

BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS

OPEN SESSION MEETING VIA GOOGLE MEET

MINUTES

September 9, 2021

Location Google Meet: <http://meet.google.com/eer-nczi-fum>

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The Public Meeting commenced at 1:12 PM, opened by the Board President, Dr. Yvonne Umezurike.

Roll call was initiated by the Executive Director. By acclamation, all Board members were in attendance.

Board members present: Drs. Umezurike, Silverman, Gottlieb, Fox, and Duggirala

Consumer Members present: Ms. Frona Kroopnick. Consumer Member Lynne Brecker was absent.

Board staff present: Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, and Elizabeth Kohlhepp, Deputy Executive Director

Office of the Attorney General: Rhonda Edwards, AAG, Board Counsel

Representing MPMA: Richard Bloch, Esq., Executive Director, and Dr. Jay LeBow, MPMA member

Representing MDH: Kim Link

A. ELECTIONS

The election for all Board Officer Positions was held. Ms. Schwartz announced the names of the newly elected officers:

Elected as President, Dr. Adam Silverman

Elected as Vice President, Dr. David Gottlieb

Re-elected as Treasurer/Secretary, Frona Kroopnick

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

Dr. Silverman cited COMAR 10.01.14.02.B: "Except in instances when a public body expressly invites public testimony, questions, comments, or other forms of public participation, or when public participation is otherwise authorized by law, a member of the public attending an open session may not participate in the session."

A. MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes from the July 8, 2021 meeting

The minutes from the July 8, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously, as submitted.

C. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Silverman reminded podiatrists that renewals will be opening in October, so its time to begin finalizing CMEs and preparing to submit their renewal application.

D. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT-Eva Schwartz

Ms. Schwartz discussed the policies regarding CME approval request submissions. The approval request must be accompanied with a course syllabus and come directly to her or Elizabeth Kohlhepp, who will then disburse the request to the Board. CME requests are NOT to be submitted directly to the Board members. Additionally, Ms. Schwartz reiterated that all 50 CMEs may be online for this renewal only, however 25 of the required 50 must still be directly related to podiatry.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1. COMAR 10.40.12.01-.06 Telehealth Regulations -BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS

There are no new updates at this time.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1. NPDB Insights

The Board was given a copy of the National Practitioner Data Bank Insights Newsletter for informational purposes.

2. New Board Member Orientation

The Board was made aware that there will be a New Board Member Orientation next month and all are encouraged to attend. The Orientation will be held virtually and all sessions will also be recorded and available to view if someone is not available at the time of the live seminar.

3. Implicit bias training is a requirement for all licensees:

<https://health.maryland.gov/mhhd/Documents/MHHD-Recommended-Health-Equity-Trainings.pdf>

The Board was made aware that starting in April of 2022 all licensees will be required to take a course for Implicit Bias Training. The Board will list the approved courses to fulfill the mandated training on the website.

4. Review eligibility for issuance of Full Active Podiatric License:

a. Kurtis Bertram, DPM

b. Alexandra Kaikis, DPM

c. Andrew Wilson, DPM

d. Huguette Disasi, DPM

The above individually identified licensure candidates were approved unanimously for the issuance of a Full Maryland License.

G. OTHER

1. Ms. Schwartz discussed with the Board an inquiry received from the State of California through the Federation requesting details on what kind of regulative authority does the Board have over x-ray technicians in their respective States. After discussion, the Board agreed that X-Ray technicians are not regulated by the Board of Podiatry in Maryland.

2. Dr. Lebow updated the Board on the White Paper discussion. The Federation is working to become a current resource and has requested to have a seat at the table to participate in discussions. Mr. Bloch with the MPMA, along with seven other States, have currently joined in on discussions with the APMA regarding the White Paper.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Public Session of the Board meeting concluded at 1:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, Signature and date_____

and Elizabeth Kohlhepp, Deputy Executive Director, Signature and date_____

Signature by Frona Kroopnick, Board Secretary/Treasurer: _____