

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE

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

(Teleconference)

June 16, 2022

10:31 a.m.

Public Session I

Members Participating Remotely:

Woody Giessmann LADC-I, CADC, CIP, AIS, Public Member

Deborah Levine, M.D., Physician Member

Holly Oh, M.D., Physician Member

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

Booker T. Bush, M.D., Physician Member

Frank O'Donnell, Esq., Public Member

Member(s) absent:

Julian N. Robinson, M.D., Physician Member, Chair

Staff Present and Participating:

George Zachos, Executive Director

Vita P. Berg, General Counsel

Steven Hoffman, Division of Law and Policy Manager

Michael Sinacola, Licensing Director

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, present to record the Board meeting.

Mr. Giessmann, as Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

Mr. Giessmann called the Roll to confirm that there was a quorum of the Board.

Dr. Levine – Aye

Dr. Oh- Aye

Dr. Nour-Aye

Dr. Bush - Aye

The Acting Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 5-0 (unanimous).

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

Mr. Giessmann informed the other Board members that Frank O'Donnell, Esq., Public Member, would be joining the other Board members soon.

Mr. Giessmann informed the other Board members that today would be Dr. Deborah Levine's last Board meeting.

George Zachos, Executive Director, thanked Dr. Levine for her commitment to the Board of Registration in Medicine's (BORIM) mission and expressed his appreciation for her service to BORIM. Mr. Zachos opined on Dr. Levine's roll in the seamless transition in BORIM's operations as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and for her input which has streamlined the licensing process and improved efficiencies while still maintaining patient safety.

Mr. Hoffman expressed his appreciation for Dr. Levine's service and opined that she is a role model for what a Board member should be.

Dr. Levine thanked BORIM staff and the Board members stating that she had an amazing experience serving on the Board. Dr. Levine opined that serving as a Board member was a wonderful opportunity to learn and serve.

Mr. O'Donnell entered the Board meeting, via teleconference, at 10:39 a.m.

Proposed Policies Responsive to COVID-19:

Vita P. Berg, General Counsel, presented the following Policies for the Board's consideration:

1. Proposed revisions to BORIM Policy 2020-05: Interim Policy on Emergency Temporary Licenses
2. Proposed revisions to BORIM Policy 2020-09: Interim Policy on Emergency Temporary Licenses for Full License Applicants
3. Proposed new BORIM Policy 2022-05: Interim Policy on Post-Graduate Training for International Medical Graduates
4. Proposed rescission of Policy 20-07: Interim Policy on USMLE Step 2 Clinical Skills Examination for Limited Licensure

Ms. Berg discussed with the Board the extension of the effective date of Policies 2020-05 and 2020-09 from June 30, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

Ms. Berg discussed the rescission of Policy 20-07. It was no longer necessary because the USMLE Step 2 Clinical Skills Examination was no longer included in the USMLE examinations.

Ms. Berg introduced to the Board the proposed BORIM Policy 2022-05. This Policy would expedite licensure for International Medical Graduates who are currently licensed and practicing medicine in the United States. The goal of Policy 2022-05 was to implement and maintain consistency with the Order of the DPH Commissioner, COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Order No. 2022-04.

Dr. Bush moved to adopt the revisions to Policies 2020-05 and 2020-09, to rescind Policy 20-7 and to approve Policy 2022-05.

Dr. Levine seconded the motion.

Mr. Giessmann called the Roll:

Dr. Levine – Aye

Dr. Oh – Aye

Dr. Nour – Aye

Dr. Bush – Aye

Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

The Acting Chair voted Aye

Motion carried 6-0 (unanimous).

Licensing Cases:

Han, Qiao

The Board considered the rescission of the March 17, 2022 Board approval of Dr. Han's Limited License Renewal and the Request to approve Dr. Han's Limited License Change of Program application.

Roisin Cahill, Assistant General Counsel, provided the Board members with an overview of the basis for the Board members' consideration of this matter.

In the **Han** matter, Dr. Oh moved to approve the Request to rescind the March 17, 2022 Board approval of Dr. Han's Limited License Renewal allowing her to continue in the MGH Internal Medicine Residency for the time period, July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Dr. Oh further moved to allow the Request to approve Dr. Han's Limited License Change of Program application to begin a Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship at MGH for the time period, July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Dr. Levine seconded the motions.

Mr. Giessmann called the Roll:

Dr. Levine – Aye

Dr. Oh – Aye

Dr. Nour – Aye

Dr. Bush – Aye

Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

The Acting Chair voted Aye

Motions carried 6-0 (unanimous).

Zhao, Melissa

The Board considered the Request to rescind the March 3, 2022 Board approval of Dr. Zhao's Limited License Renewal and the Request to approve Dr. Zhao's Limited License Change of Program application.

Roisin Cahill, Assistant General Counsel, provided the Board members with an overview of the basis for the Board members consideration of this matter.

In the **Zhao** matter, Dr. Oh moved to approve the Request to rescind the March 3, 2022 Board approval of Dr. Zhao's Limited License Renewal allowing her to continue in the BWH Pathology Residency for the time period, July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Dr. Oh further moved to allow the Request to approve Dr. Zhao's Limited License Change of Program application to begin a Molecular Genetic Pathology Fellowship at BWH for the time period, July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Dr. Levine seconded the motions.

Mr. Giessmann called the Roll:

Dr. Levine – Aye

Dr. Oh – Aye

Dr. Nour – Abstains

Dr. Bush – Aye

Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

The Acting Chair voted Aye.

Motions carried 6-0-1 .

Minutes:

The Board considered the Public Session Minutes of the June 2, 2022 Board meetings.

Dr. Oh moved to approve the Public Session Minutes of the June 2, 2022 Board meeting.

Dr. Levine seconded the motion.

Mr. Giessmann called the Roll:

Dr. Levine – Aye

Dr. Oh – Aye

Dr. Nour – Aye

Dr. Bush – Aye

Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

The Acting Chair voted Aye.
Motions carried 6-0 (unanimous).

Mr. Giessmann stated that the Board would meet as authorized pursuant to M.G.L.c.30A § 21(a)(1) for the purpose reviewing prior Executive Session Minutes.

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

Mr. Giessmann asked for a motion to go into Executive Session.

Dr. Oh moved to go into Executive Session.
Dr. Levine seconded the motion.

Mr. Giessmann called the Roll:

Dr. Levine – Aye
Dr. Oh – Aye
Dr. Nour – Aye
Dr. Bush – Aye
Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

The Acting Chair voted Aye.
Motion carried 6-0 (unanimous).

Mr. Giessmann stated that the Board would go into Executive Session.

Public Session I ended at 10:51 a.m.

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12:01 p.m.

Public Session II

Members Participating Remotely:

Woody Giessmann LADC-I, CADC, CIP, AIS, Public Member

Deborah Levine, M.D., Physician Member

Holly Oh, M.D., Physician Member

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

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Michael Sinacola, Director of Licensing

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

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

Licensing:

Mr. Giessmann is recused from applications involving Right Turn, Dr. Levine is recused from Beth Israel Lahey Health, Dr. Nour is recused from Brigham and Women's Hospital and Dana Farber, Dr. Oh is recused from applications involving The Dimock Center and Cityblock Health, and Dr. Bush is recused from applications involving Baystate Medical Center Springfield.

Michael Sinacola, Licensing Director presented the licensing data as of June 16, 2022.

Licensing Applications:

Mr. Giessmann asked for a motion to approve the following applications for licensure:

- Applications for Full Licensure (Algert - Zhang)
- Application for Administrative Licensure reviewed by the Board (Shreve)

- Application for Temporary Faculty Licensure reviewed by the Licensing Committee (Altschwager Kreft)
- Applications for Full Licensure Approved by the Executive Director on June 3, 2022 (Allison – Wu)
- Applications for Full Licensure Approved by the Executive Director on June 10, 2022 (Adams – Yim)
- Applications for Full Licensure with Waiver reviewed by the Licensing Committee (Lee – Marinho Tridente)
- Applications for Full Licensure reviewed by the Licensing Committee (Amico – Porter)
- Applications for Limited Licensure Approved Pursuant to Policy 2021-03 on April 22, 2022 (Bui Nguyen – Yi)
- Applications for Limited Licensure Approved Pursuant to Policy 2021-03 on May 6, 2022 (Achen – Zhou)
- Applications for Limited Licensure Approved Pursuant to Policy 2021-03 on May 13, 2022 (Abdalla – Zhang)
- Applications for Limited Licensure Approved Pursuant to Policy 2021-03 on May 20, 2022 (Adams – Zhao)
- Applications for Limited Licensure Approved Pursuant to Policy 2021-03 on May 27, 2022 (Cha – Wu)
- Applications for Limited Licensure Approved Pursuant to Policy 2021-03 on June 3, 2022 (Abbott – Wilson)
- Applications for Limited Licensure Approved Pursuant to Policy 2021-03 on June 10, 2022 (Adams – Yahn)
- Applications for Limited Licensure (Abdukhalokov – Yin)
- Applications for Limited Licensure Approved by the Executive Director on June 3, 2022 (Aranow – Velez Florez)
- Applications for Limited Licensure Approved by the Executive Director on June 10, 2022 (Cai – Couto Bernardes P Estrela)
- Application for Limited Licensure Reviewed by the Licensing Committee on June 2, 2022 (Lazar)
- Application for Limited Licensure with Waiver Reviewed by the Licensing Committee (Luna)
- Applications for Limited Licensure Reviewed by the Licensing Committee (Albrecht – Tiangeo)
- Application for Limited Licensure Renewals Reviewed by the Licensing Committee (Simms)
- Application for Lapsed Licensure Reviewed by the Licensing Committee (Nashi)
- Applications for Changes to Existing Limited Licensure Reviewed by the Board (Agudogo – Wu)

Dr. Oh moved to approve the 23 lists of applications for licensure.
Dr. Levine seconded the motion.

Mr. Giessmann called the Roll:

Dr. Levine – Aye
Dr. Oh – Aye
Dr. Nour – Aye
Dr. Bush – Aye
Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

The Acting Chair voted Aye.
Motion carried 6-0 (unanimous).

Motions and Votes

In the **Oberti** matter, Dr. Levine moved to issue the Order of Remand to the Division of Administrative Law Appeals.
Dr. Oh seconded the motion.

Mr. Giessmann called the Roll:

Dr. Levine – Aye
Dr. Oh – Aye
Dr. Nour – Aye
Dr. Bush – Aye
Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

The Acting Chair voted Aye
Motion carried 6-0 (unanimous).

In the **Mitton** matter, Dr. Levine moved to reject the Resignation.
Dr. Oh seconded the motion.

Mr. Giessmann called the Roll:

Dr. Levine – Aye
Dr. Oh – Aye
Dr. Nour – Aye
Dr. Bush – Aye
Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

The Acting Chair voted Aye
Motion carried 6-0 (unanimous).

Board Member Availability

The Board discussed their anticipated availability to attend the June 30, 2022, July 14, 2022 and August 4, 2022 Board Meetings.

The Board members did not indicate that they anticipated any scheduling conflicts that would prevent them from attending the June 30, 2022 and August 4, 2022 Board meetings with the caveat that Dr. Levine would not be a Board member as of June 17, 2022.

Dr. Bush stated that he did not anticipate attending the July 14, 2022 Board meeting and Dr. Nour indicated that she may have a scheduling conflict with that date.

Mr. Giessmann asked for a motion to adjourn the Board meeting.

Dr. Bush moved to adjourn the Board meeting.

Dr. Levine seconded the motion.

Mr. Giessmann called the Roll:

Dr. Levine – Aye

Dr. Oh – Aye

Dr. Nour – Aye

Dr. Bush – Aye

Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

The Acting Chair voted Aye

Motion carried 6-0 (unanimous).

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Documents Considered in Public Sessions I and II:

- Public Session Minutes of the June 2, 2022 Board meeting
- Motions and Votes
- Licensing Applications List
- Memorandum RE: Proposed Policies Responsive to COVID-19
 1. Proposed revisions to BORIM policy 2020-05: Interim Policy on Emergency Temporary Licenses
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- Memoranda RE: Qiao Han, M.D. and Melissa Zhao, M.D.