# **Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Occupational Licensure**

# **Board of Registration of Chiropractors**

1000 Washington Street Boston, MA 02118

## **Public Meeting Minutes**

#### **JANUARY 6, 2022**

A public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Chiropractors (the Board) was held remotely with video conference 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 via video or phone and called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Glen 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 (at various times)**

Lisa Guglietta, Board Executive Director Eboni Lewis, Associate Board Executive Director Sheila York, Esq., Board Legal Counsel Ellen D'Agostino, Office of Investigations

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

none

#### <u>AGENDA</u>

The Board reviewed the posted agenda. Ms. Guglietta had no new business item to include.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Shilts seconded by Dr. Fanselow and VOTED (roll call); to set the meeting's agenda as posted.

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

opposed: none

#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST and OPEN MEETING REQUIREMENTS**

Atty. York reminded Board members that the Public Comment portion of the meeting is not an opportunity to debate issues or answer broad questions. She said it should be used as an opportunity to take-in information relevant to matters within the scope of the Board's authority and identify possible topics for future discussion.

## **PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

**December 2, 2021** 

The Board discussed the draft public meeting minutes of 12/2/2021.

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

to approve the public meeting minutes of December 2, 2021 as drafted.

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

opposed: none

#### **STAFF REPORTS**

none

#### **BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

Dr. Dodes asked to move the next meeting from Feb. 3rd to the 10th. No member or staff expressed a conflict.

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

to move the scheduled 2/3/22 Board meeting to 2/10/22.

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

opposed: none

## CHIROPRACTIC LICENSE REINSTATEMENT PROCESS

## • Application Form

The Board reviewed a draft application form, and identified specific changes.

## • Continuing Education (CE) Credits

Dr. Shilts said that nearly all reinstatement applicants send in more CE credit-hours than what is required. He suggested the Board look at credit-hours per submitted CE certificate, consider the oldest credit-hours first (obtained after the date of license expiration), and report all of the acceptable hours on a CE certificate once the threshold number of required hours has been met. Dr. Dodes suggested the task be generally assigned to the board Secretary for a report during the meeting with a reinstatement application.

Ms. Lewis said the Division treats an expired license as easily renewable over the ensuing 365 days by simply requiring the doctor pay the registration fee and a late fee, and attest to having completed the (12-hour) CE requirement on the (online) renewal form. She said after 365 days (but before 5-years has elapsed) getting back an expired license would go through the reinstatement process including completion of an application, payment of two registration fees and a late fee, undergoing a CORI (criminal history) background check, and a review of the submitted CE credit certificates.

Thereafter, the Board gave direction to staff.

#### CHIROPRACTIC LICENSE REINSTATEMENT APPLICATIONS

## • Dr. Ann (Goldberg) Flores

The Board reviewed Dr. Flores' application and CE certificates. The license lapsed in 3/2018.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Shilts, seconded by Dr. Fanselow and VOTED (roll call); to accept the submitted CE certificate, ANJC 3/2018-12/2021 (40-hours), and allow the application to continue in the reinstatement process.

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

## • Dr. Mitchel Friedman

The Board reviewed Dr. Friedman's application and CE certificates. The license lapsed in 3/2020.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Shilts, seconded by Dr. Fanselow and VOTED (roll call); to accept the submitted CE certificate, NE College of Health Science 12/2021 (23-hours), and allow the

#### application to continue in the reinstatement process.

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

opposed: none

## CHIROPRACTOR OF RECORD (CHoR) WAIVER DENIAL, REQUEST for RECONSIDERATION

## • Carolyn Oliveira, D.C.

Dr. Oliveira asked the Board to reconsider its denial of her CHoR waiver application. The Board discussed the basic purpose and requirements to serve as a CHoR as well as some history in granting waivers or issuing denials.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Fanselow, seconded by Dr. Freedman and VOTED (roll call); to reconsider the Board's 12/2/21 denial of a CHoR waiver to Carolyn Oliveira, D.C.

in-favor: Fanselow & Freedman

opposed: Shilts, Bush, Maddalo & Dodes

**MOTION FAILS** 

## **COMPLIANCE MONITORING**

#### • 2020-000229-IT-ENF

The Board reviewed an auditor's report and the licensee's corrective action letter in this case.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Shilts, seconded by Dr. Fanselow and VOTED (roll call); to accept the 11/23/21 auditor's report and 12/11/21 corrective action letter in this case.

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

opposed: none

#### 2020-000230-IT-ENF

The Board reviewed an auditor's report and the facility's corrective action letter in this case.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Shilts, seconded by Dr. Fanselow and VOTED (roll call); to accept the 12/07/21 auditor's report and 12/21/21 corrective action letter in this case.

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

opposed: none

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

none

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

• **Jennifer Herlihy** asked about a legal document which she recently submitted to the Board regarding a licensee. Atty. York declined to respond, explaining that the comment related to a legal matter pending before an agency hearings officer and that public comment was not an opportunity for debate or to solicit responsive comments from Board members or staff.

# NEW AND OPEN CASES

# ADJUDICATORY SESSION

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

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Fanselow, seconded by Dr. Freedman and VOTED (roll call); to close the open meeting at 12:22 p.m. per MGL ch. 112, sec. 65C to discuss new and open cases to be followed by a closed adjudicatory session per MGL ch. 30A, sec. 18, para. (5)(d) and any additional closed sec. 65C session if warranted.

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

opposed: none

The Board took the following actions during closed session:

• AIB Fraud Investigation Gave direction to staff

• 2021-000861-IT-ENF Sent to Office of Prosecutions

The Board took the following actions during closed adjudicatory session:

• 2021-000938-IT-ENF Voided temporary order of suspension, dated 12/14/21

The Board took the following actions during closed session:

• CH-15-007 Re-opened complaint

#### **NEW LICENSEE INTERVIEWS**

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

- Dr. Jon Horvath (CA)
- Dr. Taylor Turner (NY)
- Dr. Aaron Douyard (MA)
- Dr. Camilla Anderson (Ontario, Canada)
- Dr. Alexandra Fitzgerald (MA)
- Dr. Chullainn Kelly (MA)

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The public meeting adjourned at the conclusion of the closed session at 1:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Shilts, D.C., Secretary

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# Documents used by the Board during open session:

- Posted agenda 1/6/22
- Draft public meeting minutes of 12/2/21
- Draft license reinstatement form
- Reinstatement application documents, A. Flores
- Reinstatement application documents, M. Friedman
- CHoR waiver application documents, C. Oliveira
- Compliance report, 11/23/21 & Corrective action letter, 12/11/21 Re: 2020-000229-IT-ENF
- Compliance report, 12/7/21 & Corrective action letter, 12/21/21 Re: 2020-000230-IT-ENF

<sup>\*</sup> The above minutes were approved during the open meeting of the Board held on February 10, 2022