# Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Professional Licensure

# **Board of Registration of Chiropractors**

1000 Washington Street Boston, MA 02118

### **Public Meeting Minutes**

#### **AUGUST 5, 2021**

A public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Chiropractors (the Board) was held remotely by videoconference as an alternate means of public access pursuant to Massachusetts General Law enacted on June 16, 2021 suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law.

Dr. Dodes noted a quorum of members present and called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Glenn Dodes, Chair

Dr. Daniel Fanselow, Vice Chair

Dr. Kirk Shilts, Secretary

Ms. Barbara Bush, Public Member

Dr. Gabrielle Freedman, Member

Dr. Candace Maddalo, Member

#### STAFF PRESENT

Matthew Keigan, Board Executive Director Charles Kilb, Esq., Board Legal Counsel

#### **CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE**

Dr. Dodes said the COVID-19 pandemic remains upon us and we must remain vigilant to prevent its spread.

#### **AGENDA**

The Board reviewed the posted agenda. No new business item was offered.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Shilts, seconded by Dr. Maddalo and VOTED (roll call);

to set the meeting's agenda as posted.

in-favor: Fanselow, Shilts, Bush, Freedman, Maddalo and Dodes

opposed: none

## CONFLICT of INTEREST & OPEN MEETING LAW REMINDER

Atty. Kilb gave a brief review of the State's Conflict of Interest and Open Meeting Laws requirements. He discussed when Board members should recuse themselves from Board discussions as well as the process.

#### **PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

The Board discussed draft public meeting minutes of 6/3/21. Dr. Shilts offered amendments.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Shilts, seconded by Dr. Fanselow and VOTED (roll call);

to approve of the public meeting minutes of June 3, 2021 as amended.

in-favor: Fanselow, Shilts, Bush, Freedman, Maddalo and Dodes

opposed: none

#### LEGAL REPORT

#### • COVID-19 State of Emergency Update

Atty. Kilb said the primary COVID-19 State of Emergency ended on June 14, 2021. He said a face covering requirement for certain healthcare settings, including chiropractic offices, was simultaneously issued on 6/14/21 via a separate, more limited state of emergency declaration.

#### DPL Article 87

Atty. Kilb said the Governor's reorganization legislation that includes moving the Board of Chiropractors from the DPL to the DPH was enacted. He said there is an 18-month window for the change to complete.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

• National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) Report, 6/17/21

Thereafter, the Board gave direction to staff regarding a response to this insurance network provider termination.

## **COMPLIANCE MONITORING**

#### • 2018-000164-IT-ENF

The Board reviewed a compliance monitor review.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Shilts, seconded by Dr. Maddalo and VOTED (roll call); to accept the 5/12/21 compliance monitor review in this case; and remind the licensee to submit all required documents per their consent agreement.

in-favor: Fanselow, Shilts, Bush, Freedman, Maddalo and Dodes opposed: none

The Board discussed the licensee's request for early termination from probation.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Fanselow, seconded by Dr. Maddalo and VOTED (roll call); to not accept a 7/17/21 petition for early termination from probation.

in-favor: Fanselow, Shilts, Bush, Freedman, Maddalo and Dodes opposed: none

#### • 2019-000027-IT-ENF

The Board reviewed a compliance monitor review.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Fanselow, seconded by Dr. Freedman and VOTED (roll call); to accept the 5/12/21 compliance monitor review in this case.

in-favor: Fanselow, Shilts, Bush, Freedman, Maddalo and Dodes opposed: none

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

none offered

#### **NEW AND OPEN CASES**

Dr. Dodes said the Board would be going into closed session to discuss new and open cases, and not return to open session.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Freedman, seconded by Dr. Fanselow and VOTED (roll call); to close the open meeting at 10:35 a.m. per MGL ch. 112, sec. 65C to discuss new and open cases.

in-favor: Fanselow, Shilts, Bush, Freedman, Maddalo and Dodes

opposed: none

During closed session the Board took the following actions:

•	2020-001108-IT-ENF	Take No Action on prosecutor's memo
•	2021-000249-IT-ENF	Dismissed with Advisory Letter
•	2021-000288-IT-ENF	Sent to Office of Prosecutions
•	2021-000305-IT-ENF	Dismissed with Advisory Letter
•	2021-000346-IT-ENF	Sent to Office of Prosecutions
•	2021-000347-IT-ENF	Sent to Office of Prosecutions
•	2021-000359-IT-ENF	Sent to Office of Prosecutions
•	2021-000449-IT-ENF	Sent to Office of Prosecutions
•	2021-000351-IT-ENF	Sent to Office of Prosecutions, Dr. Dodes was recused from this case
•	2021-000271-IT-ENF	Sent to Office of Prosecutions
•	2021-000092-IT-ENF	Sent to Office of Prosecutions
•	2021-000330-IT-ENF	Scheduled Investigative Conference, Dr. Fanselow was recused from
		this case

## **NEW LICENSEE INTERVIEWS**

AIB Fraud Investigation

Prior to the meeting, the following candidates completed their new licentiate orientation/interview with Dr. Fanselow:

Gave direction to staff

- Dr. Jace Vansteenburg (NY)
- Dr. Stephen Offenburger (TX)
- Dr. Augustine Lewis (NH)
- Dr. Angela Francis (RI)
- Dr. Mikayla Cusson (MA)

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The public meeting adjourned at the conclusion of closed session at 12:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Shilts, D.C., Secretary Board of Registration of Chiropractors

## Documents used by the Board during open session:

- Posted agenda
- Draft public meeting minutes of 6/3/21
- Order of the Commissioner of Public Health,# 2021-1, 6/14/21
- NPDB report, 6/17/21 (protected)
- Compliance Monitor Report, 5/21/21 (protected)
- Request for early termination, 7/17/21
- Compliance Monitor Report, 7/16/21 (protected)

<sup>\*</sup> The above minutes were approved during the open meeting of the Board held on September 2, 2021