

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

Public Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2023

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.

Ms. Guglietta reminded everyone that today's meeting will be recorded and to mute themselves if necessary to avoid background noise.

Dr. Jolly noted a quorum of members present via video or phone and called the meeting to order at 10:10 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
Dr. Kathleen O'Malley, Member

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
Lauren McShane, Investigative Supervisor

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, O'Malley, Debs, Bush, Grosso, Denaro, Connors*

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Dr. Grosso to approve the agenda, seconded by Dr. O'Malley and VOTED (roll call); **to approve the February 2, 2023 agenda.**
in-favor: Jolly, O'Malley, 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 1/05/23.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. O'Malley, seconded by Dr. Grosso and VOTED (roll call);
to approve the public meeting minutes of January 5, 2023 as drafted.

in-favor: Jolly, O'Malley, Debs, Bush, Grosso, Denaro, Connors

opposed: none

DISCUSSION

National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) Annual Meeting Delegates

The Board discussed the NBCE Annual Meeting which is scheduled for April 28, 2023. The Board is not sending delegates this year.

NBCE Part IV Practical Examination Administrations

The Board discussed the upcoming NBCE examinations for the Spring and the Fall. The Board is not sending examiners this year.

Response to Requests for Board Approval of Continuing Education Courses

The Board discussed Board staff's response to requests for approval of continuing education courses which is: **The Board does not review continuing education courses for acceptance. The licensee must ensure that a course is in compliance with Board Regulations and the Board Policy Guideline on Continuing Education.**

The Board discussed this statement in the Board Policy Guideline on Continuing Education: **A newly licensed chiropractor does not need to obtain CE credits during the time from initial licensure through March 31st in the chronological year following their newly being licensed.**

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Connors, seconded by Dr. Denaro and VOTED (roll call);
to continue with the above staff response to requests for CE course approval and to not require chiropractors newly licensed in Massachusetts to obtain CE credits in the first year of licensure.

in-favor: Jolly, O'Malley, Debs, Bush, Grosso, Denaro, Connors

opposed: none

REACTIVATION APPLICATIONS

Patricia Moore license CHI2067 expired on 03/31/2021.

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

To approve the reactivation application of Dr. Moore.

in-favor: Jolly, O'Malley, Debs, Bush, Grosso, Denaro, Connors

opposed: none

John Casey license CHI2108 expired on 03/31/2021.

A motion was made by Dr. Grosso, seconded by Dr. O'Malley and VOTED (roll call);

To approve the reactivation application of Dr. Casey.

in-favor: Jolly, O'Malley, Debs, Bush, Grosso, Denaro, Connors

opposed: none

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Tyler Proctor who is licensed in Utah requested a status update on his reciprocity application for MA licensure. Dr. Tyler also has a pending application for a facility license. Ms. Guglietta stated that she would follow up with Professional Credential Services (PCS) and get back to him on the status.

CLOSED SESSION

At 10:53 a.m. a motion was made by Dr. O'Malley **to end the public session and go into Closed Session per G.L. c. 112, § 65C 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, O'Malley, Debs, Bush, Grosso, Denaro, Connors

Opposed: none

A 10-minute break was taken so that Attorney York could address her poor internet connection and reconnect. Closed session began at 11:03 a.m.

NEW AND OPEN CASES

The Board took the following actions during closed session:

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

- INV6556 Sent to Prosecution
- 2022-000134-IT-ENF Dismissed with Advisory
- 2022-000296-IT-ENF Dismissed with Advisory

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at the conclusion of Closed Session at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Documents used by the Board during open session:

- *Posted agenda 02/02/2023*
- *Draft public meeting minutes of 1/5/23*
- *Email from NBCE regarding annual meeting*

- *Email from NBCE regarding examination administrations*
- *Reactivation applications of Patricia Moore, D.C. and John Casey, D.C.*