

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE

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

(Teleconference)

June 12, 2025

10:33 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
Aviva Lee-Parritz, M.D., Physician Member
Jason Qu, M.D., Physician Member

Member(s) absent:

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
Robert E. Harvey, Physician Health and Compliance Manager
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 10:33 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. Lee-Parritz – Aye

Dr. Qu - 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.

Revisions to Policy 19-04 Relating to Malpractice:

Vita P. Berg, General Counsel, provided the Board with an overview of Policy 19-04, “Policy Relating to Malpractice,” and the 2024 revisions.

The proposed revisions to this Policy are designed to codify how the Board determines whether malpractice payments, pursuant to a “high-low” agreement, require further review. This review is conducted by the Complaint and/or Licensing Committee with a subsequent legal analysis performed by the Division of Law and Policy.

Ms. Berg provided the Board with a brief description of “high-low” agreements in medical malpractice litigation.

Dr. Bush asked for a motion to adopt the Proposed Revisions to Policy 19-04.

Mr. O’Donnell moved to adopt the Proposed Revision to Policy 19-04.

Dr. Jubbal seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O’Donnell - Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz – Aye

Dr. Qu - Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 5-0 (unanimous).

In-Person Meeting Discussion:

Dr. Bush and George Zachos, Executive Director, presented to the Board members the proposal for an in-person Board meeting.

All Board members present concurred on the concept of holding an in-person meeting this year.

Mr. Zachos stated that the Board members would be presented with dates for a future in-person Board Meeting with possible alternative locations in addition to the Board of Registration in Medicine’s Wakefield offices.

Revisions of Board Policy 19-05 Policy on Approving Initial, Full and Limited License Applications:

Roisin Cahill, Assistant General Counsel, informed the Board that the proposed revisions of Board Policy 19-05, “Policy on Approving Initial Full and Limited License Applications,” are designed to expand the scope of License Applications to include Temporary License applications. Additionally, the proposed revisions define when the Licensing Committee must review an application. The Policy also identifies when the Executive Director or a Designee, under certain criteria, may determine that an application does not require review by the Licensing Committee.

Pursuant to the Board's inquiry, Ms. Cahill stated that a physician applicant's leave(s) of absence resulting from a healthcare facility imposing discipline on that applicant would still require the Licensing Committee's review under this Policy. A physician's wellness leave of less than a year's duration will not require the Licensing Committee's review.

Dr. Bush asked for a motion to adopt the Proposed Revisions to Board Policy 19-05.

Dr. Lee-Parritz moved to adopt the Proposed Revisions to Board Policy 19-05.

Mr. O'Donnell seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz – Aye

Dr. Qu - Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 5-0 (unanimous).

Navarra, Guido

The Board considered whether Dr. Navarra violated his Probation Agreement and considered a new Probation Modification.

Robert E. Harvey, Physician Health and Compliance Manager, was present via teleconference.

Dr. Navarra and his attorney, Richard Goldstein, were present via teleconference.

Mr. Harvey explained to the Board that there was a technical violation of Probation Agreement by Dr. Navarra insofar as he failed to report the change of ownership of his practice location. This change of ownership did not result in a change of staff or his monitoring. However, Mr. Harvey stated that the current monitor previously approved by the Board is not present at the worksite to monitor Dr. Navarra.

Mr. Harvey informed the Board that Affiliated Monitors provided him with a letter recommending that any audit of Dr. Navarra's practice should include a record review focused on his standard of care. Currently, the audit has been delayed because of the change of ownership in Dr. Navarra's practice.

Mr. Harvey asked the Board to consider whether Dr. Navarra's future practice monitor should be onsite. Dr. Navarra addressed the Board and expressed his regret for the oversight of not informing the Board of the change of ownership of his practice location.

Pursuant to Dr. Bush's inquiry, Dr. Navarra outlined for the Board the current way his monitoring and review of his practice is being conducted. In so doing, he informed the Board that his meetings with his monitor are done via weekly Zoom calls and are occasionally in-person.

Mr. Harvey addressed Dr. Bush's inquiry and stated that the Board is authorized to conduct a PMP check on Dr. Navarra's prescribing.

Pursuant to Dr. Bush's inquiry regarding a possible new practice monitor, Dr. Navarra stated that there would be a new physician coming to his practice and that this physician would be in a leadership position.

Mr. Harvey suggested to the Board that they may wish to have Dr. Navarra complete a practice audit within 90 days from today and to give Dr. Navarra 30 days to find a new practice monitor.

Dr. Bush asked for a motion in the Navarra matter.

In the **Navarra** matter, Mr. O'Donnell moved to find Dr. Navarra in violation of the Probation Agreement and to amend the Probation Agreement to specify that the audit of Dr. Navarra's practice be completed within three months by Affiliated Monitors and to specify Dr. Navarra's worksite to be Revere Medical Group with monitoring by Dr. Anthony Eaton.

Dr. Qu seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz – Aye

Dr. Qu - Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 5-0 (unanimous).

Minutes

The Board considered the Public Session Minutes of the May 29, 2025 Board meeting.

Mr. O'Donnell moved to approve the Public Session Minutes of the May 29, 2025 Board meeting.

Dr. Lee-Parritz seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz – Aye

Dr. Qu - Abstained

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 4-0-1 (Dr. Qu abstained due to absence).

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. Qu is recused from Massachusetts General Hospital.

Michael Sinacola, Director of Licensing, provided the Board members with an overview of the licensing data as of June 12, 2025.

Licensing Applications

Dr. Bush asked for a motion to approve the applications for licensure.

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. Lee-Parrtiz – Aye

Dr. Qu - 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 Request to Withdraw a Full License Application, a Limited License Application, a Full License Application and an update on a physician's compliance with their 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. The Board will also discuss 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 II 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. Qu seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parrtiz – Aye

Dr. Qu - 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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1:49 p.m.

Public Session II

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
Aviva Lee-Parritz, M.D., Physician Member
Jason Qu, M.D., Physician Member

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Motions and Votes:

In the **Diggs** matter, Mr. O'Donnell moved to issue the Ruling on Motion for Remand and on Respondent's Objections, denying the Respondent's Motion to Remand and adopting the Recommended Decision, finding Respondent in default and deeming that the allegations in the Amended Statement of Allegations are proven.

Dr. Qu seconded the motions.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Recused

Dr. Lee-Parritz – Aye

Dr. Qu - Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motions carried 4-0-1 (Dr. Jubbal recused).

In the **Nicell** matter, Mr. O'Donnell moved to issue the Statement of Allegations and approve the Consent Order, reprimanding Dr. Nicell's license to practice medicine and fining him \$1,000.

Dr. Lee-Parritz seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz – Aye

Dr. Qu - Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 5-0 (unanimous).

In the **Starer** matter, Mr. O'Donnell moved to issue the Amended Statement of Allegations.

Dr. Lee-Parritz seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz – Aye

Dr. Qu - Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 5-0 (unanimous).

In the **Benjamin** matter, Mr. O'Donnell moved to issue the Order of Temporary Suspension pursuant to 243 CMR 1.03(11)(a), the Order of Impoundment, the Order to Use Pseudonyms and Impound Identities and Medical Records, the Statement of Allegations and the Order of Reference to the Division of Administrative Law Appeals.

Dr. Jubbal seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz – Aye

Dr. Qu - Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 5-0 (unanimous).

Board Member Availability:

The Board considered their anticipated availability to attend the June 26, 2025, July 17, 2025 and August 21, 2025 Board meetings..

The Board members present did not indicate any scheduling conflicts for any of those dates.

Dr. Bush indicated that he would be out-of-state on July 17th but that he still anticipated attending this meeting remotely.

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. Lee-Parritz – Aye

Dr. Qu - Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 5-0 (unanimous).

Public Session II ended at 1:54 p.m.

Documents Considered in Public Sessions I and II:

- Memorandum Regarding Revisions to Policy 19-04 Relating to Malpractice
- Revision of Board Policy 19-05 Policy on Approving Initial, Full and Limited License Applications
- Memorandum Regarding Guido Navarra, M.D. – Compliance with Probation Agreement and Probation Modification
- Public Session Minutes of the May 29, 2025, Board Meeting
- Licensing Applications List
- Motions and Votes