

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth Public Records Division

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Dear Attorney Douglas:

I have received the petition of Henryk Milewski appealing the response of the Board of Registration in Medicine (BORIM) to a request for public records. G. L. c. 66, § 10A; see also 950 C.M.R. 32.08(1).

After careful review of the file, I am unable to determine what Mr. Milewski had specifically requested. All petitions for appeal shall be in writing and shall **specifically describe the nature of the requester's objections** to the responses or failure to timely response. 950 C.M.R. 32.08(1)(f). However, based on Mr. Milewski's correspondence, it is unclear what the basis of his appeal is. Nonetheless, after BORIM was made aware of this appeal, a representative within BORIM noted willingness to provide a response seeking clarification. Accordingly, BORIM is to provide a written response. Said response shall be made in accordance with the Public Records Law, its Access Regulations and this order within ten business days.

This office encourages Mr. Milewski and BORIM to continue to communicate to facilitate providing records more efficiently and affordably. For example, Mr. Milewski may wish to clarify which additional records he seeks. See G. L. c. 66, § 10(a)(i) (the request must reasonably describe the public record sought); G. L. c. 66, § 10(b)(vii) (an agency shall suggest a reasonable modification of the scope of the request or offer to assist the requestor to modify the scope of the request if doing so would enable the agency to produce records sought more efficiently and affordably).

It is preferable to send an electronic copy of pertinent correspondence to this office at pre@sec.state.ma.us. If issues remain unresolved, Mr. Milewski may appeal within ninety days. See 950 C.M.R. 32.08(1). Accordingly, I will consider this administrative appeal closed.

Sincerely,

Rebecca S. Murray Supervisor of Records

cc: Henryk Milewski