

BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS

OPEN SESSION MEETING VIA GOOGLE MEET

PUBLIC MINUTES for June 9, 2022

Location Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/wxi-wgwg-qmd?hs=224>

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The Public Meeting commenced at 1:06 PM, opened by the Board President, Dr. Adam Silverman.

Roll call was initiated by the Executive Director.

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

Consumer Members present: Ms. Frona Kroopnick and Ms. Lynne Brecker, RN.

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: Dr. Jay LeBow, MPMA member

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 May 12, 2022 meeting

The minutes from the March 10, 2022 meeting were approved unanimously, as submitted.

B. BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Silverman discussed with the Board the topics from the FPMB Annual Meeting, which was held on June 1, 2022. The Board was made aware that the Federation is in active discussion about implementing an electronic system that will catalog all CME credits for Boards States wide. If successful, the CME certificates would be available via download to providers as well as protected against any potential fraud. Additionally, the Federation is in discussion about joining the Interstate Medical License Compact. The Compact would allow providers to obtain a license in multiple States without needing to complete each State’s application. However, there would be a list of requirements that would need to be met to become eligible for the Compact. Providers would also need to pay the individual States fees and adhere to their own Scope of Practice regulations. A copy of the meeting’s PowerPoint presentation was disseminated.

C. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Ms. Schwartz discussed with the Board a Departmental internal audit that would be conducted virtually, on Thursday, June 16, 2022. The Board was asked to provide documentation explaining the licensing process and separation of duties therein. Personal Identification Information (PII) was also on the audit agenda for discussion, as well as security measures in place for the payment checks for licensure, and all documents that contain PII, that would be processed and stored by the Board.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Reconnecting to the Network-Options

Ms. Schwartz informed the Board that there will be fees assessed for the reconnection to the Network, and additional monthly fees transferred to the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) for their services. DoIT is a department in a separate State Agency. There is no other viable option, however, the relevant smaller boards are hopeful that the boards' IT staff will be able to retain their independent functions and administrative rights, once the reconnection to the Network by DoIT will come to fruition.

2. Implicit Bias Departmental Program

Ms. Schwartz discussed that the board will have the authority to approve CME courses to meet the Implicit Bias Training requirement for the 2024-2025 license renewal cycle. There will be a meeting with the **Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities**, to be held on June 14, 2022, to discuss the approval criteria and process, for this mandatory license renewal requirement.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Continuing Education Policies

Ms. Schwartz reiterated to the Board and the guests in attendance at the meeting that the CME requirements for license renewal for the 2024-2025 cycle, are posted on the board's website at mbpme.org.

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

a. Sachi Patel, DPM

b. Natassia Brown, DPM

c. Colin Mizuo, DPM

d. Farheen Iqbal, DPM

e. Sara Mahmood, DPM

f. Arash Jahromi, DPM

g. Travis Dwyer, DPM

h. Naomi DeTablan, DPM

The above identified licensure candidates were approved **individually and unanimously** for the issuance of a full Maryland license.

F. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Public Session of the Board meeting concluded at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, Signature and date _____

Signature by Frona Kroopnick, Board Secretary/Treasurer: _____