

## MINUTES

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### THE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF PODIATRY EXAMINERS

*Teleconference Board Meeting of Monday, June  
7, 2021*

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 3:04 p.m. on Monday, June 7, 2021, with a quorum present. Other members of the Board present included Dr. James Cahill, of Sumter, Dr. Rahn Ravenell, of Mt. Pleasant, and Dr. William Harris of Rock Hill.

Members of the staff participating or present at various times in the meeting included: Sheridan Spoon, Administrator; Adam Russell, Office of Advice Counsel; Shanika Moore, Office of Disciplinary Counsel; Ashley Bailey-McNair, Byron Ray, and Carmen Bonner, Office of Investigations and Enforcement; Katie Phillips, Office of Communications and Governmental Affairs; 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 Podiatry Board minutes from the December 7, 2020 meeting and Dr. Cahill made a motion to approve the agenda and minutes. Dr. Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Katie Phillips, Office of Communications and Governmental Affairs advised that the Governor's State of Emergency ended on June 7, 2021. She also advised that a Joint Resolution passed that gave Podiatrists the ability to administer the COVID-19 vaccine effective April 12, 2021 through September 1, 2021. Also, she advised that the COVID-19 Liability Protection Act passed that offers practitioners and businesses that follow established protocols protections against COVID-19 related lawsuits and became effective April 28, 2021.

## **OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT**

Ashley Bailey-McNair, OIE presented the Investigative Review Committee (IRC) Training Report and Case Recommendations report. which included two cases that were recommended for dismissal (Case 2020-10 and 2021-1). Dr. Cahill made a motion to accept the IRC recommendation for dismissal for both cases. Dr. Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried. Case 2019-6 was presented for a Letter of Caution. Dr. Ravenell made a motion to accept the IRC recommendation and Dr. Cahill seconded. Motion carried. Case 2020-9 was presented for a Formal Complaint. Dr. Cahill made a motion to accept the recommendation for a Formal Complaint; Dr. Ravenell seconded. Motion carried.

## **DISCUSS TEMS**

### *1—Joint Podiatric Surgery Advisory Committee meeting*

Sheridon Spoon, Administrator asked the Board members if they had any questions or concerns regarding the minutes from the May 28, 2021 meeting of the JPSAC. There were no concerns presented by the Board.

### *2--Consideration of Appointment of IRC Members: primary, alternate*

Sheridon Spoon, Administrator informed the Board that since Dr. William Harris had been elected to the Upper District Seat, it left an opening on the Investigative Review Committee (IRC) and asked for any recommendations for the IRC from the Board. The Board recommended Dr. Brad Lindstrom and Dr. Robert Ezewuiro.

### *3—Podiatry election-Lower District, Central, Upper Districts*

The Board Members were presented with a Summary Sheet of the current Board seat statuses for the Lower, Central, and Upper Districts depicting the Term dates and status of election results that had already been held and currently waiting for appointment for each applicable Board Seat.

### *4—Part III of the APMLE (NBPME) Examination*

The Board wanted confirmation that all parts of the National Board Examination must be completed for any applicants seeking Podiatry Licensure in SC even if there was no Part III at the time of the applicant completed their Podiatry Degree. Adam Russell, Advice Counsel confirmed that if the state where the applicant is residing does not have reciprocity with SC, then the applicant would have to meet all the requirements for licensure in SC based on the Practice Act which includes all parts of the National Board Examination. There is no “grandfather clause” that would allow the Board to waive this requirement.

### *5--2021 Podiatry Renewals*

Sheridon Spoon, Administrator advised that the Podiatry Board online renewals would open October 1, 2021 through deadline December 31, 2021. Renewal notices will be emailed out two weeks prior to the beginning of the Renewals and recommendation is that the licensees make

sure that their email addresses are current on file with the Board prior to that time.

#### *6--Future Meeting Dates*

The Board was presented with the scheduled Podiatry Board Meeting Dates from 2021-2025. They discussed a desire to meet only in-person for future for dates involving hearings, but to meet by Telephone conference or Video conference for dates with no hearings. Sheridan Spoon advised that currently that is up to their discretion at this time.

#### **Chairman's Remarks**

Dr. Keefer welcomed new Board member Dr. William Harris representing the Upper District.

#### **Administrator's Remarks**

No remarks.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Dr. Ravenell moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:53 p.m., which was seconded by Dr. Cahill. Motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on Monday December 6, 2021.

Respectfully  
submitted,

Temeka Atkinson,  
Administrative  
Asst.