

MINUTES

—of—

THE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF PODIATRY EXAMINERS

Board Meeting of Monday, December 6, 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 regular meeting of the South Carolina Board of Podiatry Examiners to order at 03:04 p.m. on Monday, December 6, 2021, at 110 Centerview Drive, with a quorum present. Other members of the Board present included Dr. James B. Cahill, of Sumter, and Dr. Rahn Ravenell, of Mt. Pleasant and Dr. William Harris IV, of Rock Hill.

Members of the staff participating or present at various times in the meeting included: Margaret Murdock, Administrator; Megan Flannery, Office of Advice Counsel; Temeka Atkinson, Administrative Assistant; Christa Bell, Office of Investigations and Enforcement, and Shanika Moore, Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

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 agenda for this meeting was reviewed and Dr. Cahill made a motion to approve the Agenda that was seconded by Dr. Ravenell and unanimously passed. The Board reviewed the minutes from the June 7, 2021 meeting. Dr. Cahill made a motion that was seconded by Dr. Ravenell and unanimously passed to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD ADMINISTRATOR AND ADVICE COUNSEL

Dr. Keefer introduced the new Podiatry Board administrator, Margaret Murdock, who joined LLR on December 2, 2021. He also introduced Megan Flannery as the new Advice Counsel for the Podiatry Board effective October 2021.

INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

Christa Bell, Assistant Deputy Director for Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE), explained to the Board that the Podiatry Board has a new chief investigator, Amanda Branham that was unavailable for the meeting because she was in a mandatory training. Ms. Bell introduced to the Board members, four new investigators to the OIE department. She then presented the IRC report which included two cases presented for approval: Case #2021-3 presented for dismissal and Case #2020-4 presented for a Letter of Caution (LOC). Dr. Cahill made a motion to approve the dismissal and Letter of Caution and was seconded by Dr. Ravenell. Motion carried.

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL HEARING

2020-9 Disciplinary Hearing, Jack G. Gresh, Esq. and Jennie M. Smith, Esq. for Respondent, Shanika Moore, Esq., ODC

Closed hearing from 3:13 p.m. until 3:58 p.m. Executive Session from 3:38 p.m. to 03:58 p.m.

Motion made by Dr. Ravenell to come out of Executive session at 3:58 p.m. Seconded by Dr. Cahill. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS;

1--Can a Podiatrist supervise Hyperbaric Oxygen (HBO) Treatments?— There was an email inquiry from a Hyperbaric Oxygen treatment facility in SC that wanted to know if a SC licensed Podiatrist can supervise HBO treatments. After a brief discussion of the inquiry, the Board decided to setup a work group that would meet to determine how they wanted to resolve this inquiry and any future inquiries of this nature.

2—South Carolina Podiatric Medical Association (SCPMA) membership—Dr. Keefer received an inquiry from the SCPMA asking if the SC LLR-Board of Podiatry Examiners could send out information on SCPMA with the approval packet mailed out to newly licensed SC Podiatrists. Ms. Flannery, Advice Counsel advised that since the Association is a separate entity she would have to research the request further and notify the Board of her findings at a later date.

CE BROKER CME AUDIT

There was a brief discussion about potentially using the Audit feature through CE Broker to audit the CME hours submitted by the Podiatrists during their renewal period to confirm compliance with the biennial CME requirements.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Dr. Keefer expressed that the Board prefers to meet in-person if there is a hearing scheduled and Web-ex video conferencing for all other meetings at this time.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

Ms. Murdock expressed that she was glad to be joining the Podiatry Board as Administrator and working with the Board members. She explained that she is the Administrator for the Medical Board as well. Prior to joining LLR, she worked for six years with the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dr. Cahill moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Dr. Ravenell. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2022 at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully
submitted,

Temeka
Atkinson
Administrative
Assistant