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OPEN SESSION MINUTES

May 8, 2024

Members of the Arizona State Board of Podiatry Examiners (“Board”) held a meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 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
Mark Forman, DPM.....Practitioner Member
Vicki Broman (joined at 8:07 a.m.).....Public Member
Tawanda Johnson-Gray.....Public Member

STAFF AND ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT:

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

GUEST(S) PRESENT AND/OR PARTICIPATING

John Cox, DPM.....Licensee
Bruce Crawford, Esq.....Attorney
☎ Eugene De la Cruz, DPM.....Licensee
Cody Hall, Esq.....Attorney
D.W.....Complainant
☎ Keith Goss, DPM.....Licensee
☎ Christopher Suykerbuyk, DPM.....Complainant
K.K.....Complainant
☎ Yehia Elebrashi, DPM.....Licensee
☎ Albert Eulano, DPM.....Licensee
☎ Sarah Schade, Esq.....Attorney
☎ Lisa Stewart, Esq.....Complainant
Lynette Odom, Esq.....Attorney
B.T.....Member of the Public

☎ Daniel Saunders, DPM.....Investigator
Dedrie Polakof, DPM.....Investigator

☎ Appeared telephonically

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OPEN SESSION

Dr. Campbell called the meeting to order at 8:01 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 April 10, 2024, Board meeting

Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman, to approve the April 10, 2024, Open Session Minutes as drafted. Ms. Johnson-Gray abstained from voting on the minutes. The motion carried, 3-0-1 with Ms. Johnson-Gray abstained.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Forman	Ms. Broman	Ms. Johnson-Gray	VACANT
Yay	X	X	X		
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent				X	

ITEMS FOR BOARD REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Investigations

Complaint No. 23-11-C; John Cox, DPM

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

The Complainant was not present.

Dr. Cox and his attorney, Bruce Crawford, Esq., were present, requested to speak, made a statement and answered Board members’ questions. Dr. Cox reviewed his care of the patient.

After deliberation, Dr. Forman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Johnson-Gray, to dismiss Complaint No. 23-11-C; John Cox, DPM as there was no violation of statute or rule. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Forman	Ms. Broman	Ms. Johnson-Gray	VACANT
Yay	X	X	X	X	
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

Complaint No. 23-20-C; Albert Eulano, DPM

The Board’s Investigator, Dr. Saunders, was present telephonically and provided a summary to the Board.

The Complainant, L.S., was present telephonically to answer questions.

Dr. Eulano and his attorney, Sarah Schade, Esq., were present telephonically, requested to speak, made a statement and answered Board members’ questions. Dr. Eulano reviewed his care of the patient.

After deliberation, Dr. Forman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Johnson-Gray, to dismiss Complaint No. 23-20-C; Albert Eulano, DPM as there was no violation of statute or rule. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Forman	Ms. Broman	Ms. Johnson-Gray	VACANT
Yay	X	X	X	X	
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

Complaint No. 23-21-C; Eugene De la Cruz, DPM

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

The Complainant, D.W., was present, requested to speak, made a statement and answered Board members’ questions.

Dr. De la Cruz was present telephonically and his attorney, Cody Hall, Esq., was present. Dr. De la Cruz and Mr. Hall requested to speak, made a statement and answered Board members’ questions. Dr. De la Cruz reviewed his care of the patient.

After deliberation, Dr. Forman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Broman, to dismiss Complaint No. 23-21-C; Eugene De la Cruz, DPM as there was no violation of statute or rule. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Forman	Ms. Broman	Ms. Johnson-Gray	VACANT
Yay	X	X	X	X	
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

Complaint No. 23-22-C; Keith Goss, DPM

The Complainant was not present.

Dr. Goss was present telephonically and his attorney, Bruce Crawford, Esq., was present. Dr. Goss and Mr. Crawford requested to speak, made a statement and answered Board members' questions.

After deliberation, Dr. Forman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Johnson-Gray, to dismiss Complaint No. 23-22-C; Keith Goss, DPM as there was no violation of statute or rule. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Forman	Ms. Broman	Ms. Johnson-Gray	VACANT
Yay	X	X	X	X	
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

Complaint No. 24-01-C; Christopher Suykerbuyk, DPM

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

The Complainant, K.K., was present, requested to speak, made a statement and answered Board members' questions.

Dr. Suykerbuyk was present telephonically, requested to speak, made a statement and answered Board members' questions. Dr. Suykerbuyk reviewed his care of the patient.

The Board deliberated and expressed concern with Dr. Suykerbuyk’s lack of communication with patient and expressed concern that the standard for post-operative care may not have been met. The Board noted that there was no violation of statute or rule. After deliberation, Dr. Forman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Broman, to issue Dr. Suykerbuyk a non-disciplinary Order for continuing education. Dr. Suykerbuyk shall complete three hours of continuing education in patient communication and three hours of continuing education in postoperative care. The continuing education shall be Board approved. Dr. Suykerbuyk shall complete the continuing education within six months of the effective date of the non-disciplinary Order. The continuing education is in addition to the required hours for license renewal. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Forman	Ms. Broman	Ms. Johnson-Gray	VACANT
Yay	X	X	X	X	
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

Complaint No. 24-04-C; Yehia Elebrashi, DPM

Dr. Campbell provided a summary stating that Dr. Elebrashi tested positive for a drug test.

The Complainant was not present.

Dr. Elebrashi was present telephonically, requested to speak, made a statement and answered Board members’ questions.

Board members noted that this matter involves a custody case in which the Court ordered a drug test. The Board noted that several drug tests were submitted and only one of the drug tests tested positive for cocaine. The Board noted that a subsequent drug test, in which Dr. Elebrashi’s hair was tested, tested negative for cocaine. After deliberation, Dr. Forman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Johnson-Gray, to dismiss Complaint No. 24-04-C; Yehia Elebrashi, DPM as there was no violation of statute or rule. The Board agreed that it would continue to monitor this matter. Additionally, Dr. Elebrashi voluntarily agreed to keep the Board updated. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Forman	Ms. Broman	Ms. Johnson-Gray	VACANT
Yay	X	X	X	X	
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

Ms. Broman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman, to forward information regarding the complainant to the Arizona Board of Nursing for submitting a complaint in bad faith and for possible HIPAA violation. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Forman	Ms. Broman	Ms. Johnson-Gray	VACANT
Yay	X	X	X	X	
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

Initial Analysis

Kristin Murray, DPM

Dr. Campbell provided a brief summary stating that it is alleged that Dr. Murray breeched her contract with her former employer and violated HIPAA. Dr. Campbell reviewed Dr. Murray’s response.

Dr. Murray was not present but her attorney, Lynette Odom, Esq., was present.

After deliberation, Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman, to take no action in this matter. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Forman	Ms. Broman	Ms. Johnson-Gray	VACANT
Yay	X	X	X	X	
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					

Issuance of Licenses

1. Anderson, John, DPM

Upon review of Dr. Anderson’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. Anderson’s application upon payment of the license issuance fee. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Forman	Ms. Broman	Ms. Johnson-Gray	VACANT
Yay	X	X		X	
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent			X		

2. Richardson, Jordan, DPM

Upon review of Dr. Richardson’s application, the Board noted that he will not complete his residency until June 2024 otherwise his application meets requirements of statute and rule. After review, Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman, to approve Dr. Richardson’s application upon successful completion of his residency and upon payment of the license issuance fee. The motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Forman	Ms. Broman	Ms. Johnson-Gray	VACANT
Yay	X	X		X	
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent			X		

BOARD TO REVIEW, DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON UPDATE OF THE FEDERATION OF STATE MEDICAL BOARDS AND THE FEDERATION OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL BOARDS ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL 18, 2024 – APRIL 20, 2024.

Dr. Campbell provided a brief summary stating that annual meeting covered several topics including, but not limited to, the following:

- Fentanyl crisis
- AI for continuing education
- Sexual misconduct

- Physician shortages
- Inappropriate prescribing of opioids
- Lack of residency training facilities
- Foreign graduates
- Board composition
- Self-awareness of traumatic experiences
- Rehabilitation programs for physicians
- Board appointments for the Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND DISCUSSION

Ms. Broaddus provided a brief summary of HB2169, HB2243, HB2308, HB2471, HB2481, HB2593, HB2686, SB1120, SB1731

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Broaddus provided a summary of the 2024 renewal cycle.

Ms. Broaddus stated that individuals are calling licensed professionals and posing as a representative from a regulatory agency. The caller indicates that the licensed professional has engaged in illegal activity and is going to lose their license.

Ms. Broaddus provided a summary stating that Governor Hobbs has issued a freeze on hiring, salary increases and merit spot incentive increases. Additionally, the Governor's office is requesting that state agencies participate in a budget exercise to propose ways that state agencies can reduce costs.

Ms. Broaddus provided a summary of the current budget.

Ms. Broaddus provided a summary of the complaint log.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

There were no current events.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

A public member, B.T., was present and addressed the Board. B.T. indicated that he is the father of the complainant in Complaint No. 24-04-C; Yehia Elebrashi, DPM. B.T. proceeded to discuss the allegations in the complaint. The Board's Assistant Attorney General, Seamus Monaghan, indicated to B.T. that the call to public is not the forum to discuss a complaint. Mr. Monaghan ended the discussion and indicated to B.T. that he is welcome to contact the Board's Executive Director after the meeting.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Campbell, seconded by Dr. Forman, and passed unanimously, 4-0, to adjourn the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

	Dr. Campbell	Dr. Forman	Ms. Broman	Ms. Johnson-Gray	VACANT
Yay	X	X	X	X	
Nay					
Recused					
Abstained					
Absent					