

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE
178 Albion Street, Suite 330
Wakefield, Massachusetts 01880
(Teleconference)
May 21, 2026
10:31 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
David Rosenbloom, Ph.D., Public Member

Members absent:

Yvonne Y. Cheung, MD, MPH, MBA, Physician Member
Aviva Lee-Parritz, M.D., Physician Member

Staff Present and Participating Remotely:

George Zachos, Executive Director
Vita P. Berg, General Counsel
Michael Sinacola, Director of Licensing
Roisin Cahill, Deputy Director of Licensing
Steven Hoffman, Manager, Division of Law and Policy
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 Roll to confirm that there was a quorum of the Board.

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye
Dr. Rosenbloom – Aye
Dr. Jubbal – Aye

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

Dr. Bush informed those individuals in attendance that the Board meeting is being conducted via teleconference and is being recorded by a stenographer. Under Open Meeting Law, specifically Mass. General Laws chapter 30A section 20(f), any person who makes a video or audio recording must first notify the Chair, so that the Chair may notify other attendees of any recordings. Dr. Bush asked if anyone present was making a recording. No individuals in attendance indicated that they were recording the Board meeting.

Medical Debt Regulation: 140 CMR 2.00:

Eileen A. Prebensen, Senior Policy Counsel, informed the Board that the Department of Public Health is proposing a new regulation that, if enacted, will be binding upon all healthcare providers licensed by any Board that is under the Department of Public Health.

The purpose of the proposed new regulation would be to prohibit health care providers from reporting patients' medical debts to consumer reporting agencies. It would also require that health care providers include in their contracts with debt collectors a provision that they will not report patients' medical debt to consumer reporting agencies.

Dr. Rosenbloom expressed his concern regarding how this proposed regulation would be applied to physicians practicing telemedicine for companies that operate outside of Massachusetts.

Ms. Prebensen responded by stating that the proposed regulation is in its early stages and that she would communicate Dr. Rosenbloom's concern to the appropriate individuals within the Department of Public Health.

Dr. Bush asked for a motion to approve the proposed regulation on Medical Debt collection at 140 CMR 2.00.

Mr. O'Donnell moved to approve the proposed Regulation on Medical Debt Collection at 140 CMR 2.00.

Dr. Rosenbloom seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Rosenbloom – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 4-0. (unanimous)

Reappointment of Committee on Acupuncture Member – Linda Robinson-Hidas, Lic. Ac.

Ms. Prebensen informed the Board that Dr. Robinson-Hidas' term as a Committee on Acupuncture (COA) member had expired and that she had applied for Reappointment to the COA. She then provided an overview of Dr. Robinson-Hidas' seven years of service on the COA and recommended that the Board vote to reappoint Dr. Robinson-Hidas for another term as a COA member.

Dr. Jubbal moved to reappoint Linda Robinson-Hidas, Lic.Ac. to the Committee on Acupuncture for a new term.

Mr. O'Donnell seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye
Dr. Jubbal – Aye
Dr. Rosenbloom – Aye

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

Kazim, Syed Faraz

The Board considered the Initial Limited License Application.

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

Dr. Kazim and Dr. Hormuzdiyar Dasenbrock, Prospective Neurosurgery Program Director, were present via teleconference.

Ms. Cahill provided the Board with an overview of Dr. Kazim's issues during his PGY4 Residency that resulted in his remediation and being placed on probation. Ultimately, Dr. Kazim was terminated from his PGY4 Residency on the grounds of his surgical skills.

Dr. Bush acknowledged the letter that Dr. Kazim submitted to the Board in which he asked the Board to approve a limited license application in a new residency program. Dr. Bush inquired about the level of supervision that Dr. Kazim would have in his proposed Neurosurgery Residency program.

Dr. Kazim addressed the Board and read an opening statement expressing his efforts to become a competent neurosurgeon and to address his deficiencies.

Dr. Dasenbrock addressed the Board and Dr. Bush's inquiry regarding the level of supervision that Dr. Kazim would be under in his proposed Neurosurgery Residency program. He informed the Board that the purpose of the proposed Residency program was to provide clinical experience similar to that of a PGY1 or PGY2 Residency prior to the possible reentry into a PGY4 Residency program.

Responding to Drs. Bush and Rosenbloom's inquiries, Dr. Dasenbrock informed the Board that the level of responsibility in the proposed Residency program would be at a PGY1 level and the purpose of this program was to provide Dr. Kazim with clinical experience so that he may possibly reenter a PGY2 or PGY3 Residency program. The program is not addressed specifically to surgical technique but rather to how a physician should function in a neurosurgery residency.

Dr. Bush asked for a motion to approve the Initial Limited License Application for Dr. Kazim.

In the Kazim matter, Dr. Jubbal moved to approve the Initial Limited License Application.
Mr. O'Donnell seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye
Dr. Jubbal – Aye
Dr. Rosenbloom – Aye

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

Dr. Bush expressed his appreciation to Dr. Dasenbrock for setting up the neurosurgery residency program that makes reentry possible for applicants like Dr. Kazim.

Minutes

The Board considered the Public Session Minutes of the May 7, 2026 Board meeting.

Mr. O'Donnell moved to approve the Public Session Minutes of the May 7, 2026 Board meeting.
Dr. Jubbal seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye
Dr. Jubbal – Aye
Dr. Rosenbloom – Aye

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

Dr. Rosenbloom asked whether the FSMB Policy Guidelines from the FSMB 2026 Annual Meeting had been distributed to staff yet. Dr. Bush indicated he would see that this is done expeditiously.

Licensing

Michael Sinacola, Director of the Licensing Division, provided the Board members with an overview of the licensing data as of May 21, 2026.

Mr. Sinacola informed the Board that BORIM staff have reviewed the list of licensing applications presented to the Board pursuant to Policy 19-05 to identify any applicants who hold an existing or prospective appointment at a facility where board members hold employment or affiliation. Accordingly, staff did not identify any such individuals whereby the Board members present may wish to recuse themselves.

Mr. Sinacola presented the applicants for licensure for a single vote on their licensing applications.

License Number	First Name	Last Name	License Type
1026972	Farshad	Abedi	Physician Full License
1027107	Pamela	Semaan	Physician Full License
1025171	Mohammed	Akhtar	Physician Full License
1027788	Mehtap	Haktanir Abul	Physician Full License
3018098	Mohamed Fatihelrahman	Ahmed	Physician Limited License
1027943	Hala	Alsahhi	Physician Full License
1025900	Kevin	Selting	Physician Full License

1028036	Baxter	Williams	Physician Full License
1027599	Jason	Chertoff	Physician Full License
1027270	Abdelkader	Mallouk	Physician Full License
3021354	Osaretin	Aimufua	Physician Limited License
3021580	Jonah	Levine	Physician Limited License
1026409	Ashley	Lonergan	Physician Full License
1027028	Amin	Paulino	Physician Full License

Mr. O'Donnell moved to approve the above-listed licensing applications.
Dr. Jubbal seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye
Dr. Jubbal – Aye
Dr. Rosenbloom – 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 consider a Motion for Summary Suspension. 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.

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.

Dr. Rosenbloom moved to go into Executive Session.
Mr. O'Donnell seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye
Dr. Jubbal – Aye
Dr. Rosenbloom - 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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1:01 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
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Motions and Votes:

In the **Kaza** matter, Dr. Rosenbloom moved to ratify the acceptance of the Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice.

Mr. O'Donnell seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Rosenbloom - Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

Update Regarding Cases Pending at the Division of Administrative Law Appeals

Ms. Berg provided the Board with a list detailing the matters currently pending at the Division of Administrative Law Appeals (DALA) including the referrals to DALA. She highlighted that most matters currently pending at DALA are from last year and this year. Additionally, an analysis of the trend for resolving matters from 2023 forward indicates that the Board of Registration in Medicine's cases referred to DALA are being resolved quicker than in the past.

Ms. Berg credited the Enforcement Division with resolving matters pending at DALA by successfully negotiating Consent Orders and obtaining physician resignations.

Dr. Bush asked whether the FSMB would have any information on the resolution rates of other states for comparison. Responsive to Dr. Bush's inquiry, Ms. Berg stated that she would contact the FSMB.

Mr. Zachos stated that it is important for the Board to report to the public on its website not just the matters that result in discipline but also the data regarding the resolution of complaints that are under investigation. He informed the Board that BORIM staff was working on providing such a report on complaint resolution.

Board Member Availability:

The Board considered their anticipated availability to attend the June 11, 2026, June 25, 2026 and July 16, 2026 Board meetings.

Dr. Jubbal indicated that he may have a scheduling conflict on July 16, 2026.

Ms. Griffin informed the Board that she had received Dr. Kaplan's signed Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice prior to the 1:00 p.m. deadline that the Board had stipulated.

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

Mr. O'Donnell moved to adjourn the Board meeting.

Dr. Jubbal seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye

Dr. Jubbal - Aye

Dr. Rosenbloom - Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

Public Session II ended at 1:09 p.m.

Documents Considered in Public Sessions I and II:

- Public Session Minutes of the May 7, 2026 Board Meeting

- Licensing Applications List
- Memorandum regarding Medical Debt Regulation: 140 CMR 2.00
- Memorandum on Linda Robinson-Hidas, COA Member Reappointment Request
- Memorandum regarding Initial Limited License Applicant - Syed Faraz Kazim, M.D.
- Chart providing Update Regarding Cases Pending at the Division of Administrative Law Appeals
- Motions and Votes