

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**Division of Professional Licensure**  
**Board of Registration of Chiropractors**  
1000 Washington Street  
Boston, MA 02118

**JUNE 4, 2020**

A posted public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Chiropractors (the Board) was held remotely by telephone as an alternate means of public access pursuant to an Executive Order issued by the Governor of Massachusetts dated March 12, 2020 suspending certain provisions of the open meeting law.

Dr. Dodes noted a quorum of members present and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dr. Glenn Dodes, Chairman  
Dr. Peter Martone, Vice Chair  
Dr. Kirk Shilts, Secretary  
Ms. Barbara Bush, Public Member  
Dr. Daniel Fanselow, Member  
Dr. Gabrielle Freedman, Member  
Dr. Candace Maddalo, Member

**STAFF PRESENT (at various times):**

Richard Lawless, Board Executive Director  
Deborah Cassano, Associate Exec. Director  
Sheila York, Esq., Board Legal Counsel

**CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE**

Dr. Dodes expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve as Board chair during the past year.

Dr. Dodes reviewed the protocols for the electronic meeting format. He said all votes will be roll-call votes. He will sequentially call on each board member for any preliminary comment after introducing the agenda item, and again during the discussion phase after a seconded motion.

**AGENDA**

Dr. Dodes reviewed the draft agenda with the Board.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Fanselow, seconded by Ms. Bush and VOTED (roll call);  
**to approve the meeting's agenda as drafted.**

*Members in favor: Maddalo, Freedman, Bush, Fanselow, Shilts, Martone & Dodes*  
*Members opposed: none*

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST REMINDER**

Dr. Dodes briefly reminded Board members of the state's conflict of interest requirement and recusal process.

**MEETING MINUTES:**

- The Board reviewed the draft public meeting minutes of May 7, 2020.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Shilts, seconded by Dr. Fanselow and VOTED (roll call);  
**to approve the public meeting minutes of May 7, 2020 as presented.**

*Members in favor: Maddalo, Freedman, Bush, Fanselow, Shilts, Martone & Dodes*  
*Members opposed: none*

### **BOARD OFFICER ELECTIONS:**

The Board prepared to hold officer elections for the 2020/21 term commencing on July 1st. Dr. Dodes asked if there were any additional nominees, other than those nominated during the prior meeting, for any officer position. None were offered.

- Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Freedman, seconded by Dr. Shilts and VOTED (roll call);  
**to elect Dr. Shilts as Board chairman for the 2020/21 term.**

*Members in favor: Maddalo, Freedman, Bush, Fanselow, Shilts, Martone & Dodes*  
*Members opposed: none*

- Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Freedman, seconded by Dr. Shilts and VOTED (roll call);  
**to elect Dr. Dodes as Board vice chairman for the 2020/21 term.**

*Members in favor: Maddalo, Freedman, Bush, Fanselow, Shilts, Martone & Dodes*  
*Members opposed: none*

- Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Freedman, seconded by Dr. Shilts and VOTED (roll call);  
**to elect Dr. Maddalo as Board secretary for the 2020/21 term.**

*Members in favor: Maddalo, Freedman, Bush, Fanselow, Shilts, Martone & Dodes*  
*Members opposed: none*

### **LEGAL UPDATE**

- none

### **CHIROPRACTIC LICENSE APPLICATION**

#### **Dr. Joseph Marfisi**

Dr. Marfisi presented to the Board seeking chiropractic licensure by reciprocity from the State of Georgia. Dr. Shilts said that Massachusetts required the NBCE Part-4 examination, which Dr. Marfisi had not taken and passed, at the time he obtained his Georgia chiropractic license. He said Dr. Marfisi should re-apply through the standard application process.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Shilts, seconded by Dr. Freedman and VOTED (roll call);  
**to not act on this incomplete application for chiropractic licensure.**

*Members in favor: Maddalo, Freedman, Bush, Fanselow, Shilts, Martone & Dodes*  
*Members opposed: none*

### **REINSTATEMENT OF LAPSED CHIROPRACTIC LICENSE**

#### **Dr. Erik Bejerre (2786-CH-CH)**

In follow-up to last month's meeting, Ms. Cassano said Dr. Bejerre had the required number of CE credit hours toward reinstating his lapsed chiropractic license.

### **DISCUSSION:**

- **Jurisprudence Examination**

Mr. Lawless said the jurisprudence examination is back up and running, but there is a waiting period due to the backlog of applicants.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- none

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

- **Jenn D’Antonio** asked and received confirmation that the jurisprudence examination is available for scheduling.
- **Sara O’Brien** asked if there is a required sequence of taking and passing the jurisprudence exam before completing the Board’s orientation/interview.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Shilts, seconded by Dr. Martone and VOTED (roll call); **to allow candidates for chiropractic licensure in 2020 to complete the Board’s orientation/interview prior to taking the jurisprudence exam until the state’s current emergency declaration is lifted.**

*Members in favor: Maddalo, Freedman, Bush, Fanselow, Shilts, Martone & Dodes*  
*Members opposed: none*

**NEW & OPEN CASES:**

The Board prepared to discuss investigative matters involving new and open cases.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Shilts, seconded by Dr. Martone and VOTED (roll call); **to enter into Closed Session under M.G.L. c. 112, s. 65C at 10:51 a.m. for the purpose of discussing investigatory matters.**

*Members in favor: Maddalo, Freedman, Bush, Fanselow, Shilts, Martone & Dodes*  
*Members opposed: none*

*Dr. Dodes said the Board would not be coming back to open session but adjourn at the conclusion of this closed session.*

During Closed Session the Board took the following actions:

- **CH-2020-000229-IT-ENF [A+ CF]** Sent to Office of Prosecutions  
*Dr. Fanselow was recused from this matter*
- **CH-2020-000230-IT-ENF [MH]** Sent to Office of Prosecutions  
*Dr. Fanselow was recused from this matter*
- **Dr. IA – licensed D.C.** Sent to Office of Investigations  
*Dr. Fanselow did not participate in this matter*
- **THC – licensed CF** Sent to Office of Investigations  
*Dr. Fanselow did not participate in this matter*
- **CH-2018-000692-IT-ENF [KC]** Reviewed and sent Advisory Letter
- **AIB Update** Gave staff direction
- **PCC – licensed CF** Gave staff direction  
*Dr. Maddalo was absent during this matter*

**NEW LICENSEE INTERVIEWS**

After the meeting, the following candidates were scheduled to complete their new licentiate orientation/interview with Dr. Shilts:

- Jenn D’Antonio ( RI ); Connor Sowersby ( MA); and Brandon Smolarek (MA)

**ADJOURNMENT**

The public meeting of June 4, 2020 adjourned at the conclusion of closed session at 1:27 p.m.

*\*The above minutes were approved during the open meeting of the Board held on August 6, 2020.*



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

*Documents used by the Board during open session:*

- *Proposed meeting agenda for 6/4/20*
- *Draft public meeting minutes from 5/7/20*