#### BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE

178 Albion Street, Suite 330
Wakefield, Massachusetts 01880
(Teleconference)
November 6, 2025
10:33 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 Jason Qu, M.D., Physician Member

#### **Member Absent:**

Yvonne Y. Cheung, MD, MPH, MBA, Physician Member

#### **Staff Present and Participating Remotely:**

George Zachos, Executive Director 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. Jubbal – 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 is being conducted via teleconference. Additionally, the Board meeting is being recorded by a stenographer.

# <u>Continuation of Policy 2023-04: Pilot Policy on Board Sponsorship for a Fifth Attempt at USMLE Step 3:</u>

Eileen A. Prebensen, Senior Policy Counsel, informed the Board that Policy 2023-04 was implemented in 2023 in response to the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) changing its rule from allowing physicians six attempts at passing Step 3 to four attempts. However, the USMLE ruled that those physicians who obtained their state board's sponsorship

could make a fifth attempt at Step 3. Ms. Prebensen discussed with the Board the success rate of physicians who take Step 3 of the USMLE for fifth time.

Ms. Prebensen informed the Board that Policy 2023-04 expired on October 31, 2025. She asked that the program be extended for another year when more data will be available.

Dr. Bush asked for a motion to continue Policy 2023-04 as a Pilot Program.

Dr. Lee-Parritz moved to continue Policy 2023-04 as a Pilot Program to be extended to October

31, 2026 and reassessed at that time.

Dr. Qu seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell - Aye

Dr. Jubbal – 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 October 23, 2025 Board meeting.

Mr. O'Donnell moved to approve the Public Session Minutes of the October 23, 2025 Board meeting.

Dr. Jubbal seconded the motion. Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz – Abstain

Dr. Qu - Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 4-0-1. (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, Dr. Lee-Parritz is recused from Boston Medical Center, and Dr. Qu is recused from Massachusetts General Hospital.

George Zachos, Executive Director, provided the Board members with an overview of the licensing data as of November 6, 2025.

## **Licensing Applications**

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

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

Mr. O'Donnell seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz - Aye

Dr. Qu - Aye

The Chair vote Aye.

Motion carried 5-0 (unanimous).

Dr. Bush stated that the Board will meet in 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.

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

Dr. Qu - Aye

The Chair vote Aye.

Motion carried 5-0 (unanimous).

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

#### **BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE**

178 Albion Street, Suite 330
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12:23 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 Aviva Lee-Parritz, M.D., Physician Member Jason Qu, M.D., Physician Member

#### **Member Absent:**

Yvonne Y. Cheung, MD, MPH, MBA, Physician Member

# **Staff Present and Participating:**

George Zachos, Executive Director Steven Hoffman, Manager, Division of Law and Policy Eileen A. Prebensen, Senior Policy Counsel

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

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

# **Motions and Votes:**

In the <u>Diggs</u> matter, Dr. Qu moved to deny the Motion for Reconsideration. Mr. O'Donnell seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell – Aye Dr. Jubbal – Abstain Dr. Lee-Parritz – Aye

Dr. Qu - Aye

The Chair vote Aye. Motion carried 4-0-1.

In the <u>Devarajan</u> matter, Dr. Lee-Parritz moved to terminate the Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice and to ratify the acceptance of the Resignation of Dr. Devarajan's license to practice medicine, pursuant to 243 CMR 1.05(5)(a).

Dr. Qu seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz – Aye

Dr. Qu - Aye

The Chair vote Aye.

Motion carried 5-0 (unanimous).

In the <u>Foster</u> matter, Mr. O'Donnell moved to accept the Resignation of Dr. Foster's inchoate right to renew his license to practice medicine, pursuant to 243 CMR 1.05(5)(a).

Dr. Qu seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz – Aye

Dr. Qu - Aye

The Chair vote Aye.

Motion carried 5-0 (unanimous).

### **Announcement:**

Mr. Zachos announced that the Quality and Patient Safety Division (QPSD) received a Performance Recognition award from the Department of Public Health (DPH) recognizing QPSD's successful modernization of its data collection process that reduced the administrative burdens of healthcare facilities in reporting data to QPSD. Additionally, QPSD was recognized for its hosting of Annual Conferences and Workshops as well as issuing Patient Safety alerts.

#### **Board Member Availability:**

The Board considered their anticipated availability to attend the November 20, 2025 and December 4, 2025 Board meetings. Dr. Qu has a conflict and will not be able to attend on December 4, 2025.

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

Mr. O'Donnell moved to adjourn the meeting.

Dr. Qu seconded the motion.

Dr. Bush called the Roll:

Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz – Aye

Dr. Qu - Aye

The Chair vote Aye. Motion carried 5-0 (unanimous).

Public Session II ended at 12:28 p.m.

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

- Memorandum regarding the Continuation of Policy 2023-04: Pilot Policy on Board Sponsorship for a Fifth Attempt at USMLE Step 3
- Public Session Minutes of the October 23, 2025 Board Meeting
- Licensing Applications List
- Motions and Votes