

MINUTES

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THE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF PODIATRY EXAMINERS

Board Meeting of Monday, June 4, 2018

Synergy Business Park, Kingtree 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 3:54 p.m. on Monday, June 4, 2018, at 110 Centerview Drive, with a quorum present. Other members of the Board present included Dr. James B. Cahill, of Sumter, Dr. Rahn Ravenell, of Mt. Pleasant, and Dr. Brad 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; Temeka Atkinson, Administrative Assistant; Shanika Johnson, Office of Disciplinary Counsel; Gregg Hinson, Office of Investigations and Enforcement; and Rebecca Leach, Office of Communications and Governmental Affairs.

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 Kingtree Building where the Board office is located.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES

The agenda for this meeting was reviewed along with the minutes from the December 4, 2017 meeting. Dr. Ravenell made a motion to approve the Agenda and to amend the minutes to make a correction to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel section. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cahill and unanimously passed.

GRADING AND EXAM RESULTS

The Board conducted examinations for five applicants:

1. Dr. Sabina Abbasova
2. Dr. George Mina
3. Dr. Jacqueline Morrison-Nozik
4. Dr. Dolly Stelzer

5. Dr. Christopher Tyree

Dr. Lindstrom made a motion that the passing scores be accepted. Dr. Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT

Gregg Hinson, Interim Chief Investigator, presented to the Board the OIE Training Report for 2017 and Statistics of Cases for the First and Second Quarters through year-to-date 2018. He presented the IRC report, which included two cases (Case 2016-7 and Case 2017-6) for approval for Letters of Caution. Dr. Cahill motioned to accept the recommendations for both cases. Dr. Lindstrom seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1) The American Podiatric Medical Association sent a letter requesting that the 2018 Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA) be approved for continuing education contact hours (CECH) for doctors of podiatric medicine. The educational program will offer up to 27.5 CECHs. Motion from Dr. Ravenell to approve. Seconded by Dr. Lindstrom. Motion carried.
- 2) There was an inquiry sent by the Outpatient Surgery Center of Hilton Head asking for the Board to review an application for delineation of privileges for Dr. Chistin Runkel, DPM. Dr. Cahill made a motion to respond the following to the inquiry: All of the requested privileges appear to be within the current law, assuming that the applicant has completed the necessary requirements as prescribed in the law. Seconded by Dr. Lindstrom. Motion carried.
- 3) There was an inquiry sent to the Board from Dr. Brian G. Ralph regarding medical assistant's cutting toenails and if this could be billed to CMS. Dr. Ravenell made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Keefer. Motion carried.

Dr. Cahill motioned to return from Executive session, seconded by Dr. Lindstrom. Motion carried. Dr. Ravenell made a motion to respond the following to the inquiry: Allow the medical assistant to trim toenails as long as it is a task that the Podiatrist has specifically delegated to the medical assistant and that the podiatrist have contact with and evaluate the patient. The Board offers no opinion as to whether a podiatrist may bill CMS or any other insurance company for this service if it is performed by a medical assistant. Dr. Lindstrom seconded. Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Rebecca Leach from the Office of Communications and Governmental Affairs presented the following Legislative update to the Board: Legislation H.3622 was introduced in the House on February 1, 2017 and in the Senate on April 9, 2018. It was last amended on May 9, 2018, and passed by the General Assembly on May 10, 2018. The legislation expands the Scope of Practice for Podiatrists meeting the following specific qualifications: board certification or board qualification from the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery and must have graduated from a three-year residency program in podiatric medicine and reconstructive rear foot and ankle (RRA) surgery accredited by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education. It also establishes the Joint Podiatric Surgery Advisory Committee, which will comprise five members: two

orthopedic physicians (to be appointed by the Medical Board), two podiatrists (to be appointed by the Podiatry Board), and one lay person to be appointed by the Governor. Dr. Lindstrom made a motion to go into Executive Session for legal advice, seconded by Dr. Cahill. Dr. Lindstrom motioned to return from Executive session, seconded by Dr. Cahill. Motion carried. Dr. Lindstrom made a motion to delegate the responsibility of appointing two Podiatric members to the Joint Podiatric Surgery Advisory Committee to Dr. Keefer. Dr. Cahill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Spoon advised that he would speak with the Medical Board during their next meeting during the first week of August 2018 about nominating two Osteopathic Physicians for the Joint Podiatric Surgery Advisory Committee. He asked the Podiatry Board Members to consider streamlining the examination process.

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 5:14 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully
submitted,

Temeka
Atkinson
Administrative
Assistant