

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

Public Meeting Minutes

August 1, 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.

The Executive Director, Lisa Guglietta, informed the attendees 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 10:08 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT AT VARIOUS TIMES

Lisa Guglietta, Board Executive Director
Katie Goldrick, Board Associate Executive Director
Sheila York, Esq., Board Counsel
Ellen D'Agostino, Investigator
Lauren McShane, Investigations Supervisor
Jonathan Dillon, Director of Policy
Sophia Emidy, Policy Intern
Edmund Taglieri, Pharmacy Substance Use Disorder Program

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, Denaro, Jolly, O'Malley.*

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Dr. Grosso asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Thereafter a motion was made by Dr. Debs, seconded by Dr. O'Malley and VOTED (roll call); **to approve the August 1, 2024 agenda as drafted.**

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

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 June 6, 2024.

Thereafter a motion was made by Dr. Debs, seconded by Dr. Denaro and VOTED (roll call); **to approve the public meeting minutes of June 6, 2024 as drafted.**

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

opposed: none

abstain: Jolly

URAMP - Unified Recovery and Monitoring Program

Jonathan Dillon, Director of Policy, introduced the Board to the Unified Recovery and Monitoring Program (URAMP). The URAMP seeks to support health professionals with meeting their substance use disorder (SUD) and/or mental health related recovery goals while preserving public safety. Licensees voluntarily enter URAMP and work, pursuant to the program structure, to modify the personal antecedents that may have contributed to the event(s) that led to program entry. The URAMP monitors the participant's recovery and restoration activities instead of directly providing recovery related interventions. URAMP will be accessible to licensees of all 21 Bureau of Health Professions Licensure boards as an alternative to discipline program.

Mr. Dillon provided a slide presentation and answered questions from Board members. He asked members to consider what return-to-practice conditions they would recommend for their licensees and encouraged members to contact the program with suggestions.

MASS CHIROPRACTIC SOCIETY UPDATE

Tracey Lane provided an update regarding the progress of the student preceptorship bill. The bill is still active but was not voted on in July. The bill will be reconsidered in the Fall, and she stated that she feels hopeful that it will pass. Mass Chiro's advocacy for non-opioid care is ongoing.

CLOSED SESSION

At 10:51 a.m. the Chair requested a motion to end the public session and go into closed session.

Thereafter a motion was made by Dr. O'Malley, seconded by Dr. Jolly 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, Bush, Grosso, Debs, Denaro, O'Malley, and Jolly.

opposed: none

At 10:55 a.m. the Chair took roll call to begin Closed Session.

Members Present: *Bush, O'Malley, Denaro, Jolly, Connors, Debs, Grosso.*

NEW AND OPEN CASES

The Board took the following actions during closed session:

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

- Automobile Insurers Bureau of Massachusetts Provider Billing Report – *Report read and reviewed*
- CASE-2023-0858 – *Close case with no further action*
- CASE-2024-1815 – *Close case with no further action*

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:21 a.m. a motion was made by Dr. Jolly, seconded by Dr. O'Malley and VOTED (roll call); **to end the closed session.**

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

opposed: none

Respectfully submitted,

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

Documents used by the Board during open session:

- *Posted agenda 08/01/2024*
- *Draft public meeting minutes of 06/06/2024*
- *URAMP Introduction*