

**BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE**

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

**(Teleconference)**

**January 9, 2025**

**10:31 a.m.**

**Public Session I**

**Members Participating Remotely:**

Frank O'Donnell, Esq., Public Member, Vice Chair  
Sandeep Singh Jubbal, M.D., Physician Member, Secretary  
Jason Qu, M.D., Physician Member  
Aviva Lee-Parritz, M.D., Physician Member

**Member(s) absent:**

Booker T. Bush, M.D., Physician Member, Chair  
Yvonne Y. Cheung, MD, MPH, MBA, 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  
Eileen A. Prebensen, Senior Policy Counsel

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

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

Mr. O'Donnell was Acting Chair in Dr. Bush's absence.

Mr. O'Donnell called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

Mr. O'Donnell called the Roll to confirm that there was a quorum of the Board.

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz – Aye

Dr. Qu - Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

Mr. O'Donnell informed those individuals in attendance that the Board meeting was being conducted via teleconference. Additionally, the Board meeting was being recorded by a stenographer.

### **Emergency Revisions to 243 CMR 1.00 and 243 CMR 2.00**

Vita P. Berg, General Counsel, presented to the Board the proposed Emergency Revisions to the Board of Registration in Medicine's (BORIM) regulations specifically 243 CMR 1.00 and 2.00. The proposal will amend the board's regulations at 243 CMR 1.03(5)(c), 2.04(16), 2.13(3) and 2.15(2) and (3).

Ms. Berg explained to the Board that the proposed revisions will implement and codify into BORIM's regulations the provisions of MGL c. 112, §5F½, enacted through St. 2022, c. 127, "An Act Expanding Protections for Reproductive and Gender Affirming Care (Chapter 127)," also known as the Massachusetts Shield Law.

The implementation of these emergency regulations will ensure healthcare providers who perform procedures identified as reproductive and/or gender affirming care that BORIM will not seek to docket complaints, discipline or deny licensure for the provision of such services provided that such services are rendered in accordance with Massachusetts laws and meets the standard of care for such services.

Responsive to Dr. Lee-Parritz's inquiry, Ms. Berg stated that, because these are emergency regulations, these changes will be effective as of today's date. The emergency regulations will be effective for 90 days, during which time the Board will hold a Public Comment period and a public hearing. After the Public Comment period, the Board will review all the comments and decide whether they wish to make any further amendments to the regulations under review. After public hearing and comment, the Board will need to file a Notice of Compliance or an updated regulation draft with the Secretary of State in order for the regulations to become permanent.

Ms. Berg informed the Board of similar measures being taken by other licensing boards for health care professions covered under the Shield Law. The Board of Registration in Nursing has already voted to approve the Emergency Regulations at their January 8, 2025 meeting and that it is anticipated that the Board of Registration in Pharmacy and several other Boards that license health care providers will be doing the same.

Mr. O'Donnell asked for a motion to promulgate the proposed Emergency Revisions to 243 CMR 1.00 and 243 CMR 2.00 and initiate the public comment process under M.G.L. c. 30A.

Dr. Lee-Parritz moved to promulgate the proposed Emergency Revisions to 243 CMR 1.00 and 243 CMR 2.00 and initiate the public comment process under M.G.L. c. 30A.

Dr. Jubbal seconded the motion.

Mr. O'Donnell called the Roll:

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz – Aye

Dr. Qu - Aye

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

### **Minutes**

The Board considered the Public Session Minutes of the December 19, 2024 Board meeting.

Dr. Qu moved to approve the Public Session Minutes of the December 19, 2024 Board meeting.  
Dr. Lee-Parritz seconded the motion.

Mr. O'Donnell called the Roll:

Dr. Jubbal – Aye  
Dr. Qu – Aye  
Dr. Lee-Parritz - Aye  
The Acting Chair voted Aye.  
Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

### **Licensing**

The Board members stated their recusal information. Dr. Jubbal is recused from applications involving UMass Memorial Medical Center, Dr. Lee-Parritz is recused from Boston Medical Center, and Dr. Qu is recused from applications involving Massachusetts General Hospital.

Michael Sinacola, Director of Licensing, provided the Board members with an overview of the licensing data as of January 9, 2025.

### **Licensing Applications**

Mr. O'Donnell asked for a motion to approve the applications for licensure (see attached at TAB A).

Dr. Qu moved to approve the applications presented for licensure.  
Dr. Lee-Parritz seconded the motion.

Mr. O'Donnell called the Roll:

Dr. Jubbal – Aye  
Dr. Qu – Aye  
Dr. Lee-Parritz - Aye  
The Acting Chair voted Aye.  
Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

Mr. O'Donnell stated that the Board will meet in Executive Session as authorized by Mass. General Law, chapter 30A, section 21 for purposes set forth at subsections (a)(1) and (a)(7). Specifically, the Board will review applications for full licensure and to revive a lapsed

license. 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.

Mr. O'Donnell asked for a motion to go into Executive Session.

Dr. Qu moved to go into Executive Session.

Dr. Jubbal seconded the motion.

Mr. O'Donnell called the Roll:

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Qu – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz - Aye

The Acting Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

Mr. O'Donnell stated that the Board would go into Executive Session.

Public Session I ended at 10:43 a.m.

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**11:03 a.m.**

**Public Session II**

**Members Participating Remotely:**

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Sandeep Singh Jubbal, M.D., Physician Member, Secretary  
Jason Qu, M.D., Physician Member  
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**Board Member Availability:**

The Board considered their anticipated availability to attend the January 23, 2025, February 6, 2025 and February 27, 2025 Board meetings.

Dr. Qu indicated that he did not anticipate attending the January 23, 2025 and February 27, 2025 Board meetings.

Dr. Lee-Parritz indicated that she did not anticipate attending the February 6, 2025 Board meeting.

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

Ms. Berg thanked the Board members for being available to hold this Board meeting.

Dr. Lee-Parritz expressed her appreciation for BORIM staff's work on the Emergency Revisions to 243 CMR 1.00 and 243 CMR 2.00.

Mr. O'Donnell expressed his appreciation for BORIM staff's work.

The Board meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

**Documents Considered in Public Sessions I:**

- Emergency Regulations at 243 CMR 1.00 and 243 CMR 2.00
- Public Session Minutes of the December 19, 2024 Board Meeting
- Licensing Applications Lists (see attached at TAB A)