Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Occupational Licensure

Board of Registration of Chiropractors

1000 Washington Street Boston, MA 02118

Public Meeting Minutes

MAY 5, 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 22 of the Acts of 2022, signed into law on February 12, 2022.

Dr. Reida noted a quorum of members present via video or phone and called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Daniel Reida, Chair

Dr. Sunit Jolly, Vice Chair

Dr. Jaclyn Debs, Secretary

Ms. Barbara Bush, Public Member

Dr. Joseph Grosso, Member

Dr. Kathleen O'Malley, Member

Dr. Abbey Denaro, Member

STAFF PRESENT

Lisa Guglietta, Board Executive Director Sheila York, Esq., Board Counsel

OTHERS PRESENT (at various times)

Dr. Majid Sababi, Applicant for License Reinstatement Dr. Nicholas Calandra, Applicant for Facility Chiropractor of Record Dave Koehn, Owner of Boston Physical Therapy & Wellness

ATTENDANCE

Dr. Reida took attendance by roll call. All Board members were present via video conference.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST and OPEN MEETING REQUIREMENTS

Atty. York reviewed Conflict of Interest and Open Meeting Law definitions with the Board. Members should contact Atty. York with questions about possible conflicts with applicants, petitioners, or cases before the Board.

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

The Board discussed the draft public meeting minutes of 04/07/22. Barbara Bush noted that the sentence by the signature line which states that the minutes have been approved on May 5th should not appear on the draft prior to the vote being taken.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Jolly, seconded by Dr. O'Malley and VOTED (roll call); to approve the public meeting minutes of April 7, 2022 as amended.

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

opposed: none

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

The Board reviewed the draft executive session meeting minutes of 04/07/22. Atty. York noted that if there were any changes to the content of the executive minutes it would need to be discussed in executive session. Barbara Bush suggested the same change as in the public minutes. A motion was made by Dr. Reida, seconded by Dr. Debs and VOTED (roll call); to approve the executive minutes of April 7, 2022 as amended.

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

opposed: none

MEETING SCHEDULE AND LOCATION

Ms. Guglietta stated that the law allowing for virtual meetings is scheduled to expire on July 15, 2022. The law may be amended to allow for virtual board meetings after that date, but the Board will likely be able to choose whether to schedule virtual or in-person meetings. The Board does not meet in July and members discussed the possibility of future in-person meetings. Board members were open to scheduling 2-3 in-person meetings in Boston during the year.

Dr. Jolly suggested that the new licensee orientation meeting should continue to be held virtually on Microsoft Teams due to the short length of the meeting and the travel time required for out-of-state candidates which could postpone their starting jobs.

STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Guglietta discussed the new licensee interview/orientation which takes place at 9:00 AM before every Board meeting. One hour is allotted for this meeting and Board members present the orientation on a rotating schedule. Ms. Guglietta will send the presenter schedule to members. The Board discussed possibly eliminating the meeting as a requirement for licensure as the presentation is short and the one-page document could be distributed to new licensees. The Board plans to revisit this topic at a later meeting after all members have had a chance to present.

REQUEST TO REINSTATE SUSPENDED LICENSE

Majid Sababi, License 3300-CH-CH, requested a reinstatement of his suspended license. Dr. Sababi attended the meeting and explained the circumstances of his license suspension. Dr. Sababi's continuing education units (CEUs) were submitted per the Board's request.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Jolly, seconded by Dr. Denaro, **to remove Dr. Sababi's license from suspended status.** The motion passed as follows (roll call):

In favor: Reida, Jolly, Debs, Bush, Grosso, O'Malley, Denaro

Opposed: none

CHIROPRACTOR OR RECORD EXPERIENCE WAIVER REQUEST

Nicholas Calandra, License 3777-CH-CH, attended the meeting to request that the Board waive the years of experience requirement for him to be Chiropractor of Record for the chiropractor facility Boston PT and Wellness. The facility owner, Dave Koehn, also attended the meeting. Dr. Calandra did not have four years of experience as a licensed chiropractor and was a recent graduate. There were to be no other licensed chiropractors on staff.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Jolly, seconded by Dr. Reida, to deny Dr. Calandra's Chiropractor of Record Experience Waiver request due to lack of experience. The motion passed as follows (roll call):

In favor: Reida, Jolly, Debs, Bush, Grosso, O'Malley, Denaro

Opposed: none

BOARD DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY POLICY

Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

COMPLIANCE MONITORING

Dr. Eric Ledin, License 2101-CH-CH, requested early termination of his probation. Per his consent agreement, a total of 12 reports were due during his three-year probation period. The Board discussed the reports submitted by his monitor who stated that Dr. Ledin was in full compliance.

Thereafter a motion was made by Dr. Reida, seconded by Ms. Bush, and VOTED (roll call) to accept the seventh monitor's report of March 25, 2022, to eliminate monitoring, and to take Dr. Ledin off probation when the time period of his suspension expires in July 2022. The motion passed as follows (roll call):

In favor: Reida, Jolly, Debs, Bush, Grosso, O'Malley, Denaro

Opposed: none

NEW BUSINESS

Atty. York stated that DOL's General Counsel would like to remind the Board that the mask requirement in healthcare practices, including chiropractic offices and facilities, per the Department of Public Health is still in effect.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CLOSED SESSION

At 10:58 a.m. a motion was made by Dr. Reida to end the public session and, after a 10-minute break, go into Closed Session per G.L. c. 112, § 65C for the purpose of reviewing cases in investigative conference, seconded by Dr. O'Malley and VOTED (roll call). The motion passed as follows:

In favor: Reida, Jolly, Debs, Bush, Grosso, O'Malley, Denaro

Opposed: none

NEW AND OPEN CASES

The Board took the following actions during closed session:

•	2021-000859-IT-ENF (BCC)	Dismissed without prejudice
•	2021-000886-IT-ENF (RW)	Dismissed without prejudice
•	2021-000887-IT-ENF (MB)	Dismissed without prejudice
•	2021-000889-IT-ENF (MM)	Dismissed without prejudice
•	2021-001070-IT-ENF (RM)	Sent to prosecutions
•	2022-000157-IT-ENF (TC)	Closed case with no action
•	2022-000181-IT-ENF (TC)	Closed case with no action
•	2021-001108-IT-ENF (DA)	Tabled to next meeting
•	2022-000044-IT-ENF (JD)	Closed case with no action

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

• 2020-000985-IT-ENF (SP) Tabled to June

NEW LICENSEE INTERVIEWS

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

- Dan Gaunya (CT)
- Rachel Meilun (RI)
- Matthew Hammer (CT)
- Timothy Moller (NY)
- Eniel Rolon (Puerto Rico)
- Kyle Lin (NY)
- Keith Kowalczyk (MA)
- Dwayne Acoba (CA)

ADJOURNMENT

The public meeting adjourned at the conclusion of closed session at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Documents used by the Board during open session:

- Posted agenda 5/5/22
- Draft public meeting minutes of 4/7/22
- Draft executive session minutes of 4/7/22 (to be held confidential)
- License reinstatement request and supporting documents, M. Sababi
- Chiropractor of Record Experience Waiver form and supporting documents, N. Calandra
- Compliance monitoring reports, Consent Agreement, E. Ledin