BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE

178 Albion Street, Suite 330
Wakefield, Massachusetts 01880
(Teleconference)
September 11, 2025
10:35 a.m.
Public Session I

Members Participating Remotely:

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(s) Absent:

Booker T. Bush, M.D., Physician Member, Chair Yvonne Y. Cheung, MD, MPH, MBA, 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
Robert E. Harvey, Physician Health and Compliance Manager

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

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

Mr. O'Donnell, the Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

Mr. O'Donnell called the Roll to confirm that there was a quorum of the Board.

Dr. Jubbal – Aye Dr. Lee-Parritz – Aye Dr. Qu – Aye

The Acting Chair voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

Mr. O'Donnell informed those individuals in attendance that the Board meeting was being conducted via teleconference. Additionally, the Board meeting was being recorded by a stenographer.

Mr. O'Donnell called for a moment of silence to remember those individuals who lost their lives during the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2021.

Telehealth Task Force:

Vita P. Berg, General Counsel, informed the Board that the budget that was approved earlier this year provided for the Secretary of EOHHS to establish a Telehealth Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the regulation of Telehealth practices in the state of Massachusetts.

Ms. Berg provided an overview of the individuals who will serve on this Task Force. The Executive Director of BORIM is a legislatively-appointed member of the Task Force, and Mr. Zachos indicated he has designated Vita Berg, General Counsel, to serve as his designee on the Task Force.

Additionally, Ms. Berg informed the Board that the first meeting of the Telehealth Task Force will be held on September 17, 2025 via Zoom. The Task Force will have its own website to inform the public of its activities.

Open Meeting Law Complaint Determination:

Vita P. Berg, General Counsel, provided the Board with a recap of an Open Meeting Law Complaint that was filed against the Board in May 2025. Ms. Berg filed a response with the Division of Open Government and the physician's attorney. The Division of Open Government determined that the Open Meeting Law Complaint was not filed in a timely manner and closed the matter without any further action taken.

Ms. Berg informed the Board that additional guidance will be provided to the Board at a future Board meeting regarding the management of Open Meeting Law Complaints.

Navarra, Guido

The Board considered the proposed Probation Modification.

Robert E. Harvey, Physician Health and Compliance Manager, was present via teleconference.

Dr. Navarra's attorney, Richard Goldstein, was present via teleconference.

Mr. Harvey provided the Board with an overview of the circumstances that served as the basis for the Board's consideration of this matter. Mr. Harvey highlighted that the work clause within Dr. Navarra's Probation Agreement needs to be updated to bring him into compliance with his Probation Agreement. Dr. Navarra is not working. His Probation Agreement calls for an audit of Dr. Navarra's practice, which is not possible while he is not practicing medicine.

Mr. Goldstein addressed the Board, stating his concurrence with Mr. Harvey's summation of this matter and asked that the Board provide "clarification" that its Order issued earlier this year was not meant to be an additional sanction. Mr. Goldstein briefly discussed the collateral consequences that Dr. Navarra has experienced after having been terminated from his previous Board approved worksite.

Mr. Harvey stated to the Board that the Order was indeed disciplinary in nature because it found him in violation of his Probation Agreement.

Responsive to Mr. O'Donnell's inquiry, Ms. Berg affirmed that the matter before the Board was the Probation Modification and that the Board did not need to consider modifying its prior Order.

In the <u>Navarra</u> matter, Dr. Qu moved to modify Dr. Navarra's Probation Agreement to amend the worksite clause to state that Dr. Navarra is not currently practicing medicine and cannot practice medicine until such time as the Board approves a practice plan, and amends the requirement of an audit to state that an audit should be completed ninety (90) days following the approval of any new Practice Plan.

Dr. Jubbal seconded the motion.

Mr. O'Donnell called the Roll:

Dr. Jubbal – Aye Dr. Lee-Parritz – Aye Dr. Qu – Aye

The Acting Chair voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

Minutes

The Board considered the Public Session Minutes of the August 21, 2025 Board meeting.

Dr. Qu moved to approve the Public Session Minutes of the August 21, 2025 Board meeting. Dr. Lee-Parritz seconded the motion.

Mr. O'Donnell called the Roll:

Dr. Jubbal – Aye Dr. Lee-Parritz – Aye Dr. Qu – Aye

The Acting Chair voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

Licensing

The Board members stated their recusal information. 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.

Mr. Sinacola provided the Board members with an overview of the licensing data as of September 11, 2025.

Licensing Applications

Mr. O'Donnell asked for a motion to approve the applications for licensure.

Dr. Jubbal moved to approve the applications presented for licensure.

Dr. Qu seconded the motion.

Mr. O'Donnell called the Roll:

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz – Aye

Dr. Qu - Aye

The Acting Chair voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

Mr. O'Donnell stated that the Board will meet in in Executive Session as authorized by Mass. General Law, chapter 30A, section 21 for purposes set at subsections (a)(1) and (a)(7). Specifically, the Board will review a Full License Application and a Lapsed License Application. In so doing, the Board will discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of applicants or petitioners, or the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges against applicants or petitioners, as permitted under purpose 1 and information that may not be publicly disclosed pursuant to Mass. General Law, chapter 112, section 5 and Mass. General Law, chapter 66A, section 2, as permitted under purpose 7. The Board will also be reviewing 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.

Mr. O'Donnell asked for a motion to go into Executive Session.

Dr. Lee-Parritz moved to go into Executive Session.

Dr. Qu seconded the motion.

Mr. O'Donnell called the Roll:

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz – Aye

Dr. Qu - Aye

The Acting Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

Mr. O'Donnell stated that the Board would go into Executive Session.

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Public Session II

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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

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Motions and Votes:

In the <u>Rubin</u> matter, Dr. Jubbal moved to ratify the acceptance of the Resignation of Dr. Rubin's inchoate right to renew his license to practice medicine, pursuant to 243 CMR 1.05(5)(b). Dr. Lee-Parritz seconded the motion.

Mr. O'Donnell called the Roll:

Dr. Jubbal – Aye Dr. Lee-Parritz – Aye Dr. Qu – Aye

The Acting Chair voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

In the <u>DerKevorkian</u> matter, Dr. Lee-Parritz moved to ratify the acceptance of the Resignation of Dr. DerKevorkian's inchoate right to renew his license to practice medicine, pursuant to 243 CMR 1.05(5)(a), thereby also terminating his Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice. Dr. Jubbal seconded the motion.

Mr. O'Donnell called the Roll:

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz – Aye

Dr. Qu – Aye

The Acting Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

In the <u>Karimeddiny</u> matter, Dr. Qu moved to ratify the acceptance of the Resignation of Dr. Karimeddiny, pursuant to 243 CMR 1.05(5)(a).

Dr. Lee-Parritz seconded the motion.

Mr. O'Donnell called the Roll:

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz – Aye

Dr. Qu – Aye

The Acting Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

In the <u>Agrawal</u> matter, Dr. Lee-Parritz moved to issue the Statement of Allegations and Order of Reference to the Division of Administrative Law Appeals.

Dr. Jubbal seconded the motion.

Mr. O'Donnell called the Roll:

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz – Aye

Dr. Qu – Aye

The Acting Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

In the <u>Mukherjee</u> matter, Dr. Qu moved to ratify the acceptance of the Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice.

Dr. Lee-Parritz seconded the motion.

Mr. O'Donnell called the Roll:

Dr. Jubbal – Aye

Dr. Lee-Parritz – Aye

Dr. Qu - Aye

The Acting Chair voted Aye.

Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

Board Member Availability:

The Board considered their anticipated availability to attend the September 25, 2025, October 9, 2025 and October 23, 2025 Board meetings. Dr. Qu has a conflict and will not be able to attend on Sept. 25, 2025. On Oct. 23, 2025, both Dr. Qu and Dr. Lee-Parritz will not be able to attend.

Announcement of Staff Changes

Mr. Zachos announced the Sept. 5, 2025 retirement of **Attorney Carol Purmort, Deputy Director of Licensing**. Ms. Purmort has been with the Board for 23 years and has always demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the mission of the Board. Ms. Purmort was always available and was instrumental in key initiatives of the Licensing Division. Michael Sinacola, Director of Licensing, said that he and the Licensing staff will miss Carol's guidance and wisdom.

Mr. Zachos also announced that three attorneys in the Division of Law and Policy were transferring to the Department of Public Health. **Emily Gauthier, Tara Douglas and Sam Leadholm** will have their last day at the Board on September 18, 2025. Mr. Zachos said that this will be a huge loss for the legal staff.

Ms. Berg stated that Tara, Emily and Sam were an integral part of the Division of Law and Policy. Sam worked with the Data Repository and Tara and Emily worked with Public Record requests from the media and the public. Ms. Berg praised these attorneys for the "invisible work" they do which is vital to the statutory functions of the Board.

Mr. O'Donnell asked for a motion to adjourn the Board meeting.

Dr. Jubbal moved to adjourn the meeting.

Dr. Qu seconded the motion.

Mr. O'Donnell called the Roll:

Dr. Jubbal – Aye Dr. Lee-Parritz – Aye Dr. Qu – Aye

The Acting Chair voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0 (unanimous).

Public Session II ended at 11:57 am.

Documents Considered in Public Sessions I and II:

- Memorandum Regarding Open Meeting Law Complaint Determination
- Memorandum Regarding Guido Navarra, M.D. Probation Modification
- Public Session Minutes of the August 21, 2025, Board Meeting
- Licensing Applications List
- Motions and Votes