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OPEN SESSION MINUTES

September 11, 2024

Members of the Arizona State Board of Podiatry Examiners (“Board”) held a meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 11, 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 BromanPublic 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

-  Manuel Ramirez, DPM.....Applicant
- Daniel Saunders, DPM.....Licensee
- Bruce Crawford, Esq.....Attorney
- A.P.....Complainant
-  Spencer Niemann, DPM.....Licensee
-  J.F.....Complainant
-  Steven O’Bryant, DPM.....Licensee
- S.M.....Complainant
-  S.L.B.....Complainant

- Arthur Tallis, DPM.....Investigator

-  Appeared telephonically

OPEN SESSION

Dr. Campbell called the meeting to order at 805 a.m. The Board considered the following order of business.

The Americans with Disabilities Act: Persons with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations, such as sign language interpreters. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation. This document is available in alternative format upon request.

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 August 14, 2024, Board meeting

Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Broman, to approve the August 14, 2024, Open Session Minutes as drafted. 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					

ITEMS FOR BOARD REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Investigations

Complaint No. 23-14-C; Daniel Saunders, DPM

Dr. Campbell provided a brief summary stating that the Board continued this matter to request additional information and documentation from Dr. Saunders. Dr. Campbell noted that the Complainant submitted additional information on Monday, September 9, 2024, and asked Board members if the Board will accept the additional information. It was the consensus of the Board to not accept the additional information.

The Complainant, A.P., was present, requested to speak and made a statement.

Dr. Saunders and his attorney, Bruce Crawford, Esq., were present, requested to speak, made a statement and answered Board members' questions. Mr. Crawford reviewed the initial complaint, the patient records and documentation. Mr. Crawford indicated that there was a lack of communication with the patient while awaiting the pre-authorization approval for surgery.

Board members expressed concern that there was lack of communication with the patient. After deliberation, Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Broman, to issue a non-disciplinary Letter of Concern to Daniel Saunders, DPM for lack of communication with the patient while awaiting pre-authorization approval for surgery. 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. 24-05-C; Spencer Niemann, DPM

Dr. Campbell provided a summary to the Board as the Board’s Investigator, Kamran Farahani, DPM, was not present.

The Complainant, J.F., was present telephonically, requested to speak, made a statement and answered Board members’ questions.

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

After deliberation, Dr. Forman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Campbell, to dismiss Complaint No. 24-05-C; Spencer Niemann, DPM as there was no violation of statute or rule. The motion carried, 3-0, with Ms. Broman abstained.

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

Complaint No. 24-07-C; Steven O’Bryant, DPM

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

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

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

After deliberation, Dr. Forman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Broman, to dismiss Complaint No. 24-07-C; Steven O’Bryant, 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. 24-09-C; Chase Moffat, DPM

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

The Complainant, S.L.B., was present telephonically, requested to speak, made a statement and answered Board members’ questions.

Dr. Moffat was not present.

After deliberation, Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Broman, to dismiss Complaint No. 24-09-C; Chase Moffat, 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					

Issuance of Licenses

1. Ramirez, Manuel, DPM

Dr. Ramirez was present telephonically and provided a summary of the driving under the influence misdemeanor he reported on his application. Dr. Ramirez answered Board members’ questions. Board members requested that Dr. Ramirez keep the Board apprised of the misdemeanor matter.

Upon review of Dr. Ramirez’s application, the Board noted that he will not complete his residency until September 30, 2024, otherwise his application meets requirements of statute and

rule. After review, Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Forman, to approve Dr. Ramirez’s application upon successful completion of his residency and upon payment of the license issuance fee. 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					

2. Shah, Urja, DPM

Upon review of Dr. Shah’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. Shah’s application upon payment of the license issuance fee. 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					

3. Shumway, Clay, DPM

Upon review of Dr. Shumway’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. Shumway’s application upon payment of the license issuance fee. 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					

Renewal Applications for Arizona Podiatric License and Dispensing Registration

1. Murray-Clark, Michelle, DPM

Ms. Broaddus provided a brief summary stating that Dr. Murray-Clark did not complete the required twenty-five hours of continuing education. Ms. Broaddus stated that Dr. Murray-Clark is nine and a half hours deficient in meeting the continuing education requirement with three of those hours in opioid related issues. Dr. Murray-Clark is requesting an extension to complete the required continuing education hours.

Dr. Murray-Clark was not present.

After review, Dr. Campbell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Johnson-Gray, to grant Dr. Murray-Clark a sixty-day extension to complete the additional continuing education hours. The continuing education hours cannot be counted toward the 2025 renewal cycle. 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					

2. Splichal, Emily, DPM

Ms. Broaddus provided a brief summary stating that Dr. Splichal did not complete the required twenty-five hours of continuing education. Ms. Broaddus stated that Dr. Splichal was out of the country for business and that Dr. Splichal has registered for the American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society conference in September 2024. Dr. Splichal is requesting an extension to complete the required continuing education hours.

Dr. Splichal was not present.

After review, Dr. Forman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Broman, to grant Dr. Splichal a sixty-day extension to complete the additional continuing education hours. The continuing education hours cannot be counted toward the 2025 renewal cycle. 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					

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

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

Ms. Broaddus provided a summary of the FY26 Executive Budget submission.

Ms. Broaddus provided a summary of the complaint log.

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Dr. Campbell noted that hospitals have begun coordinating care with primary care physicians and behavioral health professionals.

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 October 9, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Campbell, seconded by Ms. Broman, and passed unanimously, 4-0, to adjourn the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

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

Absent					
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