

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Public Health
Board of Registration of Chiropractors

Public Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2022

A public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Chiropractors (the Board) was held remotely with video and audio conference as an alternate means of public access pursuant to Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022, An Act Relative to Extending Certain State of Emergency Accommodations, signed into law on July 16, 2022.

Dr. Jolly noted a quorum of members present via video or phone and called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Sunit Jolly, Chair
Dr. Joseph Grosso, Vice Chair
Dr. Jaclyn Debs, Secretary
Ms. Barbara Bush, Public Member
Dr. Abbey Denaro, Member
Dr. Mary Connors, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Kathleen O'Malley

STAFF PRESENT (at various times)

Lisa Guglietta, Board Executive Director
Eboni Lewis, Board Associate Executive Director
Sheila York, Esq., Board Counsel
Ellen D'Agostino, Investigator

ATTENDANCE:

Dr. Jolly took attendance by roll call and a quorum of board members was recorded with the following members present via video conference: *Jolly, Debs, Bush, Grosso, Denaro, Connors*.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Board staff requested that the agenda be amended to add for discussion: Jeaniene Donovan's reactivation application because that topic was not anticipated by the Chair within 48 hours of the meeting. A motion was made by Dr. Grosso to approve the agenda, as so amended, seconded by Dr. Debs and VOTED (roll call);

to approve the November 3, 2022 agenda.

in-favor: Jolly, Debs, Bush, Grosso, Denaro, Connors

opposed: none

CONFLICT OF INTEREST and OPEN MEETING REQUIREMENTS

Atty. York reviewed Conflict of Interest and Open Meeting Law requirements with the Board. Members should contact Atty. York with questions about possible conflicts with applicants, petitioners, or cases before the Board. Please bring these matters to Atty. York's attention before the meeting if possible.

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

The Board discussed the draft public meeting minutes of 10/13/22.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Denaro, seconded by Dr. Grosso and VOTED (roll call);
to approve the public meeting minutes of October 13, 2022 as presented.

in-favor: Jolly, Debs, Bush, Grosso, Denaro, Connors

opposed: none

DISCUSSION

DPH updated requirements for wearing masks in certain healthcare practice settings:

Attorney York stated that the Department of Public Health issued revised guidelines on the requirements for wearing masks in certain healthcare practice settings effective on October 13, 2022. Chiropractors are expected to read and comply with these guidelines, which are available on DPH's website.

NEW BUSINESS

REACTIVATION APPLICATION

Jeaniene Donovan - license CHI2825 expired on 03/31/2020. The licensee provided proof of 24 continuing education credits.

A motion was made by Dr. Connors, seconded by Dr. Denaro and VOTED (roll call);

To approve Dr. Donovan's reactivation application.

in-favor: Jolly, Debs, Bush, Grosso, Denaro, Connors

opposed: none

CLOSED SESSION

At 10:20 a.m. a motion was made by Dr. Connors **to end the public session and go into quasi judicial session to deliberate on a final decision in 2020-000985-IT-ENF pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 18(d), to be followed by a Closed Session per G.L. c. 112, § 65C held for the purpose of reviewing cases in investigative conference**, seconded by Dr. Grosso and VOTED (roll call). The motion passed as follows:

In favor: Jolly, Debs, Bush, Grosso, Denaro, Connors

Opposed: none

The Chair announced that public session would not resume after the closed sessions.

NEW AND OPEN CASES

The Board took the following actions during closed session:

Investigative Case Conference: [Closed Session: G.L. c. 112, § 65C]

- 2022-000134-IT-ENF Tabled to December meeting

- 2022-000296-IT-ENF Tabled to December meeting

Quasi-Judicial Session: [Closed Session: G.L. c. 30A, § 18(d)]

- 2020-000985-IT-ENF Deliberated on Final Decision.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at the conclusion of closed session at 10:55a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaclyn Debs, D.C., Secretary
Board of Registration of Chiropractors

Documents used by the Board during open session:

- *Posted agenda 11/3/22*
- *Draft public meeting minutes of 10/13/22*
- *Order of the Commissioner of Public Health, COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Order No. 2022-19, (masking updates) Issued October 13, 2022*
- *DPH Guidance for Wearing Face Masks in Certain Settings, Effective October 13, 2022*
- *DPH Guidance for Health Care Personnel with SARS-CoV2 Infection or Exposure*
- *Dr. J. Donovan reactivation application*