

MINUTES

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THE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF PODIATRY EXAMINERS

*Board Meeting of Monday, June 3, 2024 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 03:04 p.m. on Monday June 3, 2024, with a quorum present. Other members of the Board present included Dr. James B. Cahill, of Sumter, Dr. William Harris IV, of Rock Hill and Dr. Rahn Ravenell, of Mt. Pleasant.

Members of the staff participating or present at various times in the meeting included: Emily Farr, Agency Director; Jessica Beise, Board Executive; Megan Flannery, Office of Advice Counsel; Temeka Atkinson, Administrative Coordinator; Ervin Bond, Office of Investigations and Enforcement; Tina Brown, Office of Disciplinary Counsel; Luke Allen, Office of Disciplinary Counsel; Virginia Wetzel, Office of Government Affairs; Brittany Hammond, Chief Accounting/Fiscal Manager.

Also present was Court Reporter: Tina Behles

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 and the Board minutes from the December 4, 2023 Podiatry Board meeting were reviewed. Dr. Keefer called for a motion to be made to approve the agenda and minutes. Dr. Cahill made a motion to approve the agenda and minutes which was seconded by Dr. Ravenell. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD EXECUTIVE

The new Podiatry Board Executive, Jessica Beise introduced herself to the Podiatry Board members.

DISCUSSION REGARDING LICENSURE FEES

Agency Director Emily Farr presented a Fiscal report to the Board members regarding the Board's present and future projected revenue earnings and deficits. She suggested that the Board propose to have the regulations updated to increase the biennial renewal fee from \$200.00 to \$275.00 to help bring in more revenue to cover the Board's expenses. After Board discussion, Dr. Cahill made a motion to approve submitting a fee change request for the renewal application in the regulations to the general assembly in January 2025. Dr. Ravenell seconded. Motion carried.

OFFICE OF INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT (OIE) REPORT

Mr. Ervin Bond, Investigator for Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) presented the Board with three cases recommended for Dismissal [2023-2, 2023-3 and 2023-5]. After presentation and review of cases, Dr. Harris made a motion to approve dismissal for all three cases. Dr. Ravenell seconded. Motion carried.

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL (ODC) REPORT

Mr. Luke Allen, Office of Disciplinary Counsel advised that there were no pending cases or cases that have closed since the last meeting.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Megan Flannery, Advice Counsel informed the Board members that the Podiatry Regulation changes that they had previously worked on had passed Legislative review. The new regulations became effective at the end of May 2024, including a section on Podiatrists supervision and administration of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT).

REQUEST FOR CME COURSE APPROVAL WITH CE BROKER

Ms. Jean Kirk, Executive Director of the NC Foot & Ankle Society, presented a request for the Board to allow her to register the NC Foot & Ankle society course in CE Broker under a separate SC account for approved CME providers. She currently has to register the course as an out of state CME course for SC licensees who attend the NC Foot & Ankle Society training. After a brief discussion, Ms. Megan Flannery informed Ms. Kirk that the SC Podiatry Board does not have the authority to require CE Broker to make any changes to their system. However, since the Board members did not have any objection to the course being used by SC Podiatrists, then the Administrative staff would contact CE Broker to find out if they can allow Ms. Kirk to have a SC CME provider account and if so, what would be needed for that process.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

I)—Board Elections

Ms. Beise informed the Board members that the Board would be conducting elections this year for the Central and Lower District seats. The Board sent out Notice of Elections for these seats in 2023 but did not receive any letters of interest for either seat.

II) Licensee Lookup for American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery (ABFAS) qualification/certification

Ms. Beise informed the Board members that the Board's public Licensee Lookup feature is being updated to include the ABFAS qualification/certification designation for licensees that have submitted a copy of their qualification/certification to the Board. Also, a Board certification/qualification question has been added to the Renewal application along with a link to upload the licensee's current certificate.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

None.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

I) Joint Podiatric Surgery Advisory Committee Update (JPSAC)

The Medical Board members approved licensing staff to be able to send out an E-Blast seeking interested physician candidates for the two open physician seats on the Joint Podiatric Surgery Advisory Committee (JPSAC).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dr. Ravenell moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Dr. Harris. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2024 at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully
submitted,

Temeka
Atkinson,
Administrative
Coordinator