dr. Jubbal – Aye
Dr. Cheung – Aye
Dr. Lee-Parritz - Aye
The Chair voted Aye.
Motion carried 5-0 (unanimous).

In the **Jouhourian** matter, Mr. O'Donnell moved to accept the Resignation of Dr. Jouhourian's inchoate right to renew his license to practice medicine, pursuant to 243 CMR 1.05(5)(a).
Dr. Cheung seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye
Dr. Jubbal – Aye
Dr. Cheung – Aye
Dr. Lee-Parritz - Aye
The Chair voted Aye.
Motion carried 5-0 (unanimous).

Board Member Availability:

The Board considered their anticipated availability to attend the March 13, 2025, March 27, 2025 and April 10, 2025 Board Meetings.

Drs. Cheung and Jubbal indicated that they did not anticipate attending the March 13, 2025 Board meeting.

Dr. Cheung indicated that she did not anticipate attending the March 27, 2025 Board meeting.

The Board members present did not indicate any other scheduling conflicts.

Dr. Bush stated that he would like to echo earlier comments made by Dr. Lee-Parritz expressing appreciation for the other Board members and the BORIM staff for their work.

Dr. Bush asked for a motion to adjourn the Board meeting.

Mr. O'Donnell moved to adjourn the meeting.

Dr. Jubbal seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Cheung – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz - Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 5-0 (unanimous).

Public Session II ended at 1:42 p.m.

Documents Considered in Public Sessions I:

- Written Comments in Response to Emergency Amendments to 243 CMR 1.00 and 243 CMR 2.00
- Memorandum RE: Proposed Revision to Policy - 92-001 Issuance of Press Releases
- Memorandum RE: Proposed Revision to Policy No. 24-01 – Credentialing
- Memorandum RE: Modification of Consumer Complaint On-Line Instructions
- Memorandum RE: Full License Application with Request for Waiver of Substantial Equivalency of Medical Education – Chiamaka Enah, M.D.
- Memorandum RE: Full License Application with Request for Waiver of one year of accredited postgrad training and of non-accredited subspecialty clinical fellowship as substitute – Debajyoti Saha, M.D.
- Memorandum RE: Full License Application - Sheida Mani, M.D.
- Public Session Minutes of the February 6, 2025, Board Meeting
- Licensing Applications Lists (see attached at TAB A)