

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE
178 Albion Street, Suite 330
Wakefield, Massachusetts 01880
(Teleconference)
March 13, 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
Jason Qu, M.D., Physician Member
Aviva Lee-Parritz, M.D., Physician Member

Member(s) absent:

Sandeep Singh Jubbal, M.D., Physician Member, Secretary
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

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

Paula Kelly, 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. Qu - Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz – 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.

Proposed revision to Board Policy 95-01: Certain Requests Relating to Probation
Agreements:

Robert E. Harvey, Physician Health and Compliance Manager, reminded the Board that they had voted to revise this Policy 95-01 in March 2024. The 2024 amendment allowed the Board's

Division of Law & Policy (DLP) to approve certain routine requests such as worksite changes, so long as the new worksite is within the same campus or organization named in the Probation Agreement. The 2024 amendment also allowed DLP to approve certain requests to extend deadlines to complete audits/assessments so long as the deadline had not been previously extended.

Mr. Harvey asked the Board to add the two following items to the list of requests that DLP can approve:

- Approval of an auditor, evaluator, clinical skills assessment entity or monitoring entity that has been previously approved by the Board to conduct audits, evaluations, clinical skills assessments, and/or monitoring of a physician's practice of medicine.
- Modification to chaperones, provided that the proposed new chaperone meets any requirements set forth by the Board.

Mr. Harvey stated that the purpose of these proposed revisions was to increase efficiency.

Dr. Bush asked for a motion to approve the proposed revisions to Policy 95-01.

Mr. O'Donnell moved to approve the proposed revisions to Policy 95-01 as presented by Mr. Harvey.

Dr. Lee-Parritz seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye

Dr. Qu - Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

Minutes

The Board considered the Public Session Minutes of the February 27, 2025 Board meeting.

Mr. O'Donnell moved to approve the Public Session Minutes of the February 27, 2025 Board meeting.

Dr. Lee-Parritz seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye

Dr. Qu – Abstain

Dr. Lee-Parritz - Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 3-0-1 (Dr. Qu abstained).

Licensing

The Board members stated their recusal information. Dr. Bush is recused from applications involving Baystate Medical Center Springfield, 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 March 13, 2025.

Licensing Applications

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

Dr. Bush moved to approve the applications presented for licensure.

Dr. Jubbal seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye

Dr. Qu – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz - 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 a Request to Withdraw a Full Licensing Application and a Petition to Terminate a 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. Lee-Parritz seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye

Dr. Qu – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz - Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

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

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11:31 a.m.
Public Session II

Members Participating Remotely:

Booker T. Bush, M.D., Physician Member, Chair
Frank O'Donnell, Esq., Public Member, Vice Chair
Jason Qu, M.D., Physician Member
Aviva Lee-Parritz, M.D., Physician Member

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Motions and Votes:

In the **Barrows** matter, Mr. O'Donnell moved to issue the Statement of Allegations and approve the Consent Order indefinitely suspending Dr. Barrows' license to practice medicine.

Dr. Qu seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell– Aye

Dr. Qu – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz - Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

Board Member Availability:

The Board considered their anticipated availability to attend the March 27, 2025, April 10, 2025 and May 1, 2025 Board Meetings.

Dr. Qu indicated that he did not anticipate attending the March 27, 2025 Board meeting.

Mr. O'Donnell indicated that he did not anticipate attending the May 1, 2025 Board meeting.

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

Announcements:

Ms. Berg reminded the Board that the previously scheduled Public Hearing would be held on March 21, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. and that notice has been provided to the public, including information on how to access this Public Hearing electronically and telephonically. She also informed the Board that currently there are nine sets of comments. All nine comments were in favor of the proposed regulatory amendments.

Responsive to Dr. Lee-Parritz's inquiry, Ms. Berg stated that oral comments would be allowed even if the individual previously provided written comments.

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

Mr. O'Donnell moved to adjourn the meeting.

Dr. Qu seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye

Dr. Qu – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz - Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

Public Session II ended at 11:35 a.m.

Documents Considered in Public Sessions I and II:

- Memorandum RE: Proposed revision to Board Policy 95-01: Certain Requests Relating to Probation Agreements
- Public Session Minutes of the February 27, 2025, Board Meeting
- Licensing Applications Lists (see attached at TAB A)
- Motion and Vote