

MINUTES

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THE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF PODIATRY EXAMINERS

Board Meeting of Monday, December 4, 2017

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 3:42 p.m. on Monday, December 4, 2017, 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. Bradley Lindstrom, of Simpsonville.

Members of the staff participating or present at various times in the meeting included: Sheridan Spoon, Administrator; Adam Russell, Office of Advice Counsel; Candace Gunter, Administrative Assistant; Jason Haynes, Office of Investigations and Enforcement, and Shanika Johnson, 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 & MINUTES

The agenda for this meeting was reviewed and Dr. Keefer made a motion upon consultation with Advice Counsel to entertain a Motion to amend the Agenda to include a review of the Podiatry Boards' existing regulations pursuant to Executive Order 2017-09 issued by Governor Henry D. McMaster. Dr. Ravenell made the motion to amend the Agenda, Dr. Cahill seconded. Motion carried. Dr. Keefer made the Motion to approve the Agenda as amended, Dr. Lindstrom seconded. Motion carried. The Board reviewed the minutes from the June 5, 2017 meeting. Dr. Ravenell made a motion to accept and Dr. Cahill seconded. Motion carried.

GRADING AND EXAM RESULTS

The Board conducted oral examinations for 4 applicants.

1. Dr. Wesley Jackson
2. Dr. Annette Joyce
3. Dr. Porsha Melcher
4. Dr. Katlin O'Hara

Dr. Keefer requested that a motion be made to accept the passing scores and that the applicants be approved for licensure. Dr. Lindstrom made the motion to accept the passing scores and Dr. Cahill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

Jason Haynes, Chief Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) presented the IRC Recommendation report. There were five cases presented for Dismissal (Case #2016-8, Case #2017-1, Case #2017-2, Case #2017-4, and Case #2017-5) and one case presented for Formal Complaint (Case #2017-3). Dr. Cahill made a motion to approve all five Dismissal cases and Dr. Lindstrom seconded motion. Motion carried. Dr. Cahill made a motion to approve the one Formal Complaint case and Dr. Lindstrom seconded motion. Motion carried.

After discussion, Dr. Keefer requested that a motion be made to accept the nominee of Dr. William Long to the Podiatry IRC committee. Dr. Ravenell motioned, Dr. Cahill seconded. Motion carried.

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

Final Order Hearing 2015-4

Shanika Johnson, Office of Disciplinary Counsel presented the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). Respondent was represented by counsel, Mr. Harrison Saunders, Esq. of Columbia. Dr. Keefer made a motion to move into Executive Session that was seconded by Dr. Lindstrom. Motion carried. Dr. Ravenell made a motion to move out of Executive Session that was seconded by Dr. Lindstrom and motion carried. Dr. Keefer made a motion to accept the MOA as presented, suspension of Respondent's Podiatry license to continue until the criminal case resolved, and further action or sanctions of the Board are deferred until the Respondent has completed prison sentence and reappears before the Board. Dr. Cahill seconded. Motion carried.

Final Order Hearing 2016-1

Shanika Johnson, Office of Disciplinary Counsel presented the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). Respondent was represented by counsel, Mr. Clark Price, Esq. of Greenville. Dr. Keefer made a motion to move into Executive Session that was seconded by Dr. Ravenell. Motion carried. Dr. Keefer made the motion to move out of Executive Session that was seconded by Dr. Cahill. Motion carried. Dr. Ravenell made a motion to accept the facts of the MOA as stipulated and to dismiss the case and issue a non-disciplinary Letter of Caution (LOC). seconded by Dr. Cahill. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator presented an update regarding the 2017 online Podiatry renewal. There were one hundred ninety-eight Podiatry Renewal Notices mailed out. As of 12/4/2017, Ninety-four Podiatrists have renewed their license. In approximately a week or two after today's meeting, an E-Blast will be sent out to any Podiatrists that are still pending renewal.

REGULATION REVIEW

Adam Russell, Advice Counsel presented to the Board, Executive Order No. 2017-09, from the Office of Governor, Henry D. McMaster. The Board did not recommend any updates or amendments to the existing Podiatry Board regulations Chapter 134-10 through 134-50. A report will be generated by the Agency and sent to the Office of the Governor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dr. Ravenell moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Dr. Lindstrom. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2018.

Respectfully
submitted,

Temeka
Atkinson
Administrative
Assistant