

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**Division of Professional Licensure**  
**Board of Registration of Chiropractors**  
**1000 Washington Street**  
**Boston, MA 02118**

**APRIL 13, 2017**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Chiropractors (the Board) was held in Room 1C, 1000 Washington Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Dr. Storozuk noted a quorum of members present, and the meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dr. Scott Storozuk, Chair

Dr. Kirk Shilts, Secretary

Dr. Glenn Dodes, Member

Dr. Marsella Imonti, Member

Dr. Candace Maddalo, Member

Ms. Barbara Bush, Public Member

Absent: Dr. Dan Reida, Vice Chair

**STAFF PRESENT at Various Times:**

Brian Bialas, Board Executive Director

Sheila York, Esq., Board Legal Counsel

Ellen D'Agostino, DPL Office of Investigations

**CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE:**

Dr. Storozuk welcomed new members Dr. Candace Maddalo and Ms. Barbara Bush to the Board.

**AGENDA:**

Dr. Storozuk reviewed the draft agenda with the Board. Dr. Shilts asked to include a discussion of scheduling Board officer elections under new business.

Thereafter, a Motion was made by Dr. Dodes, seconded by Dr. Shilts, and it was VOTED (unanimous); **to approve the meeting's agenda with additions.**

**PAST MEETING MINUTES:**

The Board reviewed the draft meeting minutes of March 2, 2017.

Thereafter, a Motion was made by Dr. Shilts, seconded by Dr. Dodes, and it was VOTED (unanimous); **to approve the public meeting minutes of March 2, 2017 as drafted.**

Thereafter, a Motion was made by Dr. Shilts, seconded by Dr. Dodes, and it was VOTED (unanimous); **to approve the executive session minutes of March 2, 2017 as drafted, and keep these minutes confidential until the purpose necessitating executive session has concluded.**

**NEW & OPEN CASES:**

The Board prepared to discuss investigative matters.

Thereafter, a Motion was made by Dr. Dodes, seconded by Dr. Imonti, and it was VOTED (unanimous); **to suspend the open meeting at 10:22 a.m. pursuant to MGL c. 112, § 65C and enter into closed conference to discuss settlement terms in 20160502CH042-IT-ENF [MT].**

In closed session, a Motion was made by Dr. Shilts, seconded by Dr. Imonti, and it was VOTED (unanimous); **to exit closed session and resume open session at 11:00 a.m.**

Report of actions taken during closed session:

- **20160502CH042-IT-ENF [MT]** The Board gave direction to staff.

#### **CHIROPRACTOR OF RECORD APPROVAL:**

##### **CF # 116 [Boston Community Chiropractic]**

The Board prepared to discuss the application of Dr. Lawrence Gray for the position of Chiropractor of Record (CHoR) for this chiropractic facility. Mr. Edmond Prawl, principal owner of the licensed facility, accompanied Dr. Gray. In response to questions from Board members, Dr. Gray explained his experience as a chiropractor, the facilities he had previously worked at, and his prior consent agreement with the Board. Dr. Gray stated that he planned to continue to work at his full time job and that he would spend Saturdays at BCC.

Thereafter, a Motion was made by Dr. Shilts, seconded by Dr. Dodes and it was VOTED (unanimous), with Dr. Maddalo abstaining;  
**to deny the application of Dr. Lawrence Grey for the position of Chiropractic of Record for this facility.**

#### **LEGAL REPORT:**

Atty. York discussed the following legal matters with the Board.

- **Legislative Update, Bills H#2808 & H#2809**

Atty. York said two proposed bills in the State House of Representatives were filed that seek to amend chiropractic enabling statutes relative to the continuing education requirement and chiropractic students. These two House bills mirror similar bills filed in the State Senate.

#### **CASE MONITORING REPORT:**

Dr. Imonti presented her recommendations with regard to the following monitoring documents received:

- **20151116CH027-IT-ENF [PD]** Monitoring Report (2/14/17) & Corrective Action Plan (2/28/17)
- **20060926CH044-IT-ENF [JG]** Monitoring Report (2/27/17)
- **20101026CH023-IT-ENF [BCC]** Monitoring Report (2/14/17) & Corrective Action Plan (undated, time-stamped 3-1-17)

Thereafter, a Motion was made by Dr. Shilts, seconded by Dr. Dodes and it was VOTED (unanimous); **to accept Dr. Imonti's recommendations as follows:**

- **20151116CH027-IT-ENF [PD]** No action taken; no further monitoring reports until licensee is working in an operating practice.
- **20060926CH044-IT-ENF [JG]** No action taken; directed staff to invite licensee and monitor for board interview.
- **20101026CH023-IT-ENF [BCC]** No action taken; **Facility cannot operate and** monitoring reports cannot  
be completed until licensed facility has a CHoR.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Board reviewed the following correspondences.

- **National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE)** 12/22/16 email regarding a call for Board members willing to participate in the June NBCE Part-4 Test Committee and the NBCE Part-IV Exams in May and November.

**Thereafter, Dr. Imonti volunteered and was selected to represent the Board at the NBCE Part-IV practical exam in May and June Part-IV test committee.**

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

The Board discussed the following topics:

- **Group Insurance Commission Meeting:**  
Dr. Shilts reported on a December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting he was invited to attend with Director Roberta Herman, M.D. of the state Group Insurance Commission (GIC). He said the meeting centered on the issue of chiropractic procedures for children twelve-years and younger. He described the Board's history about this matter including a prior meeting with the state's Division of Insurance. He said the GIC does not consider spinal manipulation of children to be a health and safety concern, though GIC still has a policy that denies payment for these services.
- **Connecticut State Board of Chiropractors Examiners Meeting:**  
Dr. Storozuk reported on an April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting he was invited to attend with the Connecticut chiropractic licensing board. He said this informational meeting included presentations by the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards (FCLB) on its PACE and CCCA programs and a presentation by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) on its EBAS ethics assessment. He provided a brief description of each program. He also noted how the Connecticut chiropractic board serves in a more advisory capacity to its licensing agency compared to our state's format.
- **New Licentiate Orientation/Interviews:**  
Mr. Bialas facilitated the discussion on the need to develop a written policy regarding the Board's new candidate monthly interviews. The Board discussed why the Board requires these interviews, the topics covered during the interviews, and possible reasons for excusing attendance at a Board meeting. Board staff will draft a policy for the Board's consideration at a future meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Items not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48-hours in advance of the meeting:

- **Annual Board Officers Elections:**  
Dr. Shilts suggested the upcoming Board officer annual elections should include an intent to run/ nomination process and vote process over two consecutive meetings which past boards had utilized. He said this could help reduce conversations occurring outside of meetings. He also said the position of Vice Chair is not referenced in statute and could be eliminated. Atty. York expressed concern with any Board member communications occurring outside of a meeting, including serial discussions that may violate the state's Open Meeting law. She also said the statute stipulates that annual officer elections should correlate to either the beginning of an annual-year in January or the fiscal-year in July.

Thereafter, a Motion was made by Dr. Imonti, seconded by Dr. Maddalo, and it was VOTED (unanimous); **to hold board officer nominations during the Board's June meeting and elections during the July**

meeting.

**NEW LICENSEE INTERVIEWS:**

After the meeting, the following candidates were scheduled to complete their new licentiate orientations/interviews with a Board Member:

- Leslie Mitzel (MI); Jillian London (MA); Ryan Chin (NJ) & Allison DiSalvo (MA)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Dr. Storozuk noted there were no more agenda items.

Thereafter, a Motion was made by Dr. Imonti, seconded by Dr. Dodes, and it was VOTED (unanimous);  
**to adjourn the April 13, 2017 public meeting of the Board of Registration of Chiropractors at 12:49 p.m.**

The above minutes were approved during the open meeting held on May 11, 2017.



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Brian Bialas, Executive Director  
Board of Registration of Chiropractors

*Documents used by the Board during open session:*

- Meeting agenda for 4/13/17
- Draft minutes of the 3/2/17 public meeting and executive session
- CHoR application of Dr. Lawrence Gray
- 2017 Massachusetts House of Representative Legislative Bills: H#2808 & H#2809
- Monitoring Report & Corrective Action Plan re: **20151116CH027-IT-ENF [PD]**
- Monitoring Report & Corrective Action Plan re: **20101026CH023-IT-ENF [BCC]**
- Monitoring Report re: **20060926CH044-IT-ENF [JG]**
- Email 12-22-16 from NBCE re: NBCE Part-IV Test Committee and NBCE Part-IV Exam participations