

## MINUTES

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### THE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF PODIATRY EXAMINERS

*Board Meeting of Monday, December 3, 2018*

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 meeting of the South Carolina Board of Podiatry Examiners to order at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, December 3, 2018, 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; Shanika Johnson, Office of Disciplinary Counsel; Gregg Hinson, Office of Investigations and Enforcement; Temeka Atkinson, Administrative Assistant; and Holly Beeson, 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 Kingstree Building where the Board office is located.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the agenda for this meeting and the minutes from the October 22, 2018 meeting and Dr. Cahill made a motion to approve the agenda and minutes. Dr. Lindstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Holly Beeson from the Office of Communications and Governmental Affairs presented the following Legislative update to the Board: Legislation H.5404, which was filed on the last day of the last legislative session. The bill did not pass and will be refiled at the start of the new legislative session in January 2019. The Joint Underwriting Association (JUA) wants to make up a financial deficit by having certain medically-related licensees pay an assessment. The bill would require licensed Podiatrists to pay a \$10.00 assessment every renewal cycle in addition to the renewal fee and would require a notice, hearing, and eventual suspension of the license until the license fee and applicable surcharges have been paid in full. Ms. Beeson explained that the agency's position is that this bill will place an administrative burden on LLR and the

affected Boards and Commissions.

## **OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT**

Gregg Hinson, OIE Chief Investigator, presented to the Board the OIE Training Report for 2018 and Statistics of Cases for the First through Fourth Quarters year-to-date 2018. He presented the IRC report, which included one case (Case 2018-2) for dismissal. Dr. Ravenell made a motion to accept the IRC recommendation of dismissal for the case. Dr. Lindstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1-Inquiry regarding skin grafting under Podiatry Scope of practice. The following inquiry came to the Podiatry Board for discussion from *Lisa Mahoney, RHIT, CCS-P*, Director of Reimbursement, Corius Tissue Regeneration, Medline Industries, Inc.

*May a podiatrist harvest a full thickness skin graft from the thigh or calf location to use it on a wound on the foot. New technology called ART tissue regeneration removes the skin with core needles and then the podiatrist transfers these skin columns to the open wound to help the healing process.*

Board members were unanimous that the procedure as described does not fall within the podiatry scope of practice in South Carolina.

2-Board Examination process- Board members and Board Administrator discussed how the Board wants to proceed now that they no longer require the in-person applicant examinations. It was decided that Mr. Spoon would work on a draft of a Podiatry version of the MD/DO physician welcome packet that they send to their newly licensed physicians. Meanwhile, the Board decided to have the completed applications sent to them by Secure Board Site. A Board member will call the applicant within 14 Business days and make a determination if the applicant is approved for licensure.

3-CE Broker-Liz Adams from *CE Broker* teleconferenced in to the meeting to give an oral presentation regarding the services offered by CE Broker, answer questions and offer more details of the service. It was explained is that the Agency (LLR) has a contract in place to have all Boards and Commissions use CE Broker as the official tracking for CE requirements. Advice Counsel. Mr. Russell confirmed that he had discussed CE Broker with Asst. Deputy Director of LLR and confirmed that this will be a mandatory requirement eventually for all LLR Boards and Commissions. The decision was made to go forward with requiring Podiatry licensees to use CE Broker for the 2019 renewal cycle, which is from October 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019. Dr. Lindstrom made a motion to require the mandatory use of CE Broker for the next renewal cycle and to approve sending out an E-Blast to Podiatry licensees. Dr. Ravenell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **BOARD APPEARANCE**

### Petition for release from terms and conditions

Case 2013-4. Petition granted. Motion Dr. Lindstrom. Second Dr. Ravenell. Motion carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Dr. Cahill moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Dr. Lindstrom. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on Monday June 3, 2019.

Respectfully  
submitted,

Temeka  
Atkinson,  
Administrative  
Asst.