

**BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE**

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

**(Teleconference)**

**May 29, 2025**

**10:32 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  
Rebecca I. Lockwood, 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.

**Healthcare Provider Education Campaign Update:**

Steven Hoffman, Manager, Division of Law and Policy, informed the Board that the Healthcare Provider Education Campaign is a program funded by a grant from the American Recovery Plan

Act. This Campaign will be focused on training Primary Care Physicians and other physicians on the use of medication-assisted treatment of opioid use disorders.

This Campaign aims to give physicians a comfort level with this treatment approach and reduce the stigma attached to using medications to treat patients with opioid use disorder, especially within the pediatric community.

Mr. Hoffman informed the Board that the Healthcare Provider Education Campaign will be headed by Dr. Daniel Alford of Boston Medical Center and Boston University School of Medicine. Additionally, the Board is being asked to approve 1.74 Category 1 Credits for those physicians who participate in this Campaign.

The CMEs will count toward BORIM's requirements for safe prescribing of opioids or for the risk management requirement. It could also be used toward the DEA-mandated Medication Access and Training Expansion Act training.

Dr. Bush added that there was a discussion at the 2025 FSMB Annual Meeting on the use of medication-assisted treatment of pregnant women with opioid use disorder.

#### **Open Meeting Law Complaint received May 13, 2025:**

Vita P. Berg, General Counsel, informed the Board that the Division of Law and Policy received an Open Meeting Law complaint on May 13, 2025 from Dr. Joseph Jackson's attorney, David M. Gould, on May 13, 2025.

Ms. Berg provided the Board with Mr. Gould's complaint and then provided the Board's proposed response. The response alleges that the complaint is not timely and that it does not correctly state the sessions in which the Board considered Dr. Jackson's matter.

Dr. Bush asked for a motion to approve the submission of the Board's response to Mr. Gould's Open Meeting Law Complaint.

Mr. O'Donnell moved to approve the response, as drafted, and to authorize Ms. Berg to submit it to Dr. Jackson and the Attorney General. 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).

#### **Inclusion of Board Vote Details in Board Action Documents:**

Ms. Berg reviewed the Board's historic practice of maintaining a record of its votes on individual matters in the minutes of the meeting and session in which the vote is taken, and of including in Orders issued by the Board pursuant to such votes the signature, usually applied by stamp or digital image file, of the Board member who chairs the meeting at the time of the Board's vote. Ms. Berg noted that another approach is to include the details of the Board's vote in the Board

action document itself, in addition to the minutes. This approach has a number of benefits including that it clarifies that the action taken by the Board is the result of the vote of Board members, and not the singular act of the Chair and that it incorporates a record board member votes in favor or opposed, as well as abstentions, recusals and absences, on the document that carries out the Board's action.

Ms. Berg informed the Board that starting with actions that are voted in the June 2025 meetings, the details of the Board's votes will be included in unilaterally-issued Board orders.

**Revision of Policy 24-01: Modification of Requirements for Temporary Appointments or Privileges in Exigent Circumstances:**

Ms. Berg informed the Board that this Policy was adopted by the Board in January 2024 to address the extension of time for credentialing of physicians hired by healthcare facilities that needed to urgently fill physician positions. This Policy has since been revised twice to enlarge the completion time for such credentialing and this revision allows further extensions without a specific time limit.

Dr. Bush asked for a motion to approve the Revision of Policy 24-01 as presented by Ms. Berg.

Mr. O'Donnell moved to approve the Revision of Policy 24-01.

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).

**Request for Approval of CME Credit for the RVRS Training on Cause of Death Reporting:**

Eileen A. Prebensen, Senior Policy Counsel, informed the Board that BORIM received an application for approval of CME credit from the Registry of Vital Records and Statistics (RVRS). The course is entitled, "Improving Cause of Death Reporting on the Death Certificate."

Ms. Prebensen stated that the purpose of this Training was to improve the accuracy and completeness of death certificates, and she highlighted the importance of having accurate and complete death certificates.

Ms. Prebensen stated that this would be a half-hour course, and the Board is being asked to approve 0.5 Category 1 CME credits in either risk management or general CME study for those physicians who participate in this training.

Dr. Bush asked for a motion to approve the requested CME credits for the RVRS Training.

Dr. Lee-Parritz moved to approve the awarding of 0.5 Category 1 CME credits in either risk management or general CME study to those physicians who take the RVRs Training course. 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).

### **McUne, Russell**

The Board considered the Full License Application.

Rebecca I. Lockwood, Assistant General Counsel, was present via teleconference.

Dr. McUne was present via teleconference.

Ms. Lockwood provided the Board with an overview of Dr. McUne's out-of-state practice of medicine in Oregon and Idaho. She also discussed a supervisory evaluation of Dr. McUne's practice of medicine that raised concerns in Licensing Committee.

Ms. Lockwood stated that Dr. McUne has responded to the concerns and has submitted additional Supervisory Evaluations and Letters of Reference.

Dr. Jubbal explained to Dr. McUne and the Board that the Licensing Committee's referral of this matter to the full Board was so that Dr. McUne would have an additional opportunity to provide a response and additional supporting documentation.

In the **McUne** matter, Dr. Jubbal moved to approve the Full License Application. Mr. O'Donnell 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. McUne expressed his appreciation for Ms. Lockwood's assistance in this matter.

### **Minutes**

The Board considered the Public Session Minutes of the May 15, 2025 Board meeting.

Mr. O'Donnell moved to approve the Public Session Minutes of the May 15, 2025 Board meeting.

Dr. Jubbal seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz – Abstained

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 3-0-1 (Dr. 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, and Dr. Lee-Parritz is recused from Boston Medical Center.

Michael Sinacola, Director of Licensing, provided the Board members with an overview of the licensing data as of May 29, 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 to review 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. Lee-Parritz 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.

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**11:54 a.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  
Aviva Lee-Parritz, M.D., Physician Member

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**Motions and Votes:**

In the **Och** matter, Mr. O'Donnell moved to terminate the Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice. Mr. O'Donnell further moved to issue the Final Decision and Order, revoking Dr. Och's inchoate right to renew his license to practice medicine.

Dr. Jubbal seconded the motions.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motions carried 4-0 (unanimous).

In the **Grant** matter, Dr. Lee-Parritz moved to issue the Statement of Allegations and approve the Consent Order reprimanding Dr. Grant's license to practice medicine.

Dr. Jubbal seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Cheung – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

In the **Kwetkowski** matter, Dr. Lee-Parritz moved to accept the Resignation of Dr. Kwetkowski's inchoate right to renew his 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 June 12, 2025, June 26, 2025 and July 17, 2025.

The Board members present did not indicate any scheduling conflicts.

**Announcement(s):**

Ms. Berg informed the Board that an additional Board meeting may be scheduled for next week and that the Board members would be contacted to ascertain their availability to attend this meeting.

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

Mr. O'Donnell moved to adjourn the meeting.

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).

Public Session II ended at 11:58 a.m.



**Documents Considered in Public Sessions I and II:**

- Draft Response to Open Meeting Law Complaint received May 13, 2025
- Memorandum Regarding Inclusion of Board Vote Details in Board Action Documents
- Memorandum Regarding Revision of Policy 24-01: Modification of Requirements for Temporary Appointments or Privileges in Exigent Circumstances
- Memorandum Regarding Request for Approval of CME Credit for the RVRS Training on Cause of Death Reporting
- Memorandum Regarding Full License Application for Dr. Russell McUne
- Public Session Minutes of the May 15, 2025, Board Meeting
- Licensing Applications List
- Motions and Votes