

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

Public Meeting Minutes

September 5, 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 10:12 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Jaclyn Debs, Vice Chair
Dr. Abbey Denaro, 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, Bush, Connors, O'Malley*.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Dr. Grosso asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Thereafter a motion was made by Dr. O'Malley seconded by Ms. Barbara Bush and VOTED (roll call); **to approve the**

September 5, 2024 agenda as drafted.

in-favor: Connors, Bush, Grosso, 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 August 1, 2024.

Thereafter a motion was made by Dr. O'Malley seconded by Ms. Barbara Bush and VOTED (roll call); **to approve the public meeting minutes of August 1, 2024 as drafted.**

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

opposed: none

Dr. Jolly joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

REACTIVATION APPLICATIONS

Michael Sofer CHI2923 – License expired on 3/31/2016

The Board discussed the license reactivation application. Dr. Sofer passed the jurisprudence exam. Thereafter a motion was made by Dr. Jolly, seconded by Dr. O'Malley, and VOTED (roll call); **to accept the reactivation application.**

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

opposed: none

Nathan Slawsky CHI2779 - License expired on 03/31/2022

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

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

opposed: none

Vincent Greeno CHI1007 - License expired on 03/31/2021

The Board discussed the license reactivation application. The Chair noted that the licensee had responded in his answers that he practiced chiropractic when his license was expired. Thereafter a motion was made by Dr. O'Malley, seconded by Dr. Jolly and VOTED (roll call); **to accept the reactivation application.**

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

opposed: none

The Chair asked Attorney York to review the options for the unlicensed practice.

Thereafter a motion was made by Dr. O'Malley seconded by Ms. Barbara Bush and VOTED (roll call); **to open a formal complaint.**

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

opposed: none

COMPLIANCE MONITORING UPDATE

John-Christian Loiodice – Docket Number CHR-2022-0007

The Executive Director informed the Board that the licensee was offered an opportunity to cure the violation of his consent agreement. If 30 days elapses from the date of the notice of violation and the required documentation is not received, the matter will go before the Board at the October 3, 2024 meeting. The Board will then consider suspending or revoking Dr. Loiodice's license per his consent agreement.

FEEDBACK ON AUGUST URAMP PRESENTATION

The Board was asked to provide feedback on the Unified Recovery and Monitoring Program (URAMP) presentation from the August 1, 2024 meeting. Board staff will send the feedback and suggestions to the program administrators. The Chair noted that most chiropractors were in private practice and that being unable to work for six months or more could be highly detrimental to a chiropractor's livelihood. The Board agreed that patient safety is a big concern especially for solo practitioners who work alone and that a person should not be practicing while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Chiropractors do not have drugs available in their practices. Dr. Jolly made the point that chiropractors do not specialize in mental health or substance abuse and asked if URAMP program monitors and the specialists working with the licensees could give recommendations for when a chiropractor could return to practice. There are many conditions that vary in severity and the licensed professionals who treat these conditions are better suited to determine under what conditions they could return to practice. There may need to be different rules for return to practice for chiropractors in group practices versus those who are solo practitioners. Solo chiropractors may need to stay in the program longer if there is no one on site to oversee them.

Before adjournment Barbara Bush informed the Board that this was her last meeting as the public member. She stated that she had been on the board for seven- and one-half years and has thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Board members and board staff thanked her for her service.

At 10:45 a.m. Dr. O'Malley left the meeting due to a lost internet connection.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:51 a.m. a motion was made by Dr. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Barbara Bush and VOTED (roll call); **to end the public session.**

in-favor: Connors, Bush Grosso, 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 09/05/2024*
- *Draft public meeting minutes of 08/01//2024*
- *Reactivation Applications for licenses CHI2923, CHI2779, and CHI1007*
- *Notice of Violation and Opportunity to Cure for license CHI3414*
- *URAMP PowerPoint slides*