

## **MINUTES**

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### **THE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF PODIATRY EXAMINERS**

*Board Meeting of Monday, December 2, 2019*

Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building  
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Bradley Keefer, of Murrell's Inlet, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting of the South Carolina Board of Podiatry Examiners to order at 3:14 p.m. on Monday, December 2, 2019, with a quorum present. Other members of the Board present included Dr. James B. Cahill, of Sumter, Dr. Rahn Ravenell, of Mt. Pleasant via teleconference, and Dr. Brad Lindstrom, of Simpsonville.

Members of the staff participating or present at various times in the meeting included: Jack Beasley, Asst. Deputy Director; Sheridan Spoon, Administrator; Adam Russell, Office of Advice Counsel; Shanika Johnson, Office of Disciplinary Counsel; Ashley Bailey, Office of Investigations and Enforcement; Temeka Atkinson, Administrative Assistant.

All votes by the Board reported in these minutes were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

Dr. Keefer announced that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act by notice to *The State* newspaper, Associated Press, and notices posted on the bulletin boards located at both the main entrances of the Kingstree Building where the Board office is located.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the agenda for this meeting and the minutes from the June 3, 2019 meeting and Dr. Cahill made a motion to approve the agenda and minutes. Dr. Lindstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Adam Russell, Office of Advice Counsel provided an update on pending legislation including H4670, H4711, and H4720.

#### **CE BROKER UPDATE**

Jack Beasley, Asst. Deputy Director, presented CE Broker update. CE Broker sent a report to LLR on November 30, 2019 regarding how many Podiatrists had completed their CMEs. As of date of this meeting, approximately 50% have signed up for an account with CE Broker. LLR will send out an email to those who have not yet signed up with CE Broker prior to the

end of the renewal period on December 31, 2020. After renewals are over an audit of CE will be conducted by the Board to ensure compliance.

## **OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT**

Ashley Bailey from OIE filled in for Chief Investigator, Gregg Hinson and presented to the Board the OIE Training and Statistics reports for the year-to-date 2019. She presented the current IRC report, which included two cases for dismissal: Case 2019-3 and Case 2019-4. Dr. Lindstrom made a motion to accept the IRC recommendation of dismissal for the cases. Dr. Cahill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **ODC HEARING**

*2017-3, MOA, Harvey M. Watson, Esq. for Respondent, Shanika Moore, Esq., ODC*

The Board considered the MOA, the arguments of counsel, and the testimony of the Respondent. Dr. Lindstrom made a motion for the Board to enter into Executive Session. Dr. Cahill seconded. Motion carried.

Executive Session

Dr. Cahill made a motion for the Board to come out of Executive Session. Dr. Keefer seconded. Motion carried. Dr Lindstrom made a motion for the Board to issue a Letter of Caution to Respondent. Dr. Cahill seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion Items:

### 1. CME course approval for Infection Control and Epidemiology course

April LeClear, Compliance Manager for InStride Foot & Ankle Specialists emailed a request that a course that she in conjunction with SC Department of Health are developing as an in-service for Infection Control and Epidemiology be considered as accepted CME hours for SC Podiatrists. She provided an email of a course outline still in development to be presented to the Board with her written request. Ms. LeClear declined to attend the meeting in-person or call in for any further presentation, or to be available for Board members questions.

After discussion, the Board decided to advise Ms. LeClear that the course should be submitted for accreditation through a governing medical organization, such as APMA, AMA, or CPME. Once the course is accredited, then it would be considered acceptable for Podiatrists towards their biennial CME requirements.

### 2. 2020 Statement of Economic Interests filing deadline, March 30, 2020.

The board administrator will email the Board members the information for the 2020 Statement of Economic Interest from the SC Ethics Commission.

### 3. Update of Board member contact information

LLR Office of Governmental Affairs wants to make sure we have all Board Members current contact information, to include their Business addresses and phone numbers. Board members were asked

### **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

Dr. Keefer shared that he had found the CE Broker website and the process of submitting CMEs to be user-friendly.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS**

Podiatry License Renewals-The number of podiatrists who have renewed is 86. Automated renewal emails will be sent at intervals of fifteen days up to 1 week to any Podiatrists that have not renewed up to the end of renewals on December 31, 2019.

Board Member Vehicle Tags- A brief overview of previously emailed information on ordering Board member car tags which are available through the DMV but are not required.

Elections Update- The election for the Upper District seat was completed and the results were sent to the Governor's office for further review and approval. The Lower District seat is expiring December 31, 2019 so the Board will be holding an election for that seat. Asked Board members to submit any suggestions on any interested, qualified candidates for the vacant Public member seat.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Dr. Lindstrom moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Dr. Cahill. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on Monday June 1, 2020.

Respectfully  
submitted,

Temeka Atkinson,  
Administrative  
Asst.