

MINUTES

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THE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF PODIATRY EXAMINERS

*Board Meeting of Monday, June 6, 2022 3:00 pm via Web-Ex
Video Conference*

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 03:00 p.m. on Monday, June 6, 2022, 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. Excused Absence: 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; Amanda Branham, 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 AGENDA AND MINUTES

The agenda for this meeting was reviewed and Dr. Keefer called for a motion to be made to approve the agenda. Dr. Ravenell made a motion to approve the agenda which was seconded by Dr. Cahill. Motion carried. The Board reviewed the minutes from the December 6, 2021 Podiatry Board meeting and the December 10, 2021 and May 20, 2022 Joint Podiatric Surgery Advisory Committee meetings. Dr. Keefer called for a motion to approve the minutes for the Board meeting and Committee meetings. Dr. Cahill made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Dr. Ravenell. Motion carried.

INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

Amanda Branham, Chief Investigator for Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE), presented the IRC report which included two cases presented for Dismissal: Case #2021-4 and Case #2021-6. Dr. Cahill made a motion to approve the dismissals. Dr. Ravenell seconded. Motion carried. Case #2021-2 was presented for Formal Complaint. Dr. Ravenell made a motion to approve the Formal Complaint which was seconded by Dr. Cahill. Motion carried.

REGULATORY REVIEW

Megan Flannery, Advice Counsel, reviewed the Podiatry Board Regulations with the Board to determine if they wanted to recommend to amend or repeal any of the items which they could go over more specifically at a later date. Once completed, she will send the notes to the Board chair.

DISCUSSION ITEMS;

1—Work Group report: Podiatrists supervision of Hyperbaric Oxygen (HBO) Treatments—

Dr. Ravenell presented the findings of the work group regarding allowing Podiatrists to supervise Hyperbaric Oxygen treatments (HBO). The recommendation of the work group is that in order for a Podiatrists to be qualified to monitor HBO treatments, they must have a specific amount of education/training hours related to HBO, and approval by a credentialing body at a specific hospital, medical center or wound care facility that performs HBO treatments. After researching multiple states guidelines regarding allowance for a Podiatrists to supervise HBO treatments the group discovered that there were various requirements specific to each state.

After a brief discussion between the Board members and Advice counsel, the Board decided to go forward with having regulation added to the Podiatry Practice Act in regard to the additional skills for Hyperbaric Oxygen treatments based on specific qualifications and education. Advice counsel will draft a Notice of Drafting legislation. This issue will be listed on the Board's agenda for the December 5, 2022 meeting. Dr. Keefer called for a motion to have a Notice of drafting. Dr. Cahill made a motion, Dr. Ravenell seconded. Motion carried.

2—American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery (ABFAS) board certification/qualification on Licensee Lookup—

Ms. Flannery, Advice Counsel, explained that this request is still in process. The agency will be able to move forward in adding the requested designation to the Licensee Lookup feature on the Podiatry Board website after the Board has updated its renewal application to include questions regarding board certification/qualification through the ABFAS.

3—Requirement for proof of American Board of Foot and Ankle (ABFAS) board certification/qualification for Initial Podiatry application—

Temeka Atkinson, Administrative Assistant, advised the Board members that sometimes the Initial Podiatry applicants select ‘Yes’ on their application to the question asking if they are ABFAS board certified/qualified; however they are not officially of either status with ABFAS. She explained that in those cases, she has the applicant submit a supplemental statement to their application so that the Board members will not be looking for ABFAS qualification or certification documents when reviewing the completed application.

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 her appreciation for the Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatment (HBOT) work group and the Board members’ service to the State of South Carolina.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dr. Ravenell moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Dr. Cahill. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2022 at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully
submitted,

Temeka
Atkinson
Administrative
Assistant