

**BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS
OPEN SESSION MEETING
MINUTES**

**July 12, 2012
Room 110**

The Open Session meeting of the Maryland Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners (Board) was held on Thursday, July 12, 2012, in Room 110, 4201 Patterson Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 1:16 P.M., by Board President Dr. Tanya Sellers-Hannibal.

Additionally, Board members present included: Drs. Jay LeBow, Craig Friedman, Zachary Chattler, and Todd Harrison. Public members of the Board present were Barbara Crosby, RN, BSN and Jay Boyar, EdS.

Staff present: Richard Bloom, AAG, Board Counsel, Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, Sheri Henderson, Administrative Officer and Elizabeth Amspacher, Licensing Coordinator.

Guests present: Kristen Neville, Boards and Commission, Paula Hollinger, DHMH, and Sharon Bloom, DHMH.

A. MINUTES:

1. Approval of minutes from June 14, 2012, Meeting.

The minutes of the June 14, 2012 meeting were approved as submitted.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

**1. INFORMATIONAL-In our Statute already-
COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS TITLE 5-
LIMITATIONS, PROHIBITED ACTIONS, AND IMMUNITIES
Subtitle 7-Immunities and Prohibited Actions-State Boards.**

The Board was given a copy of COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS TITLE 5- LIMITATIONS, PROHIBITED ACTIONS, AND IMMUNITIES Subtitle 7-Immunities and Prohibited Actions-State Boards for informational purposes. These proceedings exist in our Statute already.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Board Member orientation on Nov 5 at the UMBC Center

Kristen Neville, Boards and Commission, informed the Board of a new member orientation being held on November 5, 2012 at UMBC Tech Center in Catonsville, MD. It is a day event from about 8:00 pm-4:00 pm

and is open to any new or current Board member who would like to attend.

2. Election of Vice President

The Board performed the election via ballots, for the Board Vice President vacant position. The results were counted by two separate individuals, and Jay LeBow, D.P.M. was voted unanimously into the position of Vice President, vacated by Dr. Steve Chatlin's resignation from the Board.

3. Review for eligibility for FULL License:

- a. Eric Soffer, D.P.M.**
- b. Jashan Valijee, D.P.M.**
- c. Noman Siddiqui, D.P.M.**

The Board reviewed and approved the issuance of a Full license for the above applicants.

4. FYI- Topics Quarterly Newsletter Volume 27/No. 2 Summer 2012 from Gordon, Feinblatt, Rothman, Hoffberger & Hollander, LLC

The Board reviewed the Topics Quarterly Newsletter Volume 27/No. 2 Summer 2012 from Gordon, Feinblatt, Rothman, Hoffberger & Hollander, LLC.

The Board expressed several concerns with the Newsletter. The concerns are listed below:

- Telemedicine Parity set to start on October 1, 2012
- Electronic Preauthorization process set to begin on October 1, 2012
- Health Enterprise Zones that will be based off of the Maryland Health Improvement and Disparities Reduction Act of 2012
- Maryland Health Benefits Exchange that is set to open in 2014

It was decided that the Maryland Podiatric Medical Association (MPMA) should be directly involved with the discussions regarding the above issues. The Newsletter will be forwarded to the MPMA.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Maryland State Government Annotated "10-501 et seq." the Board unanimously approved a motion to close its meeting at 1:41 p.m., in room 110 for the

purpose of complying with the Maryland Medical Practice Act that prevents public disclosures about particular proceedings or matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay H. Boyar, Secretary/Treasurer

