

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE

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

(Teleconference)

October 6, 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
Nawal Nour, M.D., M.P.H., Physician Member
Booker T. Bush, M.D., Physician Member
Frank O'Donnell, Esq., Public Member

Member(s) absent:

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

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 10:32 a.m.

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

Mr. Giessmann – Aye

Dr. Nour-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.

Revision to BORIM Policy 2021-03: Interim Policy on Provisionally-Issued Limited Licenses for Qualified Applicants:

George Zachos, Executive Director, informed the Board members that the Interim Policy on Provisionally-Issued Limited Licenses (hereinafter Policy 2021-03) had a positive impact during the busy season for processing physician licensing applications. This policy allowed for the Board of Registration in Medicine (BORIM) to expedite the approval of the Limited License applications for qualified candidates so that they would not miss the start date of their residency programs.

Mr. Zachos discussed a letter that he received from the Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals (COBTH) expressing their appreciation for BORIM's efforts to assist physicians to start their residency programs in a timely manner. This letter was shared with Board members.

Michael Sinacola, Director of Licensing, informed the Board that the Policy was well received, and that 1,600 initial limited licenses were approved and started their residency programs on time.

Mr. Zachos stated that the revision to the Policy 2021-03 would remove the "Interim" language from the Policy.

Mr. Giessmann moved to adopt the proposed revision to Policy 2021-03.
Dr. Bush seconded the motion.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll:

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

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

Revisions to BORIM Policy 2020-01: Policy on Telemedicine:

Vita P. Berg, General Counsel, presented the revisions to Policy 2020-01.

Ms. Berg informed the Board members that the revisions to Policy 2020-01 would help to answer questions that physicians may have regarding Policy 2022-06: “Policy Implementing Chapter 127, An Act Expanding Protections for Reproductive and Gender Affirming Care.”

Ms. Berg assured the Board members that the protections afforded to physicians under Policy 2022-06 also apply to the practice of telemedicine.

Additionally, the revision to Policy 2020-01 would clarify that the Board does not maintain a stand-alone requirement for a face-to-face encounter between the physician and the patient prior to health care delivery via telemedicine, but would expect physicians to comply with requirements set in state or federal laws or regulations that require in person evaluations.

Mr. Giessmann moved to adopt the proposed revisions to BORIM Policy 2020-01.
Dr. Nour seconded the motion.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll:

Mr. Giessmann – Aye
Dr. Nour-Aye
Dr. Bush – Aye
Mr. O’Donnell – Aye

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

Dr. Robinson thanked Mr. Zachos, and Michael Sinacola, Director of Licensing, for their efforts in overseeing the implementation of Policy 2021-03. Dr. Robinson informed those attending that he had received positive feedback from credentialing offices regarding BORIM’s expedited processing of Limited License applications under Policy 2021-03.

Publication of Public Session Minutes:

Ms. Berg informed the Board members that BORIM would post its Public Session Minutes to BORIM’s website to allow the public to easily access the Minutes. The Minutes posted to BORIM’s website would start with the Minutes of the January 2022 Board meetings and include all subsequent Minutes.

Revision to Clarify Public Session Minutes of the June 2, 2022 Board meeting:

Ms. Berg presented the proposed revision to the Public Session Minutes of the June 2, 2022 Board meeting, regarding the Initial License Application Process Modification. This proposed

revision would clarify that in lieu of the requirement that each physician applicant submit a license verification form from each state in which they hold a full license BORIM's licensing staff would not only refer to the Federation of State Medical Board's (FSMB) Physician Data reports but would also check the disciplinary history available from the state licensing board website for each state where the physician was licensed to determine whether a physician has been disciplined in another state.

Mr. Giessmann moved to approve the proposed revision to the Public Session Minutes of the June 2, 2022 Board meeting.

Dr. Nour seconded the motion.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll:

Mr. Giessmann – Aye

Dr. Nour-Aye

Dr. Bush – Aye

Mr. O'Donnell – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 5-0 (unanimous).

Minutes:

The Board considered the Public Session Minutes of the September 22, 2022 Board meeting.

Mr. Giessmann moved to approve the Public Session Minutes of the September 22, 2022 Board meeting.

Dr. Nour seconded the motion.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll:

Mr. Giessmann – Aye

Dr. Nour-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 to review 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. 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.

Mr. Giessmann moved to go into Executive Session.

Dr. Nour seconded the motion.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll:

Mr. Giessmann – Aye

Dr. Nour-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 10:43 a.m.

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11:27 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
Nawal Nour, M.D., M.P.H., Physician Member
Booker T. Bush, M.D., Physician Member

Member(s) absent:

Frank O'Donnell, Esq., Public 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. Nour is recused from Brigham and Women's Hospital and Dana Farber, 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 6, 2022.

Licensing Applications:

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

- Applications for Full Licensure (Abazari - Zucker)
- Applications for Limited Licensure (Bajaj – Keah)

- Application for Temporary Faculty Licensure Reviewed by the Licensing Committee (Kiziltug)
- Applications for Full Licensure with Waiver Reviewed by the Licensing Committee (Al Rafai – Missouri)
- Applications for Full Licensure Reviewed by the Licensing Committee (Chun - Weiss)
- 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 27, 2022 (Abdul - Ziadkhanpour)
- Applications for Limited Licensure Approved Pursuant to Policy 2021-03 on June 3, 2022 (Abbott - Wilson)
- 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 24, 2022 (Aboueisha - Wendeu)
- Applications for Limited Licensure Approved Pursuant to Policy 2021-03 on June 30, 2022 (Abumoawad - Zhu)
- Applications for Limited Licensure Approved Pursuant to Policy 2021-03 on September 23, 2022 (Orabi - Rana)
- Application for Lapsed Licensure Reviewed by the Licensing Committee (Moskowitz - Yerneni)
- Application for Changes to Existing Limited Licensure Reviewed by the Board (Torio).

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

Dr. Nour seconded the motion.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll:

Mr. Giessmann – Aye

Dr. Oh- Aye

Dr. Nour-Aye

Dr. Bush – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 5-0 (unanimous).

Motions and Votes

In the **Ahn** 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. Nour seconded the motion.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll:

Mr. Giessmann – Aye

Dr. Oh- Abstain

Dr. Nour-Aye

Dr. Bush – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 4-0-1 .

In the **Birkett** matter, Dr. Robinson moved to issue the Statement of Allegations and Order of Reference to the Division of Administrative Law Appeals.

Dr. Nour seconded the motion.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll:

Mr. Giessmann – Aye

Dr. Oh- Abstain

Dr. Nour-Aye

Dr. Bush – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 4-0-1.

In the **Laurenzano** 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. Oh seconded the motions.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll:

Mr. Giessmann – Aye

Dr. Oh- Aye

Dr. Nour-Aye

Dr. Bush – Aye

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

In the **Rubenstein** matter, Dr. Robinson moved to issue the Statement of Allegations and approve the Consent Order.
Dr. Oh seconded the motions.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll:

Mr. Giessmann – Aye
Dr. Oh- Aye
Dr. Nour-Aye
Dr. Bush – Aye

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

Board Member Availability

The Board discussed their anticipated availability to attend the October 20, 2022, November 3, 2022 and November 17, 2022 Board Meetings.

Dr. Nour stated that she did not anticipate attending the October 20, 2022 and November 3, 2022 Board meetings.

No other Board members indicated that they had any scheduling conflict that would prevent them from attending the Board meetings.

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

Dr. Bush moved to adjourn the Board meeting.
Dr. Oh seconded the motion.

Dr. Robinson called the Roll:

Mr. Giessmann – Aye
Dr. Oh- Aye
Dr. Nour-Aye
Dr. Bush – Aye

The Chair voted Aye.
Motion carried 6-0 (unanimous).

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Documents Considered in Public Sessions I and II:

- Revision to BORIM Policy 2021-03: Interim Policy on Provisionally Issued Limited Licenses for Qualified Applicants
- September 7, 2022 Letter from the Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals to George Zachos, Executive Director
- Revision to BORIM Policy 2020-01: Policy on Telemedicine
- Revised Public Session Minutes of the June 2, 2022 Board Meeting
- Public Session Minutes of the September 22, 2022 Board Meeting
- Motions and Votes
- Licensing Applications Lists