

**Board of Registration of Dispensing Opticians
Public Session Minutes**

Date: September 4, 2024 Time: 10:00 a.m.

A public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Dispensing Opticians (“the Board”) was held via Videoconference and Conference Call pursuant to section 40 of chapter 2 of the acts of 2023, signed into law on March 29, 2023.

Board Members Present:

Mark Davini, Board Secretary
Jesse Ellis
Deborah Black
Alicja Prachanronarong

Board Members not Present:

William Carleton, Board Chair

Staff Present:

Shiela York, Board Counsel
Thomas F. Burke, Executive Director
Lauren McShane, Chief Investigator
Margaret McKenna, Board Staff
Isaac Badner, Board Staff Intern
Jonathan Dillon, Director of Policy
Lauren Nelson, Deputy Director
Edmond Taglieri, PSUD Program Director
and Nursing Home Administrator
Mark Waksmonski, SARP Coordinator, Board of
Registration in Nursing
Gillian Coffey, Health Communications Manager
Sophia Emidy, Regulatory Affairs Intern

Housekeeping:

- Board Secretary, Mark Davini called the meeting to order at 10:02 am and established a quorum via calling attendance: Jesse Ellis, Deborah Black, Alicja Prachanronarong, and Mark Davini. All members participated remotely via Cisco Webex.

Board Business:

- Public Session agenda for September 4, 2024: **Mr. Ellis moved to accept the agenda. Ms. Black seconded. The motion to approve the August 20, 2024 agenda passed by a roll call vote: Ms. Black: “Yes”, Mr. Ellis: “Yes”, Dr. Davini: “Yes”, Mr. Carleton: “Not Present”, Ms. Prachanronarong: “Yes”.**
- Public Meeting Minutes from June 5, 2024: **Mr. Ellis moved to accept the minutes and Ms. Prachanronarong. The motion to accept the June 5, 2024 minutes passed by a roll call vote: Ms. Black: “Yes”, Mr. Ellis: “Yes”, Dr. Davini: “Yes”, Mr. Carleton: “Not Present”, Ms. Prachanronarong: “Yes”.**
- **Presentation on URAMP, alternative-to-discipline monitoring program for all licensed healthcare professionals in Massachusetts**

Jonathan Dillon, Director of Policy, and other advisory committee members met with the Board to discuss implementation of the Unified Recovery and Monitoring Program (URAMP) at the Bureau of Health Professions Licensure (BHPL). Mr. Dillon explained

how URAMP allows licensed professionals, when referred by licensing boards, to voluntarily enter the program as an alternative to discipline through a supervised monitoring program as they address substance use disorder (SUD) and/or mental health care recovery goals. URAMP monitors the individual's compliance with recovery and restoration activities so that licensed professionals who successfully complete the program may return to their professional practice. Upon rollout of the program, URAMP will be available to licensees of all 21 BHPL boards. Mr. Dillion asked the board members to consider specific return-to-practice conditions they would recommend for their licensees and encouraged them to discuss suitable practice conditions at subsequent board meetings.

Application Review:

- At 10:57 a.m. the Board was scheduled to meet with applicants for licensure and reviewed applications and additional documentation. Below is a list of the candidates for review and the motion and roll call vote for each:

Angel Huynh – **After review of Ms. Huynh application, Mr. Ellis moved to approve her for licensure. Ms. Prachanronarong seconded. Motion passed by a roll call vote: Ms. Black: “Yes”, Mr. Ellis: “Yes”, Dr. Davini: “Yes”, Mr. Carleton: “Not Present”, Ms. Prachanronarong: “Yes”.**

James Robert Benson - **After review of Mr. Bensons application, Mr. Ellis moved to approve him for licensure. Ms. Black seconded. Motion passed by a roll call vote: Ms. Black: “Yes”, Mr. Ellis: “Yes”, Dr. Davini: “Yes”, Mr. Carleton: “Not Present”, Ms. Prachanronarong: “Yes”.**

Calder Martin - **After review of Mr. Martins’s application, Mr. Ellis moved to approve him for licensure. Ms. Prachanronarong seconded. Motion passed by a roll call vote: Ms. Black: “Yes”, Mr. Ellis: “Yes”, Dr. Davini: “Yes”, Mr. Carleton: “Not Present”, Ms. Prachanronarong: “Yes”.**

Axel Lara - **After review of Mr. Lara’s application, Mr. Ellis moved to approve him for licensure. Ms. Prachanronarong seconded. Motion passed by a roll call vote: Ms. Black: “Yes”, Mr. Ellis: “Yes”, Dr. Davini: “Yes”, Mr. Carleton: “Not Present”, Ms. Prachanronarong: “Yes”.**

Genesis Lara - **After review of Ms. Lara’s application, Ms. Black moved to approve her for licensure. Mr. Ellis seconded. Motion passed by a roll call vote: Ms. Black: “Yes”, Mr. Ellis: “Yes”, Dr. Davini: “Yes”, Mr. Carleton: “Not Present”, Ms. Prachanronarong: “Yes”.**

Christopher Suriel-Tavarez - **After review of Mr. Suriel-Tavarez’s application, Mr. Ellis moved to approve him for licensure. Ms. Black seconded. Motion passed by a roll call vote: Ms. Black: “Yes”, Mr. Ellis: “Yes”, Dr. Davini: “Yes”, Mr. Carleton: “Not Present”, Ms. Prachanronarong: “Yes”.**

Robert Lutters - After review of Mr. Lutters's application, Mr. Ellis moved to approve him for licensure. Dr. Davini seconded. Motion passed by a roll call vote: Ms. Black: "Abstain", Mr. Ellis: "Yes", Dr. Davini: "Yes", Mr. Carleton: "Not Present", Ms. Prachanronarong: "No".

Discussion

Mr. Ellis moved to table discussion topics on the public session agenda for discussion at a subsequent board meeting. Ms. Prachanronarong seconded. Motion passed by a roll call vote: Ms. Black: "Yes", Mr. Ellis: "Yes", Dr. Davini: "Yes", Mr. Carleton: "Not Present", Ms. Prachanronarong: "Yes".

- Review of draft dispensing optician apprenticeship policy
- Review of frequently asked questions regarding:
 - starting an apprenticeship, taking exams, and applying for licensure
 - managers serving as apprentices
 - lab work
 - extending an apprenticeship
- Review of draft interpretation of 235 CMR 4.04(6) *Lens Hardening, including drop ball testing*

Adjournment:

At 11:29 a.m., Mr. Ellis moved to adjourn the public meeting. Dr. Davini seconded. Motion passed by a roll call vote: Ms. Black: "Yes", Mr. Ellis: "Yes", Dr. Davini: "Yes", Mr. Carleton: "Not Present", Ms. Prachanronarong: "Yes".

Move to closed session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C:

At 11:29 a.m., Mr. Ellis moved to enter into closed session to conduct investigatory conference, pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §65C, and at the conclusion of the closed session, not return to the public meeting. Ms. Prachanronarong seconded. Motion passed by a roll call vote: Ms. Black: "Yes", Mr. Ellis: "Yes", Dr. Davini: "Yes", Mr. Carleton: "Not Present", Ms. Prachanronarong: "Yes".

Board Secretary, Mark Davini called the meeting to order at 11:37 am and established a quorum via calling attendance: Jesse Ellis, Deborah Black, Alicja Prachanronarong, and Mark Davini. All members participated remotely via Cisco Webex.

During the closed session, the Board took the following action:

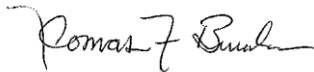
- Review 65C closed session agenda September 4, 2024: Mr. Ellis moved to accept the agenda. Ms. Black seconded. The motion passed by a roll call vote: Ms. Black: "Yes", Mr. Ellis: "Yes", Dr. Davini: "Yes", Mr. Carleton: "Not Present", Ms. Prachanronarong: "Yes".
- CASE-2023-0859 – Referred to prosecutions.
- INV10090 – Screened out for insufficient evidence.

- CASE-2023-0774 – Refer to Board Counsel.

Adjournment:

- **At 12:27 p.m., Mr. Ellis moved to adjourn the public meeting. Ms. Black seconded. Motion passed by a roll call vote: Ms. Black: “Yes”, Mr. Ellis: “Yes”, Dr. Davini: “Yes”, Mr. Carleton: “Not Present”, Ms. Prachanronarong: “Yes”.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Thomas F. Burke
Executive Director

Documents used in the open meeting:

- Public session meeting agenda for September 4, 2024
- Draft public meeting minutes from August 20, 2024
- Application for A. Huynh (protected personal data redacted)
- Application for J. Benson (protected personal data redacted)
- Application for C. Martin (protected personal data redacted)
- Application for A. Lara (protected personal data redacted)
- Application for G. Lara (protected personal data redacted)
- Application for C. Suriel-Tavarez (protected personal data redacted)
- Application for R. Lutters (protected personal data redacted)