

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE
178 Albion Street, Suite 330
Wakefield, Massachusetts 01880
(Teleconference)
May 1, 2025
10:30 a.m.
Public Session I

Members Participating Remotely:

Booker T. Bush, M.D., Physician Member, Chair
Sandeep Singh Jubbal, M.D., Physician Member, Secretary
Yvonne Y. Cheung, MD, MPH, MBA, Physician Member
Aviva Lee-Parritz, M.D., Physician Member
Jason Qu, M.D., Physician Member

Member(s) absent:

Frank O'Donnell, Esq., Public Member, Vice Chair

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
Lisa Fuccione, Director of Enforcement
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.

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.

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Cheung – 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.

Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) Annual Conference Update:

Dr. Bush informed the other Board members that he and George Zachos, Executive Director, and Dr. Jubbal attended the FSMB Annual Meeting in Seattle, Washington from April 24-26, 2025.

Dr. Bush stated that he enjoyed participating in discussions with other state boards regarding the streamlining of the licensing process for International Medical Graduates.

Dr. Jubbal expressed his appreciation for being able to have met Mr. Zachos and Dr. Bush in person at this Annual Meeting. He also praised the quality of the educational sessions conducted at the Annual Meeting and further expressed his appreciation for the networking opportunities with other states' Board members made possible by this conference.

Dr. George M. Abraham, MD, MPH, former Chair of the Board of Registration in Medicine, is the Chair of the FSMB this year.

Dr. Jubbal encouraged all board members to attend next year's FSMB Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland.

Mr. Zachos stated that the FSMB Conference provided an opportunity for him to hear the issues facing other states' boards of medicine and share with them how Massachusetts addresses such issues.

Mr. Zachos stated that the login information would be circulated to the other Board members once the videos of the Annual Meeting become available online.

Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine: Wellbeing First for Healthcare Champion:

Mr. Zachos informed the Board members that individuals from the Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes' Foundation were present at the FSMB Annual Meeting. These individuals discussed initiatives to eliminate barriers for mental and behavioral health treatments for medical care workers. The Massachusetts Board of Medicine and 30 other states' boards were recognized by the Foundation for being Wellbeing First Champions. The Board has eliminated intrusive questions in their licensing applications that may have created barriers to physicians seeking treatment of mental health issues.

Dr. Lee-Parrtiz opined on the troubling increase in the numbers of suicides among medical trainees and stated that there is still a stigma among physicians and residents to seeking mental health treatment.

Dr. Bush informed the other Board members that the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) was running wellness programs to assist International Medical Graduates.

Policy 25-01: Resignations and Voluntary Agreements Not to Practice:

Eileen A. Prebensen, Senior Policy Counsel, presented the proposed Policy 25-01 to the Board members. She explained that this proposed Policy would allow for the acceptance of a Resignation by the Chair or a Designee of the Chair prior to any Board meeting. Resignations

accepted under this Policy would then go before the full Board at the next available meeting for ratification of the acceptance. Exceptions to this Policy would be those Resignations for individuals in matters where the Division of Administrative Law Appeals had already issued a Recommended Decision or where there are Victim Impact Statements. Those resignations would go directly to the full Board.

Dr. Bush asked for a motion to approve Policy 25-01 on Resignations and Voluntary Agreements Not to Practice as presented by Ms. Prebensen and to re-affirm Board Policy 05-02.
Dr. Cheung seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Dr. Jubbal – Aye
Dr. Cheung – 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 April 10, 2025 Board meeting.

Dr. Jubbal moved to approve the Public Session Minutes of the April 10, 2025 Board meeting.
Dr. Qu seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Dr. Jubbal – Aye
Dr. Cheung – Aye
Dr. Lee-Parritz - Abstained
Dr. Qu - Aye
The Chair voted Aye.
Motion carried 4-0-1 (D. Lee-Parritz 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. Cheung is recused from Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, Baystate Noble Hospital and Baystate Wing Hospital, 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 May 1, 2025.

Mr. Sinacola informed the Board that we were in the midst of a very busy licensing season. The goal of the Licensing Division is that no physician will miss his/her start date for their residency.

So far the Licensing Division has processed about 75% of the anticipated total licenses. Dr. Jubbal congratulated Mr. Sinacola for the accomplishments of the Licensing Division.

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:

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Cheung – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz - 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 pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A § 21(a)(1) for the purpose of 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 Committee will reconvene in Public Session II following the conclusion of the 65C Session.

Dr. Bush asked for a motion to go into Executive Session.

Dr. Jubbal moved to go into Executive Session.

Dr. Cheung seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Cheung – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz - 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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11:57a.m.

Public Session II

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Sandeep Singh Jubbal, M.D., Physician Member, Secretary
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Motions and Votes:

In the **Pineda** matter, Dr. Jubbal moved to issue the Final Decision and Order dismissing the Amended Statement of Allegations with prejudice and to exonerate Dr. Pineda pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112, § 5.

Dr. Cheung seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Cheung – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz - Aye

Dr. Qu - Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 5-0 (unanimous).

In the **Curtis** matter, Dr. Jubbal moved to issue the Statement of Allegations and approve the Consent Order reprimanding Dr. Curtis' license to practice medicine..

Dr. Qu seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Cheung – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz - Aye

Dr. Qu - Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 5-0 (unanimous).

In the **Pathak** matter, Dr. Qu moved to issue the Statement of Allegations and approve the Consent Order reprimanding Dr. Pathak's license to practice medicine and requiring Dr. Pathak to complete six CMEs on proper prescribing within 90 days from the approval of the Consent Order.

Dr. Lee-Parritz seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Cheung – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz - Aye

Dr. Qu - Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 5-0 (unanimous).

In the **Mustafa-Kutana** matter, Dr. Qu moved to accept the Resignation of Dr. Mustafa-Kutana's inchoate right to renew his license to practice medicine, pursuant to 243 CMR 1.05(5)(a).

Dr. Jubbal seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Cheung – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz - Abstained

Dr. Qu - Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 4-0-1 (Dr. Lee-Parritz abstained).

Announcements:

Ms. Fuccione introduced Stephen Pratt as the Enforcement Division's new Clinical Investigator and stated that Mr. Pratt came to BORIM from Lemuel Shattuck Hospital.

Board Member Availability:

The Board considered their anticipated availability to attend the May 15, 2025, May 29, 2025 and June 12, 2025 Board Meetings.

Drs. Qu and Lee-Parritz indicated that they did not anticipate attending the May 15, 2025 Board meeting.

Drs. Cheung and Qu indicated that they did not anticipate attending the May 29, 2025 Board meeting.

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

Ms. Berg informed the Board that, given the anticipated absences for the May 15, 2025 and May 29, 2025 Board meetings, BORIM staff will do their part to anticipate matters where Board members will be recused.

Ms. Berg asked the Board members to notify her in advance of any such matter in which they may need to recuse so that such matters could be rescheduled to a future Board agenda.

Responsive to Dr. Cheung's inquiry, Mr. Zachos informed the Board that there are limited number of scholarships available for Board members to attend next year's FSMB meeting and there are limited public scholarships available for those who wish to attend.

Dr. Bush added that Board members can attend by paying the costs themselves.

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

Dr. Lee-Parritz moved to adjourn the meeting.

Dr. Jubbal seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Cheung – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz - Aye

Dr. Qu - Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 5-0 (unanimous).

Public Session II ended at 12:08 p.m.

Documents Considered in Public Sessions I and II:

- PDF of Online Agenda for the FSMB 2025 Annual Conference
- Policy 25-01: Resignations and Voluntary Agreements Not to Practice
- Public Session Minutes of the April 10, 2025, Board Meeting
- Licensing Applications List
- Motions and Votes