

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE

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

(Teleconference)

February 29, 2024

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
Nawal Nour, M.D., M.P.H., Physician Member

Member(s) absent:

John McGahan, Public Member

Staff Present and Participating:

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

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

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

Dr. Bush called the meeting to order at 10:31 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. Nour - Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 4-0 (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 License Application Questions

Dr. Bush announced that the Review of License Application Questions would be deferred to the March 14, 2024 Board agenda.

Ferzoco, Victor

The Board considered the possible extension of the deadline for Dr. Ferzoco to complete the required audit.

Vita P. Berg, General Counsel, explained to the Board Members the provisions of the Probation Agreement that Dr. Ferzoco entered on November 2, 2023 and why there was a delay in starting the audit.

In the **Ferzoco** matter, Mr. O'Donnell moved to grant a 90-day extension, commencing February 29, 2024, of the deadline for Dr. Ferzoco to complete the required audit.

Dr. Nour seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Nour - Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

Minutes

The Board considered the Public Session Minutes of the February 8, 2024 Board meeting.

Mr. O'Donnell moved to approve the Public Session Minutes of the February 8, 2024 Board meeting.

Dr. Jubbal seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

Dr. Nour - Abstain

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 3-0-1 (Dr. Nour abstained due to absence).

Licensing

The Board members stated their recusal information. Dr. Nour is recused from Brigham and Women's Hospital and Dana Farber, Dr. Bush is recused from applications involving Baystate Medical Center Springfield, and Dr. Jubbal is recused from applications involving UMass Memorial Medical Center.

Michael Sinacola, Director of Licensing, provided the Board members with an overview of the licensing data as of February 29, 2024.

Licensing Applications

Dr. Bush asked for a motion to approve the applications for licensure approved by the Executive Director (see attached at TAB A) and Changes to Existing Limited Licenses (see attached at TAB B).

Mr. O'Donnell moved to approve the above-listed applications for licensure.

Dr. Jubbal seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

Dr. Nour - Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 4-0 (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 two initial full license applications, a renewal of a full license application and will consider a possible evaluator(s). 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.

Following the Executive Session, the Board will meet in closed Adjudicatory Session, and then in closed session under Mass. General Laws, chapter 112, section 65C. The Board will reconvene in Public Session following the conclusion of the 65C Session.

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

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

Dr. Jubbal seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

Dr. Nour - Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

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

Public Session I ended at 10:38 a.m.

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11:25 a.m.
Public Session II

Members Participating Remotely:

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Frank O'Donnell, Esq., Public Member, Vice Chair
Sandeep Singh Jubbal, M.D., Physician Member, Secretary
Nawal Nour, M.D., M.P.H., Physician Member

Member(s) absent:

John McGahan, Public Member

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

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

Motions and Votes

In the **Cogswell** matter, Mr. O'Donnell moved to issue the Final Decision and Order revoking Dr. Cogswell's inchoate right to renew his license to practice medicine.
Dr. Jubbal seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell – Aye
Dr. Nour - Aye
Dr. Jubbal – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.
Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

In the **Bourgeois** matter, Mr. O'Donnell moved issue the Statement of Allegations and approve the Consent Order reprimanding Dr. Bourgeois.

Dr. Jubbal seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

Dr. Nour – Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

In the **Navarra** matter, after considering the Victim Impact Statement, Dr. Bush moved to issue the Statement of Allegations and Order to Use Pseudonyms and Impound Identities and Medical Records, and approve the Consent Order suspending Dr. Navarra's license to practice medicine and restricting him from prescribing federally controlled substances in Schedules II, III, IV and V. Dr. Bush further moved to approve the Probation Agreement thereby staying the suspension of Dr. Navarra's license to practice medicine.

Mr. O'Donnell seconded the motions.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

Dr. Nour – Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motions carried 4-0 (unanimous).

In the **Singh** matter, u Mr. O'Donnell moved to ratify the acceptance of the Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice.

Dr. Jubbal seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

Dr. Nour – Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motions carried 4-0 (unanimous).

In the **Laurenzano** matter, Mr. O'Donnell moved to accept the Resignation of Dr. Laurenzano's inchoate right to renew his license to practice medicine.

Dr. Jubbal seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

Dr. Nour - Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

Board Member Availability:

The Board considered their anticipated availability to attend the March 14, 2024, March 28, 2024 and April 11, 2024 Board Meetings.

Dr. Jubbal indicated that he did not anticipate attending the March 14, 2024 Board meeting. However, if there were quorum issues he would attend, if needed, but asked that the Board members be mindful that he will be traveling abroad at that time and there will be a significant time differential.

Dr. Nour indicated that she had a "hard stop" at 11:55 a.m. on March 14, 2024.

There were no other scheduling conflicts identified by the attending Board members.

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. Nour - Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

The Board meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Documents Considered in Public Sessions I and II:

- Memorandum RE: Victor Ferzoco, M.D. - Request for Extension of Deadline for Audit
- Public Session Minutes of the February 8, 2024 Board Meetings
- Licensing Applications Lists (see attached at TAB A and B)
- Motions and Votes