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OPEN SESSION MINUTES

July 13, 2022

Members of the Arizona State Board of Podiatry Examiners (“Board”) held a meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 1740 West Adams St., Boardroom C, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. No Executive Sessions were held.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

	Barbara Campbell, DPM.....	Board President and Practitioner Member
☎	Albert Eulano, DPM.	Practitioner Member
☎	Mark Forman, DPM.....	Practitioner Member
	Vacancy.....	Public Member
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STAFF AND ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT:

	Heather Broaddus.....	Executive Director
☎	Seamus Monaghan, Esq.....	Assistant Attorney General

GUEST(S) PRESENT AND/OR PARTICIPATING

☎	Rajesh Daulat, DPM.....	Licensee
	Melissa Galli, DPM.....	Licensee
	Cody Hall, Esq.....	Attorney
☎	Dedrie Polakof, DPM.....	Investigator
	Kamran Farahani, DPM.....	Investigator

☎ Appeared telephonically

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Dr. Campbell called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The Board considered the following order of business.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – A.R.S. §38-503

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Discussion and approval of the Open Session Minutes from the June 8, 2022, Board meeting

Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman, to approve the June 8, 2022, Open Session Minutes as drafted. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Eulano	Dr. Forman	VACANCY	VACANCY
Yay	X	X	X		
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

ITEMS FOR BOARD REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Investigations

22-03-B; Melissa Galli, DPM

The Board’s Investigator, Dr. Polakof, was present telephonically and provided a summary to the Board. Dr. Polakof stated that the Board initiated this Complaint due to notification of a malpractice matter. Dr. Polakof answered Board members’ questions.

Dr. Galli and her attorney, Cody Hall, Esq., were present, made statements and answered Board members’ questions. After deliberation, Dr. Forman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Eulano, to dismiss Complaint No. 22-03-B; Melissa Galli, DPM, as there were no violations of statute or rule. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Eulano	Dr. Forman	VACANCY	VACANCY
Yay	X	X	X		
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

22-04-C; Rajesh Daulat, DPM

The Board’s Investigator, Dr. Farahani, was present, provided a summary to the Board and answered Board members’ questions.

Dr. Daulat was present telephonically, requested to speak, made a statement and answered Board members’ questions. The Complainant was not present. Dr. Daulat described the patient’s care and attested that pre-operative x-rays were performed. Dr. Daulat stated that he refers patients to

an outside facility for x-rays, as his office does not offer x-rays. Dr. Daulat acknowledged that postoperative x-rays were not performed. Board members asked why a 99213 billing code was utilized after surgery. Dr. Daulat indicated that he will look into the billing code as he was not aware the 99213 code was utilized. Dr. Daulat explained that his office staff performs billing. Board members asked Dr. Daulat why he did not take x-rays after he was made aware of trauma to the patient after the surgery was performed. Dr. Daulat indicated that the trauma was at least 90 days post-operative and there were no fractures noted upon physical exam.

The Board deliberated. The Board expressed concern with Dr. Daulat’s billing procedures and documentation. Additionally, the Board expressed concern that no x-rays were performed post-operatively or after trauma occurred post-operatively.

After deliberation, Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Eulano, to issue Dr. Daulat a non-disciplinary Order for continuing education. Dr. Daulat shall complete two hours of continuing education in documentation, two hours of continuing education in tendon healing, two hours of continuing education in billing and two hours of continuing education in pre-operative and post-operative x-rays. The continuing education shall be pre-approved by the Board. The continuing education shall be completed within six months of the effective date of the non-disciplinary Order. The continuing education shall not count toward the required continuing education for renewal of Dr. Daulat’s license.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Eulano	Dr. Forman	VACANCY	VACANCY
Yay	X	X	X		
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

Issuance of Licenses

1. Lalani, Alia, DPM

Upon review of Dr. Lalani’s application, the Board noted that her application meets requirements of statute and rule. After review, Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman, to approve Dr. Lalani’s application upon payment of the license issuance fee. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Eulano	Dr. Forman	VACANCY	VACANCY
Yay	X	X	X		
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

2. Sisto, Jordan, DPM

Upon review of Dr. Sisto’s application, the Board noted that his application meets requirements of statute and rule. After review, Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman, to approve Dr. Sisto’s application upon payment of the license issuance fee. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Eulano	Dr. Forman	VACANCY	VACANCY
Yay	X	X	X		
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

Renewal Application(s)

1. Baker, Joseph, DPM

Dr. Campbell provided a summary stating that Dr. Baker reported a malpractice matter on his 2022 renewal application. Dr. Campbell noted that Dr. Baker’s 2022 renewal application is complete but the Board needs to take action on the malpractice matter.

Dr. Baker was not present. Board members noted that the malpractice matter was initiated in another jurisdiction in which Dr. Baker is licensed. After review, Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman, to approve Dr. Baker’s 2022 renewal application and to take no action on the malpractice matter for lack of jurisdiction. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Eulano	Dr. Forman	VACANCY	VACANCY
Yay	X	X	X		
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

2. Moore, Steven, DPM

Dr. Campbell provided a summary stating that Dr. Moore reported a malpractice matter on his 2022 renewal application. Dr. Campbell noted that Dr. Moore’s 2022 renewal application is complete but the Board needs to take action on the malpractice matter.

Dr. Moore was not present. After review, Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman, to approve Dr. Moore’s 2022 renewal application. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Eulano	Dr. Forman	VACANCY	VACANCY
Yay	X	X	X		
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman, to open a Complaint regarding the malpractice matter Dr. Moore reported on his 2022 renewal application and to Stay the Complaint until the underlying litigation is resolved. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Eulano	Dr. Forman	VACANCY	VACANCY
Yay	X	X	X		
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

3. Peters, Mary, DPM

Dr. Campbell provided a summary stating that Dr. Peters reported a malpractice matter on her 2022 renewal application. Dr. Campbell noted that Dr. Peters' 2022 renewal application is complete but the Board needs to take action on the malpractice matter.

Dr. Peters was not present. After review, Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman, to approve Dr. Peters' 2022 renewal application. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Eulano	Dr. Forman	VACANCY	VACANCY
Yay	X	X	X		
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman, to open a Complaint regarding the malpractice matter Dr. Peters’ reported on her 2022 renewal application and to Stay the Complaint until the underlying litigation is resolved. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Eulano	Dr. Forman	VACANCY	VACANCY
Yay	X	X	X		
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

4. Zafar, Hammad, DPM

Dr. Campbell provided a summary stating that Dr. Zafar reported a malpractice matter on his 2022 renewal application. Dr. Campbell noted that Dr. Zafar’s 2022 renewal application is complete but the Board needs to take action on the malpractice matter.

Dr. Zafar was not present. After review, Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman, to approve Dr. Zafar’s 2022 renewal application. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Eulano	Dr. Forman	VACANCY	VACANCY
Yay	X	X	X		
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman, to open a Complaint regarding the malpractice matter Dr. Zafar reported on his 2022 renewal application and to Stay the Complaint until the underlying litigation is resolved. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Eulano	Dr. Forman	VACANCY	VACANCY
Yay	X	X	X		
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Ms. Broaddus provided a summary on renewals

Ms. Broaddus provided a summary of the current budget.

Ms. Broaddus provided a summary of the complaint log.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND DISCUSSION

Ms. Broaddus briefly summarized HB2070, HB2412, and SB1568.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

There were no current events.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no call to the public.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS

There were no future agenda items.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

The next Board meeting is August 10, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Campbell, seconded by Dr. Forman, and passed unanimously, 3-0, to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 a.m. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Eulano	Dr. Forman	VACANCY	VACANCY
Yay	X	X	X		
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					