

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

**Public Meeting Minutes**

**April 4, 2024**

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. Grosso noted a quorum of members present via video or phone and called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**STAFF PRESENT**

Lisa Guglietta, Board Executive Director  
Katie Goldrick, Board Associate Executive Director  
Sheila York, 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, Debs, Bush, Connors, Jolly, Denaro, O'Malley*.

Lisa Guglietta asked the public to mute their microphones and reminded the attendees that the meeting was being recorded.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Dr. Grosso asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Thereafter a motion was made by Dr. Jolly, seconded by Dr. O'Malley and VOTED (roll call); **to approve the April 4, 2024 agenda as drafted.**

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

*opposed: none*

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND OPEN MEETING LAW 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 3/7/24.

Thereafter a motion was made by Dr. O'Malley, seconded by Dr. Debs and VOTED (roll call); **to approve the public meeting minutes of March 7, 2024 as drafted.**

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

*opposed: none*

## **COMPLIANCE MONITORING**

### **Swiatoslaw A. Paduchak - Docket No. 2020-000985-IT-ENF – Second Monitoring Report**

The Board discussed Dr. Paduchak's second monitoring report. Thereafter a motion was made by Dr. Jolly, seconded by Dr. Debs and VOTED (roll call); **to accept the second monitoring report.**

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

*opposed: none*

### **Holley Heyert Docket No. 2021-000271-IT-ENF - Second Monitoring Report**

The Board discussed Dr. Heyert's second monitoring report. Thereafter a motion was made by Dr. Debs, seconded by Dr. O'Malley and VOTED (roll call); **to accept the second monitoring report.**

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

*opposed: none*

## **REACTIVATION APPLICATION**

### **Ann Powers Giunta, D.C. - Application CHIRA100025**

The Board discussed Dr. Giunta's license reactivation application. Thereafter a motion was made by Dr. Jolly, seconded by Dr. O'Malley and VOTED (roll call); **to approve her reactivation application.**

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

*opposed: none*

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Email from Caroline Joy Co dated 4/14/24 regarding clarification on the practice and educational requirements for instrument assisted soft tissue mobilization. The Board discussed the email and thereafter gave direction to staff to reply to the email with a reference to regulations 233 CMR 4.01: (1)(c)3.

Email from Vincent DiCianni, Esq. of Affiliated Monitors dated 3/21/24. Email was received and read by Board members. The Executive Director had previously responded that the information would be shared with the Board.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **Revisions to Board Policy Guideline on Continuing Education**

The Board reviewed and discussed the corrections in red that Attorney York had made to the policy per the direction of the Board at the March meeting. Thereafter a motion was made by Dr. Debs, seconded by Dr. Denaro and VOTED (roll call); **to accept the revisions to the policy guideline on continuing education.**

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

*opposed: none*

### **Review of Board Policy on Informed Consent**

The Board continued its discussion of Informed Consent. The Board agrees that it is best practice for doctors at minimum to obtain a signed written consent form at the initial establishment of a patient into their practice. Dr. Jolly stated that in her practice she obtains a signed written consent form for the initial evaluation and then has patients sign another informed consent after the evaluation. Attorney York reminded the Board that making changes to the regulations around informed consent is a multi-step process and rewording must be done carefully as it applies to public protection. Changes to the Board Policy on Informed Consent must be consistent with the current regulations. Regulation changes can take a year and the Board may need to change the regulations first before making certain changes to the policy.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tracey Lane from the Massachusetts Chiropractic Society stated that Bill H.2121 for a chiropractic preceptorship program has made it to the Finance Committee. Tracey reported that Maine passed a preceptorship program in November 2023 and recently changed its continuing education requirements to 60 hours every two years. Other states in New England that have a preceptorship program include New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. She also discussed the importance of reaching out to chiropractic colleges to help increase the number of students coming into the chiropractic profession in Massachusetts. There is a recruiting effort April 9-10 at the University of Bridgeport for those interested in attending. She stated the recent Safety Net Seminar was well attended.

Dr. Mark Davini commented on the importance of preceptorships in MA. He informed the Board that currently only the Doctor of Record can bill for services and other state boards have made provisions to cover preceptor services under the provider category.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

At 10:44 a.m. the Chair requested a motion to end the public session and go into closed session.

Thereafter a motion was made by Dr. Jolly, seconded by Dr. O'Malley and VOTED (roll call); **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.** The motion passed as follows:

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

*opposed: none*

## **NEW AND OPEN CASES**

The Board took the following actions during closed session:

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

- *Docket Number CHR-2022-0005 – Sent to Prosecutions*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:49 a.m. a motion was made by Dr. Grosso, seconded by Dr. Jolly and VOTED (roll call); to end the closed session.

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

*opposed: none*

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary M. Connors, D.C., Secretary  
Board of Registration of Chiropractors

### **Documents used by the Board during open session:**

- *Posted agenda 04/04/2024*
- *Draft public meeting minutes of 03/07/2024*
- *Monitoring Report for Swiatoslaw A. Paduchak, D.C.*
- *Monitoring Report for Holley Heyert, D.C.*
- *Reactivation Application for Ann Powers Giunta, D.C.*
- *Email from Caroline Joy Co*
- *Email and Affiliated Monitors information from Vincent DiCianni, Esq.*
- *Revised Board Policy Guideline on Continuing Education*
- *Board Policy Guideline on Informed Consent*