MINUTES

of

THE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF PODIATRY EXAMINERS

Board Meeting of Monday, December 2, 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 03:05 p.m. on Monday, December 2,2024, 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: Jessica Beise, Board Executive; Megan Flannery, Office of Advice Counsel; April Howe, Office of Investigations and Enforcement; Casey Smith, Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

Also present was Court Reporter: Tina Behles, CVR-M

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 June 3, 2024 Podiatry Board meeting and the September 23, 2024 Podiatry Board Special Called meeting were reviewed. Motion made to approve the agenda and minutes. Motion carried.

OFFICE OF INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT (OIE) REPORT

Ms. April Howe, Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) presented the Statistical

and Training Report for their department. There were no questions or motions. Ms. Howe then presented two cases recommended for Dismissals [2023-1 and 2024-7]. After review of the cases, motion made to approve dismissals for both cases. Motion carried.

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL (ODC) REPORT

Ms. Casey Smith, Office of Disciplinary Counsel advised that there were no pending cases or cases that have closed since the last meeting.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Ms. Jessica Beise presented information regarding pending legislation.

APPLICATION HEARING

[Delois Washington, DPM]-Closed Application hearing from 03:09 p.m. to 3:52 p.m.

Motion to Executive Session at 3:27 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion to return from Executive Session at 3:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion to disposition of the application. The Board will issue a license to Dr. Washington with the following conditions: Upon the first renewal period of the license, she would have to submit proof of the CME requirements as stated in the Podiatry Board Practice Act. Additionally, within ten days from the date of receipt of the license, she would be required to comply with other conditions known to Dr. Washington and the Board.

Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

None.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REMARKS

- I) Joint Podiatric Surgery Advisory Committee (JPSAC) Report—The Committees meeting was held on November 15, 2024. The three new members were introduced as: Dr. Richard Marks, MD; Dr. Christopher Gross, MD; and Dr. Benjamin Overley, DPM.
- II) **Elections**—Elections were held for the Central, Lower and Upper District Seats. The Transmittal letters regarding the results were sent to the Governor's office. The appointments are pending Governor approval after the next Legislative session held between January and June 2025.

- III) Renewals-The next Podiatry license renewal period will be October 1, 2025-December 31, 2025. Licensees will receive renewal notices once the renewal opens online.
- IV) Scheduled 2025 Meeting Dates: June 2, 2025 and December 1, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion made to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2025 at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Temeka Atkinson, Administrative Coordinator