

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Bureau of Health Professions Licensure
Board of Registration of Chiropractors
250 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02108**

Public Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2025

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.

Attendees were informed that the meeting was being recorded.

Dr. Grosso noted a quorum of members present via video or phone and called the meeting to order at 9:59 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Joseph Grosso, Chair
Dr. Jaclyn Debs, Vice Chair
Dr. Kathleen O'Malley
Dr. Janine Pulley
Dr. David Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT

none

STAFF PRESENT

Lisa Guglietta, Board Executive Director
Katie Goldrick, Board Associate Executive Director
Sheila York, Esq., Board Counsel
Emily Gauthier, Esq., Board Counsel

ATTENDANCE:

Dr. Grosso took attendance by roll call and a quorum of board members was recorded with the following members present via video conference: *Grosso, O'Malley, Debs, Pulley, Smith*

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Dr. Grosso asked that the Executive Session be removed from the agenda as the applicant could not attend the meeting. Thereafter a motion was made by Dr. Pulley, seconded by Dr. O'Malley and VOTED (roll call); **to approve the November 6, 2025 agenda as amended.**

in-favor: Grosso, O'Malley, Debs, Pulley, Smith

opposed: none

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Dr. Grosso asked for a motion to approve the draft October 2, 2025 meeting minutes. Thereafter a motion was made by Dr. Debs, seconded by Dr. Smith and VOTED (roll call); **to approve the public meeting minutes of October 2, 2025 as drafted.**

in-favor: Grosso, O'Malley, Debs, Pulley, Smith

opposed: none

2026 BOARD MEETING DATES

The Board discussed the meeting dates for 2026. Dr. Grosso noted that the January meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 7, 2026. The Executive Director asked if board members would like to change the monthly meeting time from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. The Board agreed to keep the 10:00 a.m. meeting time. Thereafter a motion was made by Dr. O'Malley, seconded by Dr. Debs and VOTED (roll call); **to approve the 2026 board meeting dates.**

in-favor: Grosso, O'Malley, Debs, Pulley, Smith

opposed: none

COMPLIANCE MONITORING

2020-000985-IT-ENF Swiatoslaw A. Paduchak CHI1689

Dr. Mark Elfman submitted an incomplete second monitoring report for his visit to Dr. Paduchak's office on September 18, 2025. He noted that Dr. Paduchak had a new address. In his report Dr. Elfman wrote that Dr. Paduchak's previous office had a flooding problem and he had to change sites. The new facility had no electricity and therefore Dr. Elfman did not have the ability to monitor or audit any patient files. At the time of Dr. Elfman's first monitoring visit on March 3, 2025, Dr. Paduchak had been in the early stages of contracting with ChiroTouch and changing patient files to electronic health records.

The Executive Director informed the Board that Dr. Paduchak had submitted a Corrective Action Report the night before the meeting in response to Dr. Elfman's report. Dr. Grosso asked Attorney York about Dr. Elfman's report. Attorney York explained that per the first monitor there was a lack of cooperation. The first monitor resigned. There was then a time period when the Board was not receiving the name of a new monitor. The Board then sent a notice of violation with intent to suspend document. Dr. Paduchak then came into compliance with the consent terms and the Board did not go forward with the suspension. Attorney York noted that now a monitor is letting the Board know again that the licensee is not able to be monitored. Attorney York noted some things of concern such as the facility did not have electricity and Dr. Elfman was not able to audit any patient files. Auditing on a timely basis is a requirement of probation. Attorney York stated that the Board does have grounds, if inclined, to direct staff to issue a notice of violation and intent to suspend letter based on the missed monitoring report. The license would be suspended effective within 10 days of the letter. The licensee has a right to request a hearing. Attorney York then asked the Executive Director to read Dr. Paduchak's report for the record. After the report was read, Dr. Grosso noted that there must have been records between the licensee's first monitoring report in March 2025 until August 1st when he needed to relocate his practice. Dr. O'Malley noted that there were extenuating circumstances, and she hopes the office is safer for patients. Dr. O'Malley added that the March 2025 monitoring report was positive, and the licensee was taking things seriously. Dr. Debs noted that the ChiroTouch issue seemed to be resolved. Dr. Pulley suggested that a monitoring session be held earlier than April to make sure things are on track. Attorney York noted her concerns with

the lack of electricity and the safety of the public in an unfinished space with an extension cord. Attorney York suggested that the Board not wait until April for the next audit. She noted that the monitor and not the licensee had informed the Board about the need for the office relocation and the conditions of the new space. Dr. Smith agreed that a new monitoring report was needed sooner. Dr. Smith voiced his concern about how the licensee was maintaining his records during the time without electricity and when he was not using ChiroTouch. Dr. Smith noted that this was a record keeping issue from the start and the Board needs to know if the licensee is taking it seriously given that record keeping is a very important part of the professional license.

Thereafter a motion was made by Dr. O’Malley, seconded by Dr. Smith and VOTED (roll call); **to defer action on a potential probation violation until the next meeting, and to require an on-site audit by Dr. Elfman within two weeks, and require a monitoring report for the December meeting.**

in-favor: Grosso, O’Malley, Debs, Pulley, Smith

opposed: none

DISCUSSION

Draft Guidance for Petitioning Waiver of Experience Requirement for Chiropractors of Record Under 233 CMR 5.04 (4)

The Board discussed the draft guidance which clarifies how a licensed chiropractor may request a waiver of the four years of experience requirement for the “Chiropractor of Record” (“CHoR”) position in a chiropractic facility pursuant to the regulations. Board members did not have any questions or suggested edits. Thereafter a motion was made by Dr. Smith, seconded by Dr. O’Malley and VOTED (roll call); **to direct staff to submit the draft guidance for administrative review.**

in-favor: Grosso, O’Malley, Debs, Pulley, Smith

opposed: none

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:25 a.m. a motion was made by Dr. Debs, seconded by Dr. Pulley and VOTED (roll call); **to end the public session and go into closed session per M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C.**

in-favor: Grosso, O’Malley, Pulley, Debs, Smith

opposed: none

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Guglietta, Executive Director
Board of Registration of Chiropractors

Documents used by the Board during open session:

- *Posted agenda 11/6/2025*
- *Draft public meeting minutes of 10/2/2025*
- *2026 Board meeting dates*
- *Compliance Monitoring Report for Swiatoslaw A. Paduchak 2020-000985-IT-ENF*

- *Draft Guidance for Petitioning Waiver of Experience Requirement for Chiropractors of Record Under 233 CMR 5.04 (4)*