

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

OCTOBER 4, 2018

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

Dr. Dodes noted a quorum of members present and the meeting called to order at 10:02 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Glenn Dodes, Chair
Dr. Peter Martone, Vice Chair
Dr. Kirk Shilts, Secretary
Ms. Barbara Bush, Public Member
Dr. Gabrielle Freedman, Member
Dr. Candace Maddalo, Member
Dr. Scott Storozuk, Member

STAFF PRESENT at Various Times:

Richard Lawless, Board Associate Executive Director
Sheila York, Esq., Board Legal Counsel
Ellen D'Agostino, Office of Investigations
James Reid, Esq., Health Care Fraud Office
Julie Brady, Esq., Health Care Fraud Office

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE:

Dr. Dodes said his 2018 fall report to the Massachusetts Chiropractic Society (MCS) mentioned at the prior meeting is available for review should anyone have a question.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST REMINDER:

Atty. York briefly reviewed the state's conflict of interest process and procedures for handling Board member recusals.

AGENDA:

Dr. Dodes reviewed the draft agenda with the Board.

- Dr. Shilts asked to have his report from the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards (FCLB) District III & IV meeting included under new business.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Storozuk, seconded by Dr. Maddalo and VOTED (unanimous);
to approve the meeting's agenda as amended.

PAST MEETING MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the draft public meeting minutes of September 9, 2018.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Shilts, seconded by Dr. Freedman and VOTED (unanimous);
to approve the public meeting minutes of July 19, 2018 as drafted.

NEW & OPEN CASES:

The Board prepared to discuss open and investigative matters.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Storozuk, seconded by Dr. Martone and VOTED (unanimous); **to enter into Closed Session under G.L. c. 112, s. 65C at 10:05 a.m. for the purpose of discussing open and investigatory matters.**

Dr. Dodes estimated that closed session would last for about ninety minutes.

Open Session resumed at 12:10 a.m.

During Closed Session the Board took the following actions:

- **2018-000184-IT-ENF [HPCC]** – Held investigative interview
- **2018-000692-IT-ENF [KC]** – Postponed
- **2018-000667-IT-ENF [RR]** – Postponed
- **Automobile Insurance Bureau Report** – Gave direction to staff

LEGAL REPORT:

Atty. York discussed the following matters with the Board:

- **Patient Record Regulations Update:** No report.
- **Proposed Regulation Update:** No Report.

CASE MONITORING:

- **2016-0111CH033-IT-ENF [SF]**

The Board met with the licensee to explain the purpose and process for obtaining a case monitor.

CHIROPRACTIC FACILITY APPLICATION:

The Board discussed this pending facility application.

- **Santos Family Chiropractic**

Thereafter, the Board gave direction to staff to process the application.

Dr. Storozuk was recused from this facility application and left the room

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

The Board discussed the following topics:

- **Board Meeting Minutes Process:**

Thereafter, the Board took no action.

- **Board Packet Security:**

The Board discussed the concerns and options for distributing board packets to members prior to the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Potential Speakers for Patient Treatment Procedures:**

Dr. Dodes said he was asked about having a speaker come to the Board with information on the topic of trigger-point needle stimulation (dry needling) as a supportive procedure.

Thereafter, the Board welcomed the opportunity to hear information on this issue.

- **FCLB 2018 District Meeting Report:**

Dr. Shilts discussed the 2018 FCLB District III & IV Meeting held in September in Florida. He mentioned Dr. Martone's bicycle mishap the day prior to travel that prevented Dr. Martone from also attending. He said about twenty-five state licensing boards were represented.

Dr. Shilts said roundtable discussion topics included the opioid epidemic, multi-disciplinary clinic schemes, trigger-point needle stimulation vs. Acupuncture, CBD (cannabis) oil, and chiropractic peer review panels overseen by the licensing board.

Dr. Shilts said presentations from the FCLB included the development of standards for online continuing education courses and the NBCE describing its various examinations including Part-4 offered 2x/year and SPEC offered 6x/year. He also mentioned the ethics-based EBAS assessment, which nursing boards and medical physician boards have the highest rate of all users.

Thereafter, the Board thanked Dr. Shilts for his report.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

- Thomas Sullivan, D.C.

Dr. Sullivan said it was his opinion that MA statute allows chiropractors to perform Acupuncture.

NEW LICENSEE INTERVIEWS:

After the meeting, the following candidates were scheduled to complete their new licentiate orientation/interview:

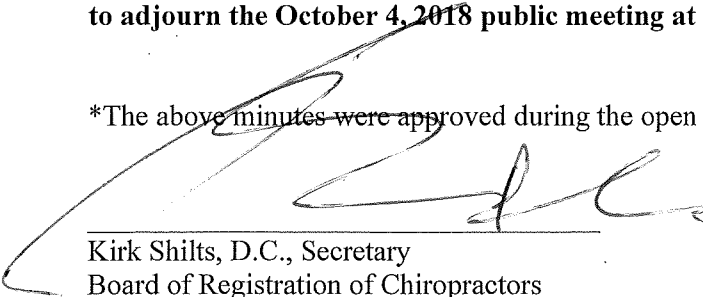
- Angela Fix Ortiz (CA); Yvonne Ide (MA); Jessie Swink (DE); and Marilyn Johnson (MA)

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Dodes noted there were no more agenda items.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Martone, seconded by Dr. Freedman and VOTED (unanimous); to adjourn the October 4, 2018 public meeting at 12:47 p.m.

*The above minutes were approved during the open meeting of the Board held on November 15, 2018.



Kirk Shilts, D.C., Secretary
Board of Registration of Chiropractors

Documents used by the Board during open session:

- *Proposed meeting agenda for 10/4/18*
- *Draft public meeting minutes from 9/6/18*
- *Fall 2018 Report to the MCS*

