BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE 178 Albion Street, Suite 330 Wakefield, Massachusetts 01880 (Teleconference) March 27, 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 Sandeep Singh Jubbal, M.D., Physician Member, Secretary Aviva Lee-Parritz, M.D., Physician Member

Member(s) absent: Yvonne Y. Cheung, MD, MPH, MBA, Physician Member Jason Qu, M.D., 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 10:30 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 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 Public Hearing and Comments on Emergency Regulations:

Vita P. Berg, General Counsel, informed the Board that they were provided, in their electronic Additions Package, with the written public comments addressing the Board of Registration in Medicine's (BORIM) Emergency Amendments to 243 CMR 1.00 and 243 CMR 2.00.

Ms. Berg informed the Board that a Public Hearing on the Emergency Regulations was held on Friday, March 21, 2025 and that there were no changes recommended to BORIM's proposed Emergency Amendments. Ms. Berg then outlined for the Board the process for obtaining approvals from the secretariats of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services and the Executive Office of Administration and Finance and the publishing of BORIM's Notice of Compliance, should the Board vote to authorize staff to go forward with the process.

Dr. Bush asked for a motion to authorize Board staff to file a Notice of Compliance with the Secretary of State's office that will make the January 9, 2025 Emergency changes to the Board's Regulations permanent, upon receipt of administrative approval.

Dr. Lee-Parritz made the motion as requested by Dr. Bush. Dr. Jubbal seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye Dr. Jubbal - Aye Dr. Lee-Parritz – Aye The Chair voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

Amendments to the Physician Reentry Policy:

Eileen A. Prebensen, Senior Policy Counsel, provided the Board with an overview of Policy 24-02, Physician Reentry Policy on March 14, 2024.

Ms. Prebensen informed the Board that since the adoption of this Policy there have been eleven physicians who have been involved in the reentry process. Half of these individuals were able to establish current clinical competency and have obtained full licensure and the other half of these individuals have successfully completed their reentry plans.

Ms. Prebensen attributed the successful completion and licensure of these individuals to the Licensing Board's individualized approach to reentry plans.

Ms. Prebensen then outlined the five changes proposed to the Physician Reentry Policy as follows:

- Addition of a Glossary section;
- Addition of a Licensing Status section which establishes that the license status of a physician progressing through a reentry plan will be Active with Non-Disciplinary Restrictions;
- Adding Mentoring as well as Supervision as options when appropriate;
- Adding A Self-Assessment tool;

Including in the process that the Physician will return to the Licensing Committee/Board for approval of the completed plan and may then receive a full license at the discretion of the Licensing Committee/Board

Ms. Prebensen indicated that if these changes were approved, the templates for the Reentry Agreement and the Onboarding Plan would also be amended.

Dr. Bush asked for a motion to adopt the proposed revisions to Board Policy 24-02, Physician Reentry Program.

Dr. Lee-Parritz made a motion to adopt the proposed revisions to Board Policy 24-02, Physician Reentry Program. Dr. Jubbal seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye Dr. Jubbal - Aye Dr. Lee-Parritz – Aye The Chair voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

Benoit, Conrad

The Board considered the Petition to Lift Restrictions and Terminate Probation.

Dr. Benoit and his attorney, Gary Blank, were present via teleconference.

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

Mr. Harvey addressed the Board providing them with an overview of their previous consideration of this matter when Dr. Benoit was petitioning the Board for an early termination of his Probation Agreement. The Board denied the early termination at that time.

Mr. Harvey informed the Board that Dr. Benoit's current Petition was 6 months early.

Responsive to Dr. Bush's inquiry, Dr. Benoit stated that he is seeking the termination of his Probation Agreement at this time because he is otherwise unable to obtain Board certification in Internal Medicine.

Mr. O'Donnell's inquired as to whether allowing the termination of Dr. Benoit's Probation Agreement would be precedent-setting.

Responding to Mr. O'Donnell's inquiry, Ms. Berg and Mr. Harvey stated that it is unusual to allow for early termination of a Probation Agreement when the language in the Probation Agreement specifically disallows early termination. Ms. Berg and Mr. Harvey said that Dr. Benoit is within the window where the Board has previously considered the early termination of Probation Agreements for other physicians who have come before the Board with a similar Petition.

Responsive to Dr. Bush's inquiry, Dr. Benoit affirmed that the monitoring of practice of medicine has indeed been helpful to him, particularly the Center for Personalized Education for Professionals (CPEP) transition plan that he entered into.

In the <u>Benoit</u> matter, Mr. O'Donnell moved to grant the request to terminate the Probation Agreement early. Dr. Jubbal seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye Dr. Jubbal - Aye Dr. Lee-Parritz – Aye The Chair voted Nay. Motion carried 3-1-0 (Dr. Bush opposed).

Dr. Bush congratulated Dr. Benoit on the successful termination of his Probation Agreement.

Stojanovska, Jadranka

The Board considered the Request for Waiver of Postgraduate Training and the Full License application.

Dr. Stojanovska was present via teleconference.

Rosin Cahill, Assistant General Counsel, was present via teleconference.

Ms. Cahill provided the Board members with an overview of Dr. Stojanovska's Request for Waiver of Postgraduate Training as well as her professional experience and activities.

Dr. Stojanovska addressed the Board and confirmed that she was seeking a full license so that she could accept a position as a Radiologist at Massachusetts General Hospital.

In the <u>Stojanovska</u> matter, Mr. O'Donnell moved to approve Dr. Stojanovska's Request for a Waiver of two years of accredited postgraduate training, and in lieu of such training accept her clinical teaching experience, and further to approve the Full License application. Dr. Lee-Parritz seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye Dr. Jubbal - Aye Dr. Lee-Parritz – Aye The Chair voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

Reynolds, Gary

The Board considered the Temporary Faculty License application.

Dr. Reynolds was present via teleconference.

Ms. Cahill explained the Board that Dr. Reynolds was seeking a Temporary Faculty License based upon his appointment as an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School ("HMS") and as an Attending Physician within the Department of Rheumatology, Allergy and Immunology at Massachusetts General Hospital ("MGH").

In the <u>**Reynolds**</u> matter, Mr. O'Donnell moved to approve the Temporary Faculty License. Dr. Jubbal seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye Dr. Jubbal - Aye Dr. Lee-Parritz – Aye The Chair voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

Minutes

The Board considered the Public Session Minutes of the March 13, 2025 Board meeting.

Mr. O'Donnell moved to approve the Public Session Minutes of the March 13, 2025 Board meeting. Dr. Jubbal seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye Dr. Jubbal - Aye Dr. Lee-Parritz – Aye The Chair voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

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. 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 March 27, 2025.

Licensing Applications

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

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

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye Dr. Jubbal – 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 hear victim impact statements as part of its consideration of a proposed resignation and will hear and discuss information that may not be publicly disclosed pursuant to 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. Jubbal seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye Dr. Jubbal – 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.

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE 178 Albion Street, Suite 330 Wakefield, Massachusetts 01880 (Teleconference) March 27, 2025 11:39 a.m. Public Session II

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

Motions and Votes:

In the <u>Jackson</u> matter, after hearing arguments from the parties and considering Dr. Jackson's Second Petition for Reinstatement and Complaint Counsel's Opposition thereto, Mr. O'Donnell moved to deny Dr. Jackson's Second Petition for Reinstatement.

Dr. Jubbal seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye Dr. Jubbal – Aye Dr. Lee-Parritz - Aye The Chair voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

In the <u>Curtis</u> matter, Mr. O'Donnell moved to issue the Statement of Allegations and 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 The Chair voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

In the <u>**Purdy**</u> matter, Mr. O'Donnell moved to accept the Resignation of Dr. Purdy's license to practice medicine, pursuant to 243 CMR 1.05(5)(b). Dr. Jubbal seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye Dr. Jubbal – 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 April 10, 2025, May 1, 2025 and May 15, 2025 Board Meetings.

All Board members present indicated they anticipated attending the April 10, 2025 meeting.

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

Dr. Lee-Parritz indicated that she did not anticipate attending the May 15, 2025 Board meeting.

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

Announcements:

Ms. Berg read the following vote that was taken by the Board in the Executive Session.

In the matter of <u>Michael Bell, M.D.</u>, taking into account the Victim Impact Statements in accordance with Mass General Laws chapter 112, section 5, the Board voted to accept the Resignation of Dr. Bell's license to practice medicine, pursuant to 243 CMR 1.05(5)(b).

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

Public Session II ended at 11:44 a.m.

Documents Considered in Public Sessions I and II:

- Written Public Comments RE: Public Hearing on the Board of Registration in Medicine's (BORIM) Emergency Amendments to 243 CMR 1.00 and 243 CMR 2.00
- Memorandum RE: Amendments to the Physician Reentry Policy
- Memorandum RE: Conrad Benoit, M.D. Petition to Lift Restrictions and Terminate Probation Agreement
- Memorandum RE: Jadranka Stojanovska, M.D. Request for Waiver of Postgraduate Training and Full License application
- Memorandum RE: Gary Reynolds, M.D. Temporary Faculty License application
- Public Session Minutes of the March 13, 2025, Board Meeting
- Licensing Applications List
- Motions and Votes