

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE

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

(Teleconference)

October 20, 2022

10:33 a.m.

Public Session I

Members Participating Remotely:

Julian N. Robinson, M.D., Physician Member, Chair

Woody Giessmann LADC-I, CADC, CIP, AIS, Public Member, Vice Chair

Holly Oh, M.D., Physician Member, Secretary

Booker T. Bush, M.D., Physician Member

Frank O'Donnell, Esq., Public Member

Member(s) absent:

Nawal Nour, M.D., M.P.H., Physician 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 10:30 a.m.

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

Mr. Giessmann – Aye

Dr. Oh -Aye

Dr. Bush – Aye

Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 5-0 (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.

Affiliated Monitoring Presentation:

Vincent L. DiCianni, President, Affiliated Monitors, Inc., and Denise L. Moran, Director of Health Care Monitoring Services, were present via teleconference.

Mr. DiCianni introduced himself to the Board members discussing his prior work at the Office of the Attorneys General.

Mr. DiCianni informed the Board that Affiliated Monitors, Inc. (AMI) was established in 2004. AMI has been providing monitoring services to the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine (BORIM) for the past 17 years. Additionally, AMI works with medical boards, dental boards and pharmacy boards in 42 states. AMI also works with other Federal and State agencies, including the Department of Justice.

Ms. Moran introduced herself to the Board discussing her twenty-year tenure with the Tennessee Medical Board serving as legal counsel and Director of Investigations and Investigatory Compliance. Ms. Moran informed the Board that the Tennessee Medical Board utilized AMI services.

Mr. DiCianni and Ms. Moran addressed the Board's questions that included fee structures and resourcing physician reviewers and physician monitors.

Mr. Giessmann expressed his appreciation for the services provided by AMI to the physician community.

Online Licensing Update:

George Zachos, Executive Director, informed the Board that BORIM would be switching over to a new online licensing system. Currently, BORIM is undergoing the transfer of data to the new system, conducting a systems review, communicating the change to the new online licensing system to the physician community and updating BORIM's website accordingly.

Mr. Zachos thanked JD Software and Dennis Hanson, IT Project Manager, for their dedication to actualizing the new online licensing system.

Michael Sinacola, Director of Licensing, stated that Mass Collaborative and COBETH, the Coalition of Boston Teaching Hospitals, have been involved in the beta testing of the new online licensing system. Both entities have provided positive feedback and BORIM has implemented some changes to the system based on these entities' feedback.

Mr. Sinacola provided an overview of BORIM's efforts to implement the new online licensing system including data migration from the legacy system CLARIS, ongoing staff training and extending the time for physicians filing renewal applications.

Mr. Sinacola informed the Board that they would be receiving ongoing updates on the online licensing system and that BORIM's website would be regularly updated with news of the online licensing system.

Petition to Review Transitional Practice Plan:

Dr. Robinson informed the Board members that the matter of Adam Gladstone, M.D. would be deferred to the next Board meeting.

Minutes:

The Board considered the Public Session Minutes of the October 6, 2022 Board meeting.

Dr. Oh moved to approve the Public Session Minutes of the October 6, 2022 Board meeting.
Dr. Bush seconded the motion.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll:

Mr. Giessmann – Aye
Dr. Oh-Aye
Dr. Bush – Aye
Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

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

Dr. Robinson stated that the Board would meet in Executive Session as authorized pursuant to M.G.L.c.30A § 21(a)(1) for the purpose of discussing the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual. Specifically, the Board would discuss and evaluate the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of individuals relevant to their proposed Probation Agreements and their petitions for modification of their probation agreement. The Board would also be reviewing Executive Session Minutes.

Following the Executive Session, the Board would meet in closed Adjudicatory Session, and then closed Mass. General Law, chapter 112, section 65C Session. The Board would reconvene in Public Session following the conclusion of the 65C Session.

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

Dr. Oh moved to go into Executive Session.

Dr. Bush seconded the motion.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll:

Mr. Giessmann – Aye

Dr. Oh-Aye

Dr. Bush – Aye

Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 5-0 (unanimous).

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

Public Session I ended at 10:55 a.m.

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11:51 a.m.

Public Session II

Members Participating Remotely:

Julian N. Robinson, M.D., Physician Member, Chair
Woody Giessmann LADC-I, CADC, CIP, AIS, Public Member, Vice Chair
Holly Oh, M.D., Physician Member, Secretary
Booker T. Bush, M.D., Physician Member
Frank O'Donnell, Esq., Public Member

Member(s) absent:

Nawal Nour, M.D., M.P.H., Physician Member

Staff Present and Participating:

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

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

Licensing:

Dr. Robinson is recused from license applications from Newton Wellesley Hospital, Mr. Giessmann is recused from applications involving Right Turn, Dr. Oh is recused from applications involving The Dimock Center and Cityblock Health, and Dr. Bush is recused from applications involving Baystate Medical Center Springfield.

Michael Sinacola, Licensing Director presented the licensing data as of October 20, 2022.

Licensing Applications:

Dr. Robinson asked for a motion to approve the following applications for licensure:

- Applications for Full Licensure (Afra - Young)
- Applications for Limited Licensure (Augustadt - Shin)
- Application for Temporary Faculty Licensure Reviewed by the Licensing Committee (Singh)

- Application for Full Licensure with Waiver Reviewed by the Licensing Committee (Eltahawy)
- Applications for Full Licensure Reviewed by the Licensing Committee (Flatley - Terry)
- Application for Limited Licensure Reviewed the Licensing Committee (Swikehardt)
- Applications for Limited Licensure Approved Pursuant to Policy 2021-03 on May 13, 2022 (Abdalla - Zhang)
- Applications for Limited Licensure Approved Pursuant to Policy 2021-03 on May 20, 2022 (Agarwal - Zhong)
- Applications for Limited Licensure Approved Pursuant to Policy 2021-03 on May 27, 2022 (Abdul - Ziadkhanpour)
- Applications for Limited Licensure Approved Pursuant to Policy 2021-03 on June 3, 2022 (Addae – Velez Florez)
- Applications for Limited Licensure Approved Pursuant to Policy 2021-03 on June 10, 2022 (Ababneh – Yukselen)
- Applications for Limited Licensure Approved Pursuant to Policy 2021-03 on June 17, 2022 (Abrams - Yune)
- Applications for Limited Licensure Approved Pursuant to Policy 2021-03 on June 30, 2022 (Abumoawad - Zhu)
- Application for Changes to Existing Limited Licensure Reviewed by the Board (Bangiolo).

Dr. Oh moved to approve the above listed applications for licensure.

Mr. O'Donnell seconded the motion.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll:

Mr. Giessmann – Aye

Dr. Oh- Aye

Dr. Bush – Aye

Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 5-0 (unanimous).

Motions and Votes

In the **Murcott** matter, Dr. Robinson moved to allow the Petition to Terminate Probation Agreement.

Dr. Bush seconded the motion.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll:

Mr. Giessmann – Aye
Dr. Oh- Aye
Dr. Bush – Aye
Mr. O'Donnell - Aye

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

In the **Steinhardt** matter, Dr. Robinson moved to approve the petition to stay suspension and further to approve the proposed probation agreement, worksite and monitors, with the probationary monitoring period commencing retroactive to January 7, 2020.
Dr. Oh seconded the motion.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll:

Mr. Giessmann – Aye
Dr. Oh- Aye
Dr. Bush – Aye
Mr. O'Donnell - Aye

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

In the **Sterling** matter, Dr. Robinson moved to approve the Petition to Modify the Probation Agreement to allow the proposed work site and monitors.
Dr. Bush seconded the motions.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll:

Mr. Giessmann – Aye
Dr. Oh- Aye
Dr. Bush – Aye
Mr. O'Donnell - Aye

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

In the **Aweh** matter, Dr. Robinson moved to adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in the Recommended Decision. Dr. Robinson further moved that after consideration of the parties' presentation on sanction, and the victim impact statement, to issue the Final Decision and Order which imposes no discipline due to mitigating circumstances.
Dr. Bush seconded the motions.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll:

Mr. Giessmann – Aye
Dr. Oh- Aye
Dr. Bush – Aye
Mr. O'Donnell - Aye

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

Board Member Availability

The Board discussed their anticipated availability to attend the November 3, 2022, November 17, 2022 and December 1, 2022 Board Meetings.

The attending Board members did not indicate any scheduling conflicts that would prevent them from attending the above listed Board meetings.

Dr. Robinson stated that Dr. Nour had previously indicated that she did not anticipate attending the November 3, 2022 Board meeting.

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

Dr. Bush moved to adjourn the Board meeting.
Mr. Giessmann seconded the motion.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll:

Mr. Giessmann – Aye
Dr. Oh- Abstain
Dr. Bush – Aye
Mr. O'Donnell - Aye

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Documents Considered in Public Sessions I and II:

- Public Session Minutes of the October 6, 2022 Board Meeting
- Motions and Votes
- Licensing Applications List