

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE
178 Albion Street, Suite 330
Wakefield, Massachusetts 01880
(Teleconference)
November 2, 2023
10:31 a.m.
Public Session I

Members Participating Remotely:

Julian N. Robinson, M.D., Physician Member, Chair
Booker T. Bush, M.D., Physician Member, Secretary
John McGahan, Public Member
Sandeep Singh Jubbal, M.D., Physician Member

Members absent:

Nawal Nour, M.D., M.P.H., Physician Member, Vice Chair
Frank O'Donnell, Esq., Public Member

Staff Present and Participating:

George Zachos, Executive Director
Vita P. Berg, General Counsel
Michael Sinacola, Director of Licensing
Steven Hoffman, Division of Law and Policy Manager
Eileen A. Prebensen, Senior Policy Counsel

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

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

Dr. Robinson called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll to confirm that there was a quorum of the Board.

Dr. Bush – Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Mr. McGahan - Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

Dr. Robinson informed those individuals in attendance that the Board meeting was being conducted via teleconference. Additionally, the Board meeting was being recorded by a stenographer.

Minutes

Dr. Jubbal moved to approve the Public Session Minutes of the October 5, 2023 and October 19, 2023 Board meetings.

Dr. Bush seconded the motion.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll:

Dr. Bush – Aye

Mr. McGahan - Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

Licensing:

Michael Sinacola, Director of Licensing, provided the Board members with an overview of the licensing data as of November 2, 2023.

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 Mr. McGahan is recused from applications involving the Gavin Foundation.

Licensing Applications:

Dr. Robinson asked for a motion to approve the applications for licensure that included licenses approved by the Executive Director (see attached at TAB A), changes to existing limited licensure (see attached at TAB B) and applications referred by the Licensing Committee to the Board for approval (see attached at TAB C).

Dr. Bush moved to approve the above-listed applications for licensure.

Dr. Jubbal seconded the motion.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll:

Dr. Bush – Aye

Mr. McGahan - Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

Dr. Robinson 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 following the conclusion of the 65C Session.

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

Dr. Jubbal moved to go into Executive Session.

Mr. McGahan seconded the motion.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll:

Dr. Bush – Aye

Mr. McGahan - Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

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

Public Session I ended at 10:34 a.m.

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November 2, 2023
11:21 p.m.
Public Session II

Members Participating Remotely:

Julian N. Robinson, M.D., Physician Member, Chair
Booker T. Bush, M.D., Physician Member, Secretary
John McGahan, Public Member
Sandeep Singh Jubbal, M.D., Physician Member

Members absent:

Nawal Nour, M.D., M.P.H., Physician Member, Vice Chair
Frank O'Donnell, Esq., Public Member

Staff Present and Participating:

George Zachos, Executive Director
Vita P. Berg, General Counsel
Steven Hoffman, Division of Law and Policy Manager
Michael Sinacola, Director of Licensing
Eileen A. Prebensen, Senior Policy Counsel

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

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

Motions and Votes

In the **Elkbuli** matter, Dr. Robinson moved to issue the Final Decision and Order, dismissing the February 2, 2023 Statement of Allegations with Prejudice and Exonerating the Respondent.

Dr. Bush seconded the motion.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll:

Dr. Bush – Aye

Mr. McGahan - Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

In the **Kovanda** matter, Dr. Robinson moved to issue the Final Decision and Order revoking Dr. Kovanda's inchoate right to renew his license to practice medicine.

Dr. Bush seconded the motion.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll:

Dr. Bush – Aye

Mr. McGahan - Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

In the **Chao** matter, Dr. Robinson moved to issue the Statement of Allegations, Order to Use Pseudonyms and Impound Identities and Medical Records, and Order of Reference to the Division of Administrative Law Appeals.

Dr. Bush seconded the motion.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll:

Dr. Bush – Aye

Mr. McGahan - Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

In the **Ferzoco** matter, Dr. Robinson moved to issue the Statement of Allegations and Order to Use Pseudonyms and Impound Identities and Medical Records. Dr. Robinson further moved to approve the Consent Order, indefinitely suspending Dr. Ferzoco's license to practice medicine, and to approve the proposed Probation Agreement and petition to stay the suspension.

Dr. Bush seconded the motions.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll:

Dr. Bush – Aye

Mr. McGahan - Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motions carried 4-0 (unanimous).

In the **Swierzewski** matter, Dr. Robinson moved to issue the Order for Psychiatric Examination, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112, § 5H, compelling Dr. Stanley J. Swierzewski to submit to a forensic psychiatric examination within the next thirty (30) days by a Board-approved psychiatrist, with the results of the examination provided directly to the Board. Dr. Robinson further moved to issue the Statement of Allegations, Order to Impound, Order to Use Pseudonyms and Impound Identities and Medical Records, and Order of Reference to the Division of Administrative Law Appeals.

Dr. Bush seconded the motions.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll:

Dr. Bush – Aye

Mr. McGahan - Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motions carried 4-0 (unanimous).

Board Member Availability:

The Board considered their anticipated availability to attend the November 16, 2023, December 7, 2023 and December 21, 2023 Board Meetings.

Mr. McGahan indicated that he did not anticipate attending the November 16, 2023 Board meeting.

There were no other scheduling conflicts identified by the Board members.

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

Dr. Jubbal moved to adjourn the meeting.

Dr. Bush seconded the motion.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll:

Dr. Bush – Aye

Mr. McGahan - Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

The Board meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Documents Considered in Public Sessions I and II:

- Licensing Applications Lists (see attached at TABs A-C)
- Motions and Votes