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Arizona State Board of Podiatry Examiners "Protecting the Public's Health"

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OPEN SESSION MINUTES

August 14, 2024

Members of the Arizona State Board of Podiatry Examiners ("Board") held a meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at 1740 West Adams St., Boardroom C, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. No Executive Sessions were held.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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	Barbara Campbell, DPM	Board President and Practitioner Member
	Mark Forman, DPM	
	Vicki Broman	
	Tawanda Johnson-Gray	Public Member
STAI	FF AND ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL Heather Broaddus. Seamus Monaghan, Esq.	Executive Director
GUE	ST(S) PRESENT AND/OR PARTICIPATING	G
~	Spencer Niemann, DPM	Licensee
~	Daniel Saunders, DPM	
	Appeared telephonically	

OPEN SESSION

Dr. Campbell called the meeting to order at 8:00 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 July 10, 2024, Board meeting

Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Johnson-Gray, to approve the July 10, 2024, Open Session Minutes as drafted. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

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

<u>Discussion and approval of the Executive Session Minutes from the July 10, 2024, Board meeting</u>

Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman, to approve the July 10, 2024, Executive Session Minutes as drafted. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

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

ITEMS FOR BOARD REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

<u>Investigations</u>

Complaint No. 24-10-C; Serjik Nazarian, DPM

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

Neither the Complainant nor Dr. Nazarian were present.

After deliberation, Dr. Forman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Broman, to dismiss Complaint No. 24-10-C; Serjik Nazarian, DPM as there was no violation of statute or rule. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

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

Issuance of Licenses

1. Ghorbanifarajzadeh, Ali, DPM

Upon review of Dr. Ghorbanifarajzadeh'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. Ghorbanifarajzadeh's application upon payment of the license issuance fee. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

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

2. Lowry, Russell, DPM

Upon review of Dr. Lowry's'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. Lowry's application upon payment of the license issuance fee. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

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

3. Pallini, Lisa, DPM

Upon review of Dr. Pallini's application, the Board noted that her application meets requirements of statute and rule. After review, Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Johnson-Gray, to approve Dr. Pallini's application upon payment of the license issuance fee. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

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

Renewal Applications for Arizona Podiatric License and Dispensing Registration

1. Niemann, Spencer, DPM

Ms. Broaddus provided a brief summary stating that Dr. Niemann reported that he has been named as a defendant in a medical malpractice matter on his 2024 renewal application. Ms. Broaddus stated that the case is currently under litigation in the Court. Dr. Campbell clarified that the previous malpractice cases are either resolved or going through the Board's complaint process.

Dr. Niemann was present telephonically to answer questions.

After review, Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman, to approve Dr. Niemann's 2024 renewal application and to request that Dr. Niemann keep the Board apprised of the malpractice matter. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

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

BOARD TO REVIEW, DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR APPROVING NEW BOARD INVESTIGATORS

Ms. Broaddus provided a summary stating that Ms. Broman requested that this item be placed on a Board agenda. Ms. Broaddus stated that she contacted several other health Boards to inquire whether they have guidelines for approving new Board Investigator's. Ms. Broaddus stated that the only Board that she contacted that has guidelines for approving Board Investigator's is the Arizona Medical Board.

Dr. Campbell explained the Board's process for approving Board Investigator's. Dr. Campbell further explained that once a Board Investigator is approved there are certain guidelines that the Board Investigator must adhere to.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

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

There were no calls to the public.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS

There were no new items for future agendas.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Campbell, seconded by Dr. Forman, and passed unanimously, 4-0, to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 a.m.

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