

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE

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

(Teleconference)

October 10, 2024

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

Members 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
Daniella Brown, Director of the Quality and Patient Safety Division

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 10:32 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.

Quality and Patient Safety Committee Conference:

Daniella Brown, Director of the Quality and Patient Safety Division, provided the Board members with an overview of the September 27, 2024 Quality and Patient Safety Conference held at the UMass Memorial Medical Center (UMMMC) in Worcester, MA. In this overview she discussed the topics covered in the Conference that included peer review and formal review.

Ms. Brown informed the Board there were 250 participants in the Conference that included Drs. Bush and Cheung, Executive Director George Zachos and Vita Berg, General Counsel. The Conference was well received and there was very positive feedback.

Dr. Bush expressed his gratitude for the UMMMC for hosting this Conference.

Dr. Bush praised Ms. Brown for her efforts in organizing the Conference.

Mr. Zachos briefly discussed that 13 out of 14 counties in Massachusetts were represented at the Conference. Mr. Zachos commented that participants enjoyed having an in-person conference and many were networking during the breaks.

Mr. Zachos also expressed his appreciation for Ms. Brown's efforts in organizing the Conference.

Minutes

The Board considered the Public Session Minutes of the September 26, 2024 Board meeting.

Mr. O'Donnell moved to approve the Public Session Minutes of the September 26, 2024 Board meeting.

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).

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 October 10, 2024.

Licensing Applications

Dr. Bush asked for a motion to approve the applications for licensure (see attached at TAB A).

Mr. O'Donnell 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.

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

Mr. O'Donnell moved to go into Executive Session.

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 would go into Executive Session.

Public Session I ended at 10:40 a.m.

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10:55 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

Members 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
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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 **Petrova** matter, Mr. O'Donnell moved to allow Dr. Petrova's Petition to Withdraw her Full License Application and to issue a Final Decision and Order dismissing the license denial proceeding at the Division of Administrative Law Appeals (DALA).

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).

In the **Samples** matter, Dr. Lee-Parritz moved to ratify the acceptance of the Voluntary Agreement not to Practice.

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).

In the **Kinrys** matter, Dr. Lee Parritz moved to terminate the Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice, and further to accept the Resignation, pursuant to 243 CMR 1.05(5)(a).

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).

Update on Open Meeting Law:

Ms. Berg informed the Board that the current Open Meeting Law provision allowing the Board to meet via teleconference expires on March 31, 2025.

Ms. Berg stated that she anticipates that there will be an extension of the current provision of the Open Meeting Law that allows teleconferencing. One bill that received legislative attention would allow for hybrid meetings where some persons attend virtually and others would be able to attend in person. This bill would require the Chair or the Chair's Designee to be physically present at the Board meetings. Ms. Berg also informed the Board that this same bill would require the Board to post video recordings of its Board meetings on the Board's Website.

Dr. Bush indicated that he would like to conduct some of the Board meetings in person and asked the other Board members to start thinking about this.

Status Update:

The Board considered the status updates on "Preliminary Denials," "Pending Appeals and Litigation" and the "Quarterly Report on Matters pending at the Division of Administrative Law Appeals" that were provided to them by Ms. Berg.

Board Member Availability:

The Board considered their anticipated availability to attend the October 24, 2024, November 7, 2024 and November 21, 2024 Board meetings.

Dr. Lee-Parritz indicated that she did not anticipate attending the October 24, 2024 Board meeting.

The Board members did not indicate any other scheduling conflicts.

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

Mr. O'Donnell moved to adjourn the meeting.

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).

The Board meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Documents Considered in Public Sessions I and II:

- Public Session Minutes of the September 26, 2024 Board Meeting
- Memorandum RE: Status Update on Preliminary Denials, Pending Appeals and Litigation and the Quarterly Report on Matters pending at the Division of Administrative Law Appeals
- Licensing Applications Lists (see attached at TAB A)
- Motions and Votes